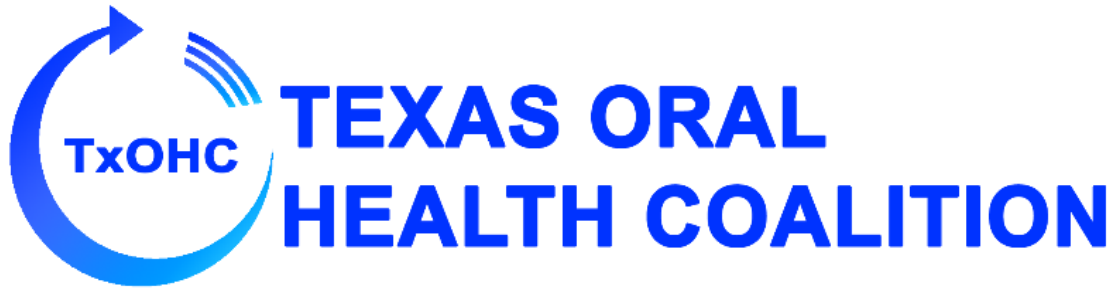


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Wishing you health and happiness this holiday season
and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to your
continuing partnership in 2024!

*-- From the Board and Staff
at the Texas Oral Health Coalition*

New Proposed Rules from TSBDE

December 15, 2023 Texas Register the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) published the following proposed rules. The comment period ends on Sunday, January 14, 2024.

- [Extension of duties of auxiliary personnel--dental hygiene](#) - **22 tac §115.10**
"Concerning the administration of local infiltration anesthesia by a dental hygienist."
The proposed rule "pertains to the certification and standards for the administration of a local anesthetic agent" including regulations and requirements. This proposal requires completion of initial certification that includes "a minimum of 12 hours of clinical and 20 hours of didactic education in the administration of local infiltration anesthesia taken in a classroom setting at an educational institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA)."
- [Standards for prescribing controlled substances and dangerous drugs](#) - **22 TAC §111.5**
"Concerning electronic prescribing waivers. The proposed amendment removes the requirement that a dentist must submit a written statement and supporting documentation describing the circumstances necessitating a waiver, and instead requires a dentist to attest to the circumstances necessitating a waiver."
- [Extension of duties of auxiliary personnel--dental assistants](#) - **22 TAC §114.8 and 22 TAC §114.13**
"Concerning the retired status of a dental assistant registration."

"Comments on the proposed rule may be submitted to Casey Nichols, Executive Director, 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 8.600, Austin, Texas 78701, by fax to (512) 649-2482, or by email to official_rules_comments@tsbde.texas.gov for 30 days following the date that the proposed rule is published in the *Texas Register*. To be considered for purposes of this rulemaking, comments must be: (1) postmarked or shipped by the last day of the comment period; or (2) faxed or e-mailed by midnight on the last day of the comment period."

JADA Study on the Fiscal Impact of Noninvasive Caries Therapies

A new study published in the Journal of the American Dental Association entitled, *"Framework for fiscal impact analysis of managing initial caries lesions with noninvasive therapies"* concludes, "hypothetical scenarios that include noninvasive therapies and minimize restorations achieve improved outcomes for all parties."

[Read the full article here.](#)

New Fluoridation Page on American Academy of Pediatrics Website

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is excited to announce that they have launched a new and extensive [Fluoridation page](#) on AAP.org. The page is extensively linked to the [Campaign for Dental Health](#) website and provides numerous downloadable resources for health professionals and families alike. Topics – everything from how fluoride works to an explanation of fluorosis – are addressed using frequently asked questions and printable information sheets. They invite you to visit and share!

-- ASTDD

TxOHC Membership

Not a member yet? Join TxOHC as an Active Member.

TxOHC is comprised of over 600 oral health stakeholders that engage with the Coalition across the state. Our members are the physical embodiment of our commitment, and it is through your desire and dedication to oral health that the organization flourishes. With your support, we have been able to develop programs to further the mission of the Coalition, provide our members with valuable benefits, and the opportunity to engage and grow the network to make oral health accessible, equitable, and available to all.

You are invited to join TxOHC as an active member to participate in policy discussions and develop strategies and viable solutions to address the oral health challenges many Texans face.

Please join us and learn to become a subject matter expert, how you can participate in the focus area of your choice, broaden your network, develop new skills, and feed the fire that fuels your passion. The Coalition is vital to the state and our local communities and we need your participation and support to continue our work as a thriving and impactful statewide coalition.

Join us at https://bit.ly/TxOHC_MEM.

**Renew your Active Membership by January 31, 2024
so your membership and benefits remain uninterrupted.**

[Renew Today!](#)

Membership renewal invoices were sent out last week for current Active members.

Current Associate or Student members will be automatically renewed for 2024 unless we are notified otherwise. You do not need to take any action. If an Associate or Student member would like to upgrade their membership category to active status, please complete the online membership form [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars

Please join us for our next webinar “Integrating Tobacco Cessation Support Resources to Improve Patient Access” on Friday, February 9, 2024, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CST presented by Ashley LeMaistre, MPH.

This course with The UT Tobacco Research & Evaluation Team will discuss how they provide support to healthcare systems for the implementation of tobacco cessation support strategies.

One hour of continuing dental education credit will be awarded to those submitting a completed online evaluation. Registration is complimentary but required at <https://bit.ly/Reg-2924> to receive your webinar link and passcode.

To learn more about our featured speaker, course description, and learning objectives, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/tobacco-cessation/>.

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Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment for Patients with Substance Use Disorders | [Register here](#) | March 8, 2024 | 12:00 PM CST

This course presented by Dr. Simmi Patel, DDS, CTTS with the Texas A&M School of Dentistry will focus on the substances/drugs abused in Texas and introduce screening tools for use in practice to determine if patients have substance use disorders, initiate a brief intervention and then provide referral sources for treatment.

2023 Annual Report from America's Health Rankings

Texas ranks 39th in America's Health Rankings' (AHR) recently released 2023 Annual Report. The report also includes findings from the United Health Foundation's partnership with the [Texas Association of Community Health Centers \(TACHC\)](#) to address disparities in chronic conditions.

AHR has also released [state summaries](#) (Texas may be found on pg. 45) where Texas is ranked 50th in Clinical Care but 29th and 24th in Behaviors and Health Outcomes respectively.

[Read the full report here.](#)

Now's the Time to Plan for National Children's Dental Health Month in February

The American Dental Association's (ADA) Center for Public and Population Health (CPPH) and Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP) reminds you that it is not too late to plan for Children's Dental Health Month. Spread the word and create a plan to celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM):

- Go to ada.org/ncdhm
 - Order FREE Bilingual Posters (12" x 18") [English on the front and Spanish on the back]
 - Order FREE Postcards (4" x 6") [Available in English & Spanish]
 - Download the additional materials [Available in English & Spanish]
 - Flyer
 - Maze
 - Count and Color
 - Coloring Sheet
 - Toothbrushing Calendar

Please email ncdhm@ada.org with questions.

-- ASTDD

TxOHC CDE Opportunities

Oral health providers may obtain 1.0 CDE for every one(1) hour of lecture. Online courses to choose from include:

- **HPV - Healthy Smiles - *NEW***
 - The Healthy Smiles Project: Increasing HPV Vaccination through Interprofessional Partnerships with Dental Hygienists
 - Framing HPV Immunization Education for Maximum Patient Acceptance

- **Teledentistry**
 - Teledentistry in Texas: Opportunities to Increase Access to Care
 - Selection of Teledentistry Platforms and Utilization in Alternative Care Settings
 - *Available for edification only* – Taking the Mystery Out of Billing for Virtual Visits
- **Treating Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**
 - Providing Dental Care under Advanced Anesthesia: Oral Sedation, IV Sedation, TIVA, IV Mac, and General Anesthesia
 - Special Conditions and Barriers and Challenges Providing Dental Care to Patients with IDD
 - Understanding and Working with Caregivers and Group Homes, Dental Desensitization/Advanced Behavior Techniques for Patients with IDD at AbSSLC
- **Prescribers**
 - Mental Health & Opioid Use Disorder: Using the PMP to improve patient-centered care & communication
 - Statewide Mandate Compliance Using the PMP to Provide Patient-Centered Care
 - Maximizing Your Limited Time: Navigating Challenging Patient Conversations
- **Prenatal**
 - Maternal Depression: Signs, Facts & Resources
 - Who Do You Call: Making the Referral Connection
 - Do No Harm: The Ethics, Myths & Business of Caring for Pregnant People
- **Oral Pathology**
 - Oral Cancer Update
 - Oral Manifestations of Systemic Diseases and Conditions
 - Common Lesions of the Oral Cavity, from Diagnosis to Treatment

To access any of these courses, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/self-instructional-webinars/>.

**Many thanks to our Organizational Members for
your support and collaboration!**





With much appreciation and sincerest gratitude, we wish to thank our Coalition Partners!



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We're thankful for your support!

As 2023 draws to a close we would like to thank you for your support and shared commitment in working with us towards optimal health for all Texans. We wish you, and your friends and family health and happiness this holiday season and look forward to your continued participation in 2024.



It would mean the world to us if you clicked the button below and donated today to help lead efforts in achieving optimal oral health across the lifespan for all Texans.

The Texas Oral Health Coalition, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Contributions of any amount are tax-deductible and are welcomed and appreciated!