

(7) The provisions of this rule are not intended to impair the validity of any contract in existence as of the effective date of this rule. Any existing contract renewed or extended after the effective date of this rule shall be subject to the provisions of this rule.

Specific Authority 466.004 FS. Law Implemented 466.003, 466.028(1)(g), (z), 466.0285, 466.0285(1)(c) FS. History—New 10-16-96, Formerly 59Q-17.013, Amended 3-27-02.

64B5-17.014 Removal of Amalgam Fillings.

(1) The Board of Dentistry has determined that claims regarding amalgam fillings as a causal factor in systemic illnesses are not supported by the Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Public Health Service, or the National Institutes of Health. The Board therefore deems that the removal of amalgam fillings for the purported purpose of curing or preventing systemic illness constitutes alternative or complementary health care. In compliance with Section 456.41, F.S., any dentist performing such alternative or complementary health care treatment shall inform the patient of the following:

(a) The nature of the treatment and the benefits and risks associated with the treatment; and

(b) The dentist's education, experience and credentials regarding the complementary or alternative treatment option.

(2) Each dentist shall indicate on the patient's record the method(s) by which the requirements of Section 456.41, F.S., were met.

Specific Authority 466.004 FS. Law Implemented 456.41, 466.028(1)(l), (w), (x), (y) FS. History—New 10-21-02.

64B5-17.015 Office Safety Requirement.

As part of the minimum standard of care, every dental office location shall be required to have an automatic external defibrillator by February 28, 2006. Any dentist practicing after February 28, 2006, without an automatic external defibrillator on site shall be considered to be practicing below the minimum standard of care.

Specific Authority 466.004(4), 466.017(3)(c) FS. Law Implemented 466.017(4), 466.028(1)(x) FS. History—New 5-31-04.