

## **Policy Statement**

<b>Policy For Acupuncture for Treatment</b>
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The position of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry is that since acupuncture is not a specialty recognized by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry or the American Dental Association, there are no licensing procedures or guidelines regarding the use of acupuncture in the statutes and rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry.

However, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners Advisory Committee for Acupuncture does regulate and issue certification for the practice of acupuncture. The Tennessee Board of Dentistry can neither endorse nor encourage the use of this technique in the practice of dentistry but if a dentist does utilize this treatment in their practice, they must obtain certification from the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners Advisory Committee for Acupuncture before utilization of this technique.

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