TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control Department or Agency: Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama Rule No.: 270-X-4.07	
Rule Title: Registered Limited Liability Companies.	Adopt by Reference
Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly Harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes	
Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's Police power and the protection of the public health, Safety, or welfare?	Yes
Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation Available that could adequately protect the public?	<u>No</u>
Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or Indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services Involved and, if so, to what degree?	No
Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public Than the harm that might result from the absence of The proposed rule?	<u>No</u>
Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely For the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary Effect, the protection of the public?	<u>Yes</u>
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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?	<u>No</u>
If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, <u>Code of Alabama</u> , 1975. ***********************************	
Certification of Authorized Official	
I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.	
Signature of certifying officer	
Date: 9/17/12	

(DATE FILED) (STAMP)

Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

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AGENCY NAME: Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

RULE NO. & TITLE: 270-X-4.07 Registered Limited Liability Companies INTENDED ACTION: Amend

<u>SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:</u> The Board proposes to correctly title this section.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2013. Comments should be directed to Dennis Hodtwalker, CLS, Assistant to the Executive Director, at 5346 Stadium Trace Pky., Ste. 112 Hoover, AL 35244 or via electronic mail at Dennis@dentalboard.org or via telephone at 205-985-7267.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Friday, January 10, 2013

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RULE NUMBER: 270-X-3.01

TITLE OF RULE: 270-X-4.07 Registered Limited Liability Companies Partnerships.

- (1) This rule is promulgated pursuant to the Alabama Limited Liability Partnership Act, <u>Code of Alabama (1975)</u>, § 10-A-5-8.01. This rule is applicable to professional registered limited liability partnerships formed for the purpose of rendering dental professional services by dentists licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Alabama.
- (2) Any dentist licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Alabama who desire to render dental professional services as a professional registered limited liability partnership shall comply with the provisions of <u>Code of Alabama (1975)</u>, § 10A-5-8.01 and this Rule.
- (3) The names of professional registered limited liability partnerships formed by dentists shall be governed by the provisions of, <u>Code of Alabama (1975)</u>, § 10A-1-5.06. If the names of the professional registered limited liability partnership utilizes the name or names of the dentists who are partners or employees of the professional registered limited liability partnership, then such name shall include the designation "D.M.D." or "D.D.S." whichever is appropriate. In addition, the following requirements shall be applicable to professional registered limited liability partnership.
 - (a) Practicing dentists forming or who formed a professional registered limited liability partnership may practice under a name other than the one(s) of the participating dentist(s) only if the following requirements are met:
 - (i) That the name of the participating dentist(s) shall appear following or beneath the name selected.
 - (ii) That the name so selected should not suggest a non-profit or charitable activity or be false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive.
 - (iii) That the name of the dentist(s) and the words "Registered Limited Liability Partnership" or the abbreviation "L.L.P.", as required by <u>Code of Alabama</u> (1975). § 10A-1-5.07_shall be displayed with similar prominence as the name so selected.
- (4) Every professional registered limited liability partnership organized for the rendering of dental professional service shall file with the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama a certified copy of the Registration and any all amendments to the Registration, a complete list of the names and addresses of the partners, changes of the partners of the professional registered limited liability partnership or changes in the business address of the professional registered limited liability partnership. As to professional registered limited liability partnerships formed after the effective date of this Rule, the filing referenced above shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the instrument or document filed. As to professional registered limited liability partnerships in existence on the effective date of the Rule, the filings referenced above shall be made within thirty (30) days of that effective date.

- (5) Every professional registered limited liability partnership governed by the provisions of the Act shall file with the Board of Dental Examiners of Dental Examiners of Alabama a certified copy of a Termination Notice or Statement of Cancellation of Registration within thirty (30) days of the dissolution or cancellation.
- (6) Dentists licensed to practice dentistry who render dental professional services as a professional registered limited liability partnership shall comply with the conditions and restrictions of <u>Code of Alabama (1975)</u>, § 10A-8-10.10. A professional registered limited liability partnership organized to render dental professional services, foreign or domestic, may render dental professional services in Alabama only through individuals licensed to practice dentistry in the state of Alabama.
- (7) In addition to the requirements of <u>Code of Alabama (1975)</u>, § 10A-8-10.10(h), no interest may be transferred until there is presented to and filed with the professional registered limited liability partnership a certificate by the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama stating that the individual to whom the transfer is made is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Alabama.
- (8) No employee of a professional registered limited liability partnership who is not licensed to practice dentistry shall anticipate in any decision constituting the practice of dentistry or shall interfere with the exercise of the independent professional judgment of a dentist in matters related to the practice of dentistry. In addition, a dentist's actions with respect to the practice of dentistry shall not be subject to the control of any individual not licensed to practice dentistry, including but not limited to those matters set forth in <u>Code of Alabama (1975)</u>, § 34-9-9(b).
- (9) A foreign professional registered limited liability partnership rendering dental professional services in the State of Alabama shall, in addition to the requirements of <u>Code of Alabama</u> (1975), § 10A-8-10.10, be subject to the following:
 - (a) All partners or employees of a foreign professional registered limited liability partnership who render dental professional services in Alabama shall be dentists licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Alabama.
 - (b) Filings with the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama the registration form required by Code of Alabama (1975), § 10A-8-10.06 and the withdrawal notice referenced in Code of Alabama (1975), § 10A-8-10.06. Both these documents shall be filed within thirty (30) days of their filing with the Secretary of State. As to those foreign professional registered limited liability partnership registered on the effective date of this Rule, the above referenced filings shall be made within thirty (30) days of that effective date.

Statutory Authority <u>Code of Alabama (1975)</u>, §§ 10A-1-5.06, 10A-1-5.07, 10A-5-8.01, 10A-8-10.06, 10A-8-10.10, 34-9-43.

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