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AMENDED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING VARIOUS HEALTHCARE MATTERS

APRIL 5, 2020

ROBERT R. NEALL, SECRETARY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

On April 5, 2020 Secretary Neall amended the March 23, 2020 Directive and Order Regarding Various Healthcare Matters. The Amended Order does not alter the provisions of Secretary Neall's March 23, 2020 Order with respect to the practice of dentistry. The language is the same. The April 5, 2020 Order is attached.

To reiterate, all dentists and auxiliary personnel must be familiar with the order. Pay particular attention to Health Care Provider Matters #6 which all health care providers in Maryland are ordered to follow **INCLUDING DENTISTS AND THEIR AUXILIARY PERSONNEL. THE PHRASE "MEDICAL PROCEDURES" IN THE ORDER INCLUDES DENTISTRY.**

Secretary Neall's order #6 titled Elective and Non-urgent Medical Procedures – All Health Care Practitioners states in relevant part:

"[A]ll providers of health care licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article shall perform only medical procedures that are critically necessary for the maintenance of health for a patient. All elective and non-urgent medical procedures and appointments shall cease effective at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and shall not be performed for the duration of the catastrophic health emergency."

Again, the April 5, 2020, like the March 23, 2020 order includes all dentists and their auxiliary personnel.

DENTISTS SHALL PERFORM ONLY MEDICAL PROCEDURES THAT ARE CRITICALLY NECESSARY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF HEALTH FOR A PATIENT.

This order supersedes the Dental Board's COVID – 19 Statement which previously appeared on the Board's website. The April 5, 2020 order also replaces and supersedes the March 23, 2020 order.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation through these difficult times.