

Montana Board of Dentistry  
Rules Committee  
301 South Park  
Helena, Montana 59601

11/20/2018

RE: Public Comment on Proposed Rulemaking Regulating the Fitting of Dentures Over Implants by Denturists

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

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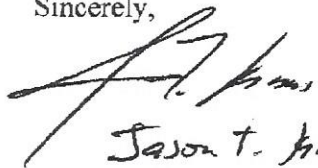
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This pre-fitting referral will ensure that no harm will be caused by the force and loading typically entailed in fitting a denture over implants.

The above rule provides implant patients with the choice to seek the skill of denturists in fitting and fabricating their denture, while also ensuring that the special skill, education, and training of dentists will be incorporated so as to protect health and safety.

We the undersigned respectfully ask that the Board consider this comment and adopt the above replacement to Rule 24-138-2032(1)(j). Dentists and Denturists form a highly skilled team, and implant patients should not be denied the opportunity to choose such a team where an initial examination by a dentist will ensure that their health and safety are protected.

Sincerely,

  
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