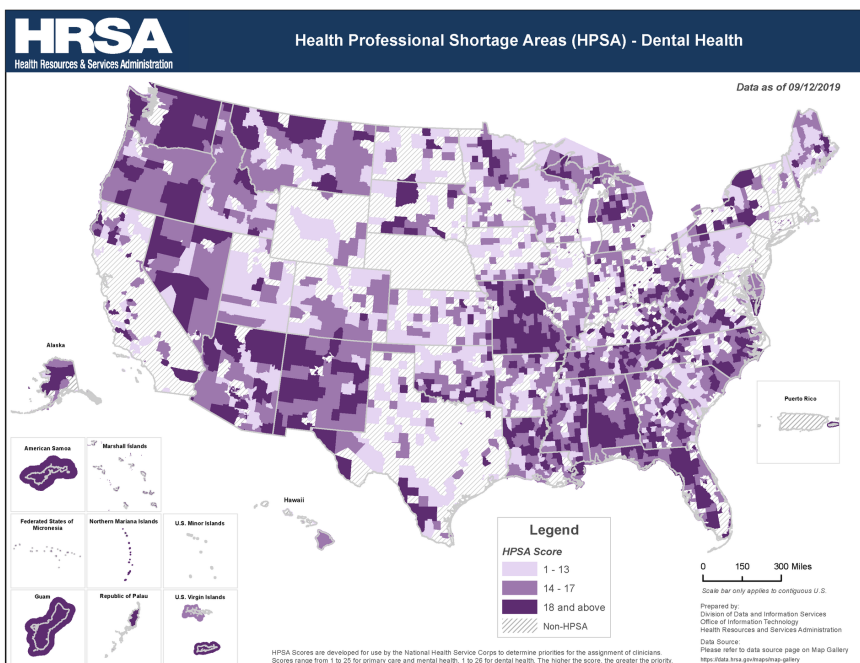




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## From Executive Director Dr. Boyd Bush

Access to dental care services is critical to good health. Unfortunately, many areas of the United States have an insufficient number of dental providers, including several areas in Texas. An article I was reading last week included a graphic (see below) that displays the areas in this country that need more dental providers. The graphic included a link to the Bureau of Health Workforce and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA, <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation>).



The HRSA analyzes the need for healthcare professionals in underrepresented areas across the country and uses federal money to “support the oral health needs of rural, under-served, and vulnerable populations.” If you are looking for ways to use your training to provide for the oral health care needs of some great Texas families, check out the grant opportunities available at [bhw.hrsa.gov/grants/oralhealth](http://bhw.hrsa.gov/grants/oralhealth).

*The Mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public health and safety and promote high quality and safe dental care by providing enforcement, licensing, peer assistance, and related information services to licensees and their patients*

# ANESTHESIA NEWS

Reminder, if you have not already done so, effective 9/1/2019 a dentist with a level 2-4 anesthesia sedation permit may not sedate a pediatric or high risk patient if they have not completed the requirements set forth in Rule §110.16(c) and §110.17(b).

Please note the application(s)

[ADMINISTRATION OF ANESTHESIA TO HIGH RISK PATIENTS APPLICATION](#)

[ADMINISTRATION OF ANESTHESIA TO PEDIATRIC PATIENTS APPLICATION](#)

and its required proof of education are a requirement to add these endorsements to your dental license. This requirement applies to all level 2-4 anesthesia permit holders. No permit holder is exempt from this requirement.

Applications will need to be mailed to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, 333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 3 Suite 800, Austin, Texas 78701. Please allow up to two weeks for processing.

Should you have any questions, you may send your email to [anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov).

Pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 110.18

TSBDE is conducting Sedation and Anesthesia Compliance inspections. Failure to allow the inspection to take place may result in suspension in one or more of your permit(s).

Texas Dentists who hold a Level 2-4 Sedation Permit please ensure you have a current work address, phone number, and email on file with TSBDE. If you need to update your information, you may email the following information to [anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov).

1. Full Name
2. Dental License Number
3. Work Address
4. Email
5. Phone Number
6. Indicate if your work address is your mailing address



## FEE NEWS

Be on the lookout for new forms and fees as of September 1, 2019

**REVIEW  
NEW  
FEES  
HERE**

begins  
March 1  
2020

## Help end the opioid crisis.

In one year, over 1,000 Texans died from prescription drug overdose. Prescribers or their delegates are required to use the **Texas Prescription Monitoring Program** to review every patient's prescription history before prescribing opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, or carisoprodol. The PMP only works when we use it.

Sign on before you sign off.



AED pads have an expiration date! Please stop and take a moment to ensure YOUR AED pads have not expired.



Pursuant to H.B. 3284, the requirement to query a patient found in Texas Health and Safety Code §481.0764(a), which requires a practitioner to query a patient's PMP history prior to prescribing or dispensing opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, or carisoprodol.

Begins March 1, 2020.

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# RULES UPDATE

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## TSBDE RECENTLY ADOPTED RULES

RULE §102.1 - Fees  
[22 TAC §102.1](#)

RULE §104.2 Providers  
[22 TAC §104.2](#)

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## RULE AMENDMENTS

pending publication in the Texas Register

[22 TAC §101.8 - Persons with Criminal Backgrounds](#)

[22 TAC §104.1 - Requirement](#)

[22 TAC §111.1 - Additional Continuing Education Required](#)

[22 TAC §111.3 - Prescription Monitoring by Dentist](#)

[22 TAC § 114.1 - Permitted Duties](#)

publication in the Texas Register is pending and links will be supplied when available

To search an adopted rule,  
check the above link in [red](#) or visit the [Texas Register](#)



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN  
OUR

## DENTAL REVIEW PANEL?

visit our website [here](#)

### How Do I Join the Dental Review Panel?

The Dental Review Panel was created in 2013 during the 83rd legislative session to review standard of care complaints and to determine whether the subject license holder has violated the applicable standard of care. Panel members will typically review 1 – 4 cases per month and will be compensated approximately \$150 per case review.

To be eligible to serve on the Dental Review Panel, a dentist or dental hygienist must meet the following criteria:

- licensed in Texas to practice dentistry or dental hygiene;
- no history of disciplinary action by the board in the ten years prior to application;
- acceptable malpractice complaint history;
- currently in active practice or teaching in a clinical setting;
- demonstrated knowledge of accepted standards of dental care for the diagnosis, care and treatment related to your scope of practice;



- demonstrated training or experience to offer an expert opinion regarding accepted standards of dental care; and
- certification by a certifying board recognized by the American Dental Association if the dentist or dental hygienist limits their practice to a specific specialty area.

If you are interested in joining the Panel, please fill out and submit the application along with your Curriculum Vitae to:

[tsbdereviewer@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:tsbdereviewer@tsbde.texas.gov)

Or

Texas State Board of Dental  
Examiners

Dr. Brooke Bell, Dental Director  
333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 800  
Austin, Texas 78701-3942

Applications will be reviewed and final candidates will be appointed by the Board at its next scheduled meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: We are not accepting Registered Dental Hygienist applications at this time.

# Ransomware attacks and your data



## **Keep Security Systems Up to Date**

All of your connected devices should have updated antivirus software and remember to turn the auto-updates on! It's important to have the latest protection against viruses, malware and other threats.

## **Only Visit Secure Sites**

Avoid sensitive transactions like shopping and banking when using public computers; instead, consider using a virtual private network (VPN) or your smartphone's hotspot for more secure browsing. Pay attention to the websites, too. Check to make sure the URL starts with <https://> and search for reviews to make sure it's safe.

## **Back Everything Up**

What if you're working on an important research project and you lose everything right before the deadline? Store your work safely on the cloud or on an external hard drive. Backing up your systems in a secure place will also protect you against viruses and ransomware.

## **Improve Your Passwords**

Do not use the same password for different services. Avoid passwords that are easy to guess, such as those that include your name, birthday or address. Make your password a sentence or a phrase that is at least 12 characters long.

## **Keep Your Passwords Safe**

How do you remember all those passwords? Do not keep them in a note on your phone. If someone gets their hands on it, they will have access to everything. Consider using a password manager that will store your passwords for you. And never share your passwords!

## **Think Before You Click**

Before downloading attachments or clicking on links, ask yourself, "Am I expecting this email? Do I know the sender?" When in doubt about a link or attachment, do not click it or download it! And make sure your antivirus is updated. A top goal of cybercriminals is to trick you into downloading malware—programs or apps that carry malware or try to steal information. This malware can be disguised as an app: anything from a popular game to something that checks traffic or the weather. Do not download apps that look suspicious or come from a site you don't trust.

## **Use Public Computers Very Carefully**

When using public computers: Never save your passwords on the websites you visit. Always log out before leaving a website. Delete all files you may have downloaded or saved from the device.



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## **Learn What to Do in Case of a Data Breach**

You can't do much to protect yourself against these practices, but if there is a breach impacting your accounts, immediately change all passwords. Check and control your bank statements, too!

## **Get Informed About Ransomware**

Hackers can remotely lock your computer and keep your private files encrypted until you pay them. Do not pay the ransom! Get informed so you'll know what to do in such a situation. To protect your files from this, be wary about clicking links or opening attachments in emails.

## **Don't Fall for a Phishing Scam**

If a suspicious site or email or other message asks for sensitive information like your credit card number, Social Security number or phone number, do not provide it.

## **Keep Personal Information Professional and Limited**

You wouldn't hand purely personal information out to strangers individually—don't hand it out to millions of people online.

## **Keep Your Privacy Settings On**

Marketers love to know all about you, and so do hackers. Both can learn a lot from your browsing and social media usage. But you can take charge of your information. Both web browsers and mobile operating systems have settings available to protect your privacy online. Make sure you have enabled these privacy safeguards, and keep them enabled.

## **Make Sure Your Internet Connection is Secure.**

Use a Secure VPN Connection when you go online in a public place, for example by using a public Wi-Fi connection, you have no direct control over its security. Be careful what you access on a public Wi-Fi. To further improve your Internet browsing safety, use secure VPN connection. VPN enables you to have a secure connection between your device and an Internet server that no one can monitor or access the data that you're exchanging.

## **Be Careful Who You Meet Online**

People you meet online are not always who they claim to be. Indeed, they may not even be real. Fake social media profiles are a popular way for hackers to cozy up to unwary Web users and pick their cyber pockets. Be as cautious and sensible in your online social life as you are in your in-person social life.

# REMINDER: the self report rule

A dentist must submit a written report to the SBDE as provided below:

- (1) The death of a dental patient which may have occurred as a consequence of the receipt of dental services from the reporting dentist must be reported within 72 hours of the death, or such time as the dentist becomes aware or reasonably should have become aware of the death;
- (2) The hospitalization of a dental patient, as a possible consequence of receiving dental services from the reporting dentist, must be reported within 30 days of the hospitalization or such time as the dentist becomes aware of or reasonably should have become aware of the hospitalization. For purposes of this section, "hospitalization" shall be defined as an examination at a hospital or emergency medical facility that results in an in-patient admission for the purpose(s) of treatment and/or monitoring.

View the rule at the Texas Register [here](#)

View the rule on our website [here](#)



## PRN: Dedicated to helping health care professionals

The Professional Recovery Network is a nationally recognized peer assistance program dedicated to helping health care professionals enter a safe, healthy recovery. Our program has served over 1,000 healthcare professionals since it was established by the Texas Pharmacy Association in 1981. Our trained staff helps identify, assist, support, and monitor any Texas-Licensed Pharmacists, Pharmacy Students, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Veterinarians, and Optometrists with a potential impairment due to substance use or mental illness. Our program is fully supported and recognized by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP), Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE), Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (TBVME), and the Texas Optometry Board (TOB). We adhere to a dual philosophy that provides an opportunity for confidential recovery while protecting the public from unsafe professional practice.

We believe that professionals who have a substance use disorder or mental health problem should be offered the chance to enter recovery and confront their problems before having disciplinary action taken against their licenses. We accept self-referrals as well as referrals from any concerned third parties. All referral sources are kept strictly confidential.

Learn more about PRN at their website [here](#)

TSBDE offices will be closed: October 4 & 11 at noon for a city event  
and Veteran's Day-Nov 11