

**DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA  
STD. 399 ECONOMIC AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
ATTACHMENT**

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**A. ESTIMATED PRIVATE SECTOR COST IMPACTS**

The proposed regulations will provide the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (Committee) with the means to implement, interpret, and make specific Business and Professions Code (Code) Section 901, as it pertains to licensed dental hygienists, including application and registration requirements, disciplinary actions, recordkeeping requirements and provisions for the termination of authorization for an out-of-state licensed dental hygienist who wants to participate in a sponsored free health-care event. The Committee has estimated that the proposed regulation will not have a significant economic impact on the private sector.

Sponsoring entities may incur nominal expenses associated with submission of the registration form to the Committee, and complying with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Sponsoring entities shall be responsible for submitting the "Registration of Sponsoring Entity Under Business & Professions Code Section 901," Form 901-A (DCA/2011) for registration to the Committee. Expenses associated with submitting the registration form include printing and mailing. The expenses are minimal and should not have a significant fiscal impact on the sponsoring entities.

Additionally, sponsoring entities shall be responsible for maintaining copies of all records required by Code Section 901, as well as the copy of the authorization for participation at a physical location in California issued by the Committee to an out-of-state practitioner. The records must be maintained for at least five years after the date the sponsored event ended and the records may be kept in electronic or paper form. The sponsoring entity shall also maintain copies of all records required by Code Section 901(g) at the physical location of the sponsored event. Expenses associated with the recordkeeping requirements are nominal and include storage and transportation of the required records. The expenses incurred to maintain the records are minimal and should not have a significant fiscal impact on sponsoring entities. Finally, the sponsoring entity shall be responsible for providing a report to the Committee summarizing the details of the sponsored event within fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of such event. The report may be provided to the Committee on a form of the sponsoring entity's choosing. Expenses associated with these reporting requirements are nominal and include printing and postage. The expenses to the sponsor are minimal and should not have a significant fiscal impact on sponsoring entities.

Out-of-state hygienists seeking authorization from the Committee to participate in a sponsored event will incur an \$86.00 fee for application processing. Additionally, applicants will incur costs associated with providing electronic fingerprints for the

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purpose of the Committee to conduct a criminal history check. The cost for an individual to be electronically fingerprinted is approximately \$70.00. Of this fee, \$56.00 goes to the Department of Justice for conducting the background check and providing a criminal record report to the Committee; and \$14.00 goes to the vendor for fingerprinting the individual. These fees will have to be factored into the cost of the individual's volunteering services. The fees may be paid by the sponsoring entities, who will also incur additional minor costs to maintain records for their volunteers, filing for registration, and reporting to the Committee after the event. These costs are necessary to provide staff time and resources needed to register the out-of-state volunteer practitioners for the protection of the public, as indicated in *Table A: Data Supporting Application Fee for Out-of-State Practitioner Authorization to Participate in Sponsored Event*.

This regulation will have a positive impact on the health of uninsured or under-insured Californians that are currently unable to receive dental hygiene care due to the lack of funding and resources.

Private businesses could also benefit as sponsored free health-care events would provide their employees with the opportunity to obtain dental hygiene care. Many small private businesses are legally required to provide health care, but are not required to provide dental hygiene care. Poor oral health can impact the total health of an individual and cause employees to miss work days due to health issues related to oral health. These regulations will benefit the health of Californians who attend sponsored events in addition to providing the consumer protection that is the Committee's primary mission through the registration of out-of-state volunteer hygienists.

## **B. ESTIMATED COSTS**

Businesses operated by licensees would not be affected by these regulations, as these businesses do not normally participate to provide services at no cost at sponsored health-care events.

Small businesses owned by small business owners may benefit from these regulations if their employees attend sponsored events and are provided dental hygiene care at no cost to the business.

## **C. ESTIMATED BENEFITS**

The benefit from these proposed regulations will be to provide dental hygiene care at sponsored free events to uninsured or under-insured Californians who would otherwise not have the ability to obtain dental hygiene care.

These benefits are a direct result of the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 901 and these regulations implementing that Section.

#### **D. ALTERNATIVES TO THE REGULATION**

There are no alternatives to the regulation.

The Committee has a statutory mandate to promulgate regulations implementing Section 901 of the Business and Professions Code. A sunset provision is contained in statute that as of January 1, 2014, the statute will expire. Any delay or non-implementation would be contrary to the intent of the statute. Failure to implement the statute would result in fewer Californians receiving free dental hygiene care at sponsored events.

Without these regulations, the Committee would not be able to receive applications from out-of-state hygienists who request to volunteer to provide dental hygiene care at free health-care events. Sponsored events may have fewer volunteers than needed for such events and may turn away Californians who would have otherwise been able to obtain dental hygiene care at no cost. These regulations provide the Committee with mechanisms to ensure protection of the public receiving free dental hygiene care by authorizing only competent practitioners for participation.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

#### **B. FISCAL EFFECT ON STATE GOVERNMENT**

The Committee estimates that it will receive at least 200 applications per year from out-of-state hygienists seeking authorization to provide volunteer services at sponsored health-care events. In order for the Committee to address the workload associated with processing the requests for authorization from them the Committee will need to charge an \$86.00 non-refundable processing fee. This fee will offset the costs for staff to process the applications. The tasks associated with processing each request for authorization and the corresponding time allocated to each task is illustrated in *Table A: Data Supporting Application Fee for Out-of-State Practitioner Authorization to Participate in Sponsored Event*.