

**TITLE 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AND INSURANCE
Division 2110—Missouri Dental Board
Chapter 2—General Rules**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2110-2.240 Continuing Dental Education. The board is adding new subsection (2)(I).

PURPOSE: This proposed change would allow licensees to claim continuing education hours for authoring articles published in professional journals.

(2) In order to renew a license, each dentist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of fifty (50) hours of continuing education during the two- (2-) year period immediately preceding the renewal period, and each dental hygienist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of thirty (30) hours of continuing education during the two- (2-) year period immediately preceding the renewal period. Any hours acquired beyond the required number may be carried forward into the next time block not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours for dentists and fifteen (15) hours for dental hygienists. Of the fifty (50) hours required for dentists, not less than forty (40) must be hours directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. Of the thirty (30) hours required for dental hygienists, not less than twenty-five (25) must be hours directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. One (1) hour of continuing education shall be granted for every fifty to sixty (50–60) minutes of contact (either academic or clinical) instruction.

(I) Licensees who author an article or paper pertaining to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene that is published in a dental or dental hygiene professional journal may claim up to seven (7) hours of continuing education hours per reporting period. This excludes op-ed pieces and letters to the editor.

*AUTHORITY: sections 332.031, 332.181, and 332.261, RSMo 2016. * This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 110-2.240. Original rule filed Aug. 30, 1993, effective April 9, 1994. For intervening history, please consult the **Code of State Regulations**. Amended: Filed March 20, 2025.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Dental Board, PO Box 1367, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at (573) 751-8216, or via email at dental@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*