Board Statement on Alabama Dental Practice Act

The Dental Practice Act, Ala. Code (1975), § 34-9-6(7), was amended by the Alabama Legislature in 2011 in Act 2011-571 to specify that “making . . . digital images” constitutes the practice of dentistry. In 2017, the Board amended the Rule that governs permissible procedures for dental auxiliaries, Ala. Admin. Code r. 270-X-3-.10, to allow them to “make . . . digital images,” thereby implementing the statute; and then began enforcing the statute to ensure that dental auxiliaries making digital images did so under direct supervision.