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### MEMORANDUM

TO: All Provisional Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensees and Applicants  
FROM: Kentucky Board of Dentistry  
RE: Update to Suspension of Licensure Provisions Related to COVID-19  
DATE: July 20, 2020

In response to, and under authority of, Executive Orders 2020-243 and 2020-257, the Board of Dentistry issued an April 17, 2020 memorandum suspending certain statutes and regulations in order to ensure appropriate social distancing while continuing to provide necessary services to the public. Among the provisions of the memo was the creation of a provisional licensure process to allow recent dental and dental hygiene school graduates to temporarily practice without having passed the required clinical examinations. The conditions of that licensure process are hereby amended as follows:

1. 201 KAR 8:532, Section 2 – The requirements of subsection (2) of this section shall continue to be suspended to allow applicants who have not yet completed the clinical examination requirement to apply for a provisional dentist license. All provisional licenses, regardless of the date of issue, shall now expire on September 25, 2020, at which time the clinical examination requirement must be successfully completed for a provisional license to be converted to full dentist license.
2. 201 KAR 8:562, Section 2 – The requirements of subsection (2) of this section shall continue to be suspended to allow applicants who have not yet completed the clinical examination requirement to apply for a provisional dental hygienist license. All provisional licenses, regardless of the date of issue, shall now expire on September 25, 2020, at which time the clinical examination requirement must be successfully completed for a provisional license to be converted to full dental hygienist license.

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Dated: July 20, 2020

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