

# AMALGAM RECYCLING RULE

How does the rule impact your practice? Consider these scenarios to help choose between installing a separator or filing an exemption.

## NO SEPARATOR OR NEW OFFICE?

#### YOU MUST INSTALL

All non-exempt practitioners must install a compliant separator by July 14, 2020. Newly opened offices that begin operating on or after July 14, 2017 must be in compliance immediately.

Must file a One-Time Compliance Report within 90 days of installation. Keep on record for lifetime of ownership.



## NEXT STEPS

#### Complying with best management practices:

- Monitor amalgam separator according to manufacturer's recommendation.
- Replace/repair if malfunctioning according to manufacturer's instructions within 10 business days of discovering defect.
- Maintain by replacing amalgam retaining cartridge, separator canister or units as directed by manufacturer or when the collection unit reaches capacity, whichever comes first.
- No use of oxidizing, acidic cleaners when flushing dental unit water lines, chair-side traps and vacuum lines. Therefore no bleach, chlorine, iodine and peroxide cleaning agents that have a pH of lower than 6 or greater than 8.

Maintain records on site for 3 years of: Any reports filed, a visual inspection log, documentation of any repair or replacement, disposal records & manufacturer's operating manual for device in place

## SEPARATOR ALREADY INSTALLED

#### GOOD UNTIL JUNE 14, 2027

Or until the unit needs to be replaced, whichever comes first. You must file a one-time compliance report by October 12, 2020 or 90 days after transfer of ownership.

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## EXEMPT FROM INSTALLING

#### **CLAIMING EXEMPTION**

If you are a dentist 1) exclusively practicing in one of these specialties: oral pathology; oral + maxillofacial surgery; oral + maxillofacial radiology; orthodontics; periodontics; prosthodontics, or 2) your wastewater discharges from a mobile dental unit or into a private septic system, no further action is required.

### NEXT STEPS

You must file a one-time compliance report by October 12, 2020 or 90 days after transfer of ownership if:

You are a dentist who does not place amalgam and does not remove amalgam except in limited emergency or unplanned, unanticipated circumstances, and who certify as such (estimated less than 5%).

Keep on record for lifetime of practice ownership.

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