

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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### POLICY: CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS

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The Board of Dentistry issues the following policy to clarify the application of its rules governing training and certification requirements in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-5-107(c)(1), the Board of Dentistry has promulgated rules and regulations with respect to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and certification. See Tenn. R. Comp. Rules and Regs. §§ 0460-1-.05(4)(a), 0460-1-.05(6)(c), 0460-2-.01(1)(i), 0460-2-.02(9), 0460-2-.03(1)(f), 0460-2-.07(1)(i), 0460-2-.07(5)(b), 0460-2-.07(6)(b)2.(ii), 0460-2-.07(7)(b)2.(ii), 0460-3-.01(11), 0460-3-.02(10), 0460-3-.03(7), and 0460-4-.02(9), 0460-4-.04(2)(c).

The Board of Dentistry therefore interprets the statute and rules governing training and certification requirements in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to be defined as successful completion of a BLS Healthcare Provider course, or CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, or an equivalent course, which provides training for healthcare professionals in CPR and the use of an AED. The course must be conducted in person and include a skills examination on a manikin with a certified instructor.

Adopted by the Board of Dentistry on May 15, 2008.

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