

## Important Notice Regarding the Use of Anesthesia and Sedation

The Board of Dental Examiners (“Board”) would like to remind all licensed dentists in Hawaii to use caution and their best judgment if you administer sedation or anesthesia in your dental practice and to follow our current rules at all times, including the newest revisions related to sedation and anesthesia (<http://hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl/boards/dentist/>). Please read carefully the newest revision of the administrative rules for the practice of dentistry in Hawaii. If you use sedation or anesthesia in your practice, you should follow the American Dental Association (“ADA”) Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists ([http://ada.org/sections/about/pdfs/anesthesia\\_guidelines.pdf](http://ada.org/sections/about/pdfs/anesthesia_guidelines.pdf)) and we urge you to follow the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s (“AAPD”) Guidelines for Monitoring and Management of Pediatric Patients During and After Sedation for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures ([http://aapd.org/media/policies\\_guidelines\\_sedation.pdf](http://aapd.org/media/policies_guidelines_sedation.pdf)) as the Board will further amend its administrative rules to incorporate the guidelines.

Moreover, dentists are urged to follow the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct ([http://ada.org/sections/about/pdfs/code\\_of\\_ethics\\_2012.pdf](http://ada.org/sections/about/pdfs/code_of_ethics_2012.pdf)) as the Board has adopted it as a policy. A good rule of thumb is to treat your patients no differently than you would treat a member of your family, with the same level of compassion, care, expertise and concern. As dentists in our community, you are charged with using the highest ethics and level of professionalism to ensure the safety of the public as they entrust their dental health to you.