

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

September 30, 2019
1:00 p.m. Central Time
Nebraska State Office Building – Lower Level B
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on proposed changes to Title 172, Chapter 55 of the Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) – *Dental Office Maintenance*. The proposed changes add a scope and authority section to the regulations and update formatting. There are no other substantive changes to the regulations.

Authority for these regulations is found in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3117(7).

Interested persons may attend the hearing and provide verbal or written comments or mail, fax or email written comments, no later than the day of the hearing to: DHHS Legal Services, PO Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 742-2382 or dhhs.regulations@nebraska.gov, respectively.

A copy of the proposed changes is available online at <http://www.sos.ne.gov>, or by contacting DHHS at the mailing address or email above, or by phone at (402) 471-8417. The fiscal impact statement for these proposed changes may be obtained at the office of the Secretary of State, Regulations Division, 1201 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508, or by calling (402) 471-2385.

Auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations needed to participate in a hearing can be requested by calling (402) 471-8417. Individuals with hearing impairments may call DHHS at (402) 471-9570 (voice and TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at 711 or (800) 833-7352 TDD at least 2 weeks prior to the hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services	
Title:172	Prepared by:Jesse Cushman
Chapter:55	Date prepared:3/27/19
Subject: Dental Office Maintenance	Telephone: (402)471-4915

Type of Fiscal Impact:

	State Agency	Political Sub.	Regulated Public
No Fiscal Impact	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
Increased Costs	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)
Decreased Costs	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)
Increased Revenue	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)
Decreased Revenue	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)
Indeterminable	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)	(<input type="checkbox"/>)

Provide an Estimated Cost & Description of Impact:

State Agency:

Political Subdivision:

Regulated Public:

If indeterminable, explain why:

TITLE 172
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH/PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
LICENSES/REGULATIONS

Chapter 55
DENTAL OFFICE MAINTENANCE

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SOURCE: — Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 71-185.01(2)

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CHAPTER 55 DENTAL OFFICE MAINTENANCE

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