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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Friday, January 9, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

**AGENCY NAME:** Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend

**RULE NO.:** 270-X-2-.20

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **Corrected spacing typographical errors.**

**RULE TITLE:** Reporting Of Adverse Occurrences

**ACTION TAKEN:** State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

**Adopted with changes.** No comments received

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**STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 34-9-1-90

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

Reporting Of Adverse Occurrences.

1. Any dentist practicing in the State of Alabama must notify the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama (Board) of any mortality or significant injury occurring during or directly related to a dental procedure or treatment performed by a dentist or in which a dentist participated in any manner whether occurring in an office, hospital, or other outpatient treatment facility within seven (7) business days from the date on which the dentist first becomes aware of the mortality or significant injury. A significant injury is defined as physical injury that results in hospital admission.
2. In addition, the dentist shall submit a complete report to the Board within thirty (30) business days from the date on which the dentist first becomes aware of the referenced occurrence which must include, at a minimum, the following:
  - a. Description of the dental procedure.
  - b. Description of preoperative physical condition of the patient, including recorded vitals.
  - c. List of drugs and dosages administered.
  - d. Description, in detail, of techniques utilized in administering the drugs used.
  - e. Description of the adverse occurrence.
    1. Describe, in detail, symptoms of any complications to include, but not be limited to, the onset and type of symptoms exhibited by the patient.
    2. Treatment instituted on the patient.
    3. Response of the patient to the treatment.

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-9-1(10), 34-9-2, 34-9-43, 34-9-65.

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