



ABDPH NEWS

Dear Diplomates

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Upcoming

ABDPH Examination, April
12-14, 2018

ABDPH Business meeting and
Dinner, April 16 (Monday), 2018

Our annual meeting is around the corner. We are including last minute information regarding the meeting in this Newsletter.

We hope you have completed your annual registration as a Diplomate and for the NOHC. If not, please contact Dr. Eugenio Beltrán (TheABDPH@icloud.com) immediately regarding the annual registration and complete the NOHC registration process through the AAPHD website.

ABDPH Board Symposium

The ABDPH Board Symposium entitled “The Economics of a Dental Benefit for Medicare” will be held on **Monday**, April 16 from 10:30-12:00 noon. Please, be aware of the change in day and time. Dr. Judith Jones, Past President, will moderate the symposium.

Dr. Hal Slavkin, Professor and Dean Emeritus of USC, and former Director of the NIDCR will begin the Symposium and focus on the cost of **not** providing a benefit from a biological and quality of life perspective. Then, Dr. Amber Willing assistant director of the Roger C. Lipitz Center for Integrated Health Care at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will present on the economic cost of adding a dental benefit to Medicare. Finally, Cassandra Yarborough, Lead Policy Analyst from the Health Policy Institute of the ADA will describe the economic considerations for a dental benefit from a Societal Perspective. We hope you will all join us for these important and informative symposium.

68th Annual Diplomate Business Meeting and Banquet

Our annual business meeting and banquet will be held on **Monday**, April 16, at 6:30 pm at the Bluegrass 1&2 rooms of the Marriott Downtown Louisville hotel. The minutes of the 67th Annual Meeting were published on the website (aaphd.org/abdph) a few weeks ago for your review. We will recognize ten new Diplomates certified by the ABDPH. Remember our business

The XD Corner

I hope to see you all at the 68th Annual Dinner to congratulate our new Diplomates and to keep abreast of ABDPH business and activities.

Please download the NOHC application to make your choices of sessions and meetings. Keep in mind that this year both our Symposium and Dinner are on **Monday** April 16.

As always.

Eugenio

meeting will follow dinner and it is open to all Diplomates.

Director-Elect

Dr. Jennifer Holtzman was voted in as our new Director-Elect. Dr. Holtzman was certified as a Diplomate of the ABDPH in 2010. Please, join us in congratulating Dr. Holtzman for her willingness to serve the next 6 years on the Board. On behalf of all the ABDPH Directors and Officers, welcome Jennifer!

Voluntary recertification—I did it and so can you!

By Sharon Gordon

For diplomates certified in 2000 and later, recertification every ten years is required. For diplomates certified before 2000, the process for recertification is voluntary. Recertification is similar to re-credentialing at a hospital or renewal of licensure in many states. Benefits of recertification are demonstration to yourself, your peers, and your employer of being current in the practice of Dental Public Health. The process includes a demonstration of 150 hours of continuing education related to Dental Public Health competencies over a ten-year period. There is no fee for voluntary recertification.

I made the decision to voluntarily recertify in 2017; since I keep records of CE for licensure anyway, the documentation for completing the form was not onerous. The CE Record form and applications are available on the ABDPH website: <http://www.aaphd.org/abdph>; go to “Recertification-Diplomates” link. Save the CE Record in the event of audit, as ten percent of diplomats who recertify are audited. The reporting period is from January to December; details of the process are available on the website.

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The ABDPH looks forward to seeing you in Louisville.