

**TO:** Vermont Licensed Dentists

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**RE:** Required Continuing Education

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Attached you will find a policy adopted by the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners on October 11, 2006. This policy states that as of September 30, 2007, you will be required to have obtained 18 hours of continuing education in order to comply with renewal of your dental license. Board-approved continuing education credits from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007 will be accepted as meeting the requirement.

Beginning with the renewal cycle of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009, all dentists will be required to have obtained 30 hours of board-approved continuing education.

Rule 4.12 outlines what the Board has pre-approved as meeting the requirements of continuing education credit. This rule states:

- “(a) Standards – A program meets Board qualifications if it is a formal course of learning which contributes to the growth of professional knowledge and competence in providing patient care.
- (b) Case-by-case approval – Individual courses may be approved upon submitting to the Board a course outline, instructor qualifications, sponsoring organization, and dates of presentation. Advance approval is not required. The Board will not approve a course or program for continuing education credit if, in its discretion, the Board determines that the program does not contain sufficient educational content.
- (c) Approved sponsors may include the AGD, ADA, ADHA, ADAA and their constituent and component dental societies and associations, CODA accredited schools or programs, home study programs sponsored by any of the above groups.
- (d) Courses in practice management and financial management will not be accepted.”

Please contact me if you have any questions.

