

## **TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY PRACTITIONER PROFILE POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board of Dentistry recognizes that ownership and practice location may change during the course of a dentist's practice. The board staff has included a question on the application for licensure that seeks information on the ownership of the practice where the dentist intends to work, if known at the time of application.

To address deficiencies in practitioner profiles, board staff, utilizing the department's e-notify, will remind licensees periodically of the requirement to maintain up to date profile information, and will include a statement reminding licensees that discipline can occur for failure to comply with state law.

Board staff is authorized to utilize agreed citations with a monetary penalty as a vehicle to address practitioners who refuse to update their profile within thirty days of being prompted by staff to do so.

As such, the Board has adopted the following monetary penalty for failure to update the practitioner profile within 30 days of a change:

The Board will present to the licensee, an Agreed Citation which specifies payment of a fine in the amount of \$100 per month for every month the practitioner profile has not been updated in excess of thirty (30) days from notification from the board that there is a profile deficiency.

The licensee shall be notified that all Agreed Citations prepared in accordance with this policy shall be reportable on the Department of Health's website, its disciplinary action report issued in the month the action is taken and to all appropriate federal databanks including the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

If the licensee refuses to execute the Agreed Citation and/or remit the civil penalty described therein within sixty (60) days of the date the Agreed Citation is sent to the licensee, or if the licensee failed to update the practitioner profile for six (6) months or longer, the licensee shall be referred to the Office of Investigations and Office of General Counsel for formal disciplinary action. Upon a proven violation, the minimum disciplinary action for this violation shall be:

- A formal and reportable Reprimand on the license;
- Assessment of civil penalties in an amount to exceed \$300 per month for every month in which the practitioner did not update the profile in excess of thirty (30) days from notification from the board of the deficiency;
- Assessment of costs associated with investigating and prosecuting the matter; and
- Any and all other remedies the Board deems appropriate.

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