

I sent an earlier email but I was not certain it was received. I wish to add testimony to the continuing education ruling. I believe it is number 400.

I think the State should continue to allow CE with the live webinar format. I think a test at the end of the format is a good idea. The webinars provide far more variety and convenience which translates into a more receptive audience and better retention for the subject matter. There are currently no in person education classes that match the variety of say the Concord Seminars. One must travel in to Massachusetts and even then the variety of classes is boring and limited but very expensive.

Bottom line is the webinars are providing a more updated approach that helps us obtain continuing education and enjoy the learning with out the need for travel and expense.

Thankyou,

Dr Richard Berube

To Whom it may concern,

I strongly believe that the current set of rules deserves scrutiny. Since 2010 I've been a Registered Dental Hygienist practicing in the great state of NH. In 2010 our dental hygiene class was the first class from NHTI to graduate with Local Anesthesia and Nitrous oxide apart of our curriculum and was told from the board our class was grandfathered in period. I had a 45 minute conversation with Elizabeth Seymour in the lobby of OPLC discussing this. Not only did we discuss this but also found out that there was talks of bringing back the Local Anesthesia Permit instead of that permit being under our general licensure. My problem with this is that ; why take it down in the first place? Second we were never told that there was a time limit on or expiration date, and lastly why should we constantly as providers have to prove with a signed/ sealed document from NHTI plus a letter from licensee requesting permit? The letter that is required holds no weight and I suggest that language be stricken, and only include official form from OPLC with official school seal and completion certificate seal stamped by school. I can understand trying to generate revenue but where does this stop of taxing our profession for every skill that weve already paid for ? Dentistry has been at the front line since Covid and only to extract more as means to create more jobs or however the money is being used is a bit much. I do not know where money goes nor do I get any benefits other than my license to practice. Also, if it wasn't for contacting the NHDHA president I would've never known the rules were just updated 3/7/25.

The other tax on our license that I would like to bring up is the PHP program which is a voluntary organization. If the organization is voluntary providers should be able to opt out. I do not reap any benefits from this program nor do I believe we should be on the hook for paying the \$28 "mandatory" fee . If we do pay in, there should be some benefits back to licensee and it should be up to licensee as again this is voluntary organization with the ability to opt out.

The new language surrounding CEU's in person vs non right now is crucial as most companies like Concord Dental Seminars do not offer any local classes within the region. If the requirement is needed for Dental emergencies and licensee has satisfied online courses but needed in person the current class offered down in Boston at the simulation lab per person is \$2500.00 quite atrocious if you ask me. See link <https://www.concordseminars.com/seminars/simulated-diagnosis-and-treatment-of-medical-emergencies-in-the-dental-office/>

In short our licenses have increased in cost year after year only to have our past governor Sununu try to attract more people into NH and still experiencing shortages of RDH's and DA's. It's no wonder there are shortages since the onset of OPLC and Covid didn't help either.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

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