

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Board Communication

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**SUBJECT:** Emergency Rule Document #13341 Acceptance of 100% virtual CEUs for Dentist's 2022 Renewal Cycle

**To:** File

Attached is an emergency rule amending Den 403.07(h) from the N.H. Board of Dental Examiners (Board) on acceptance of 100% virtual continuing education units (CEUs) for dentist's 2022 renewal cycle (Document # 13341, effective 2-8-22). Pursuant to RSA 317-A:12, XI, the Board is authorized to establish continuing education requirements for licensees and holders of certificates.

Item #8 of the Cover Sheet states that the emergency rule is necessary because of imminent peril to public health and safety and substantial fiscal harm. Item #8 goes on to explain that Den 403.07(h) currently permits a maximum of 40% of CEUs to be taken as virtual courses or webinars. Because of a significant reduction of in-person seminars due to the pandemic, the Board has determined that continued application of this limitation will result in many dentists being unable to complete the required number of CEUs necessary for license renewal. Additionally, the Board noted that if dentists applying for renewal are unable to meet the current CEU requirements, they would be unable to renew their licenses and could suffer significant economic harm. Therefore, the Board has adopted the emergency rule to allow for 100% of CEUs to be obtained online.

Please note that the JLCAR may not object to an emergency rule, but it may petition pursuant to RSA 541-A:18, IV for repeal if the grounds for an emergency rule are not met. Unless readopted, the emergency rule will expire on August 7, 2022.