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Fifth Circuit Appeals Court Reinstates CTA Injunction

By: NHDS Staff

Late last week, the US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals again put the brakes on the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)'s enforcement. The law went into effect on 1 January 2024 with compliance to begin in January 2025. However, as previously reported there have been a number of legal challenges to the law. In response, the Fifth Circuit Court panel reinstated a nationwide injunction against the CTA.

The new injunction, which was announced after the New Year, means that small businesses like dental practices are not required to comply with reporting requirements until further proceedings occur. The injunction will likely stay in place through March 2025. NHDS and ADA will continue to monitor the situation and report to the Membership when updates are announced.

As stated previously, dental practices should consult with their legal counsels to ensure compliance if the injunction is lifted. To learn more about the CTA, please click here:

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President Biden Signs into Law Expanded Access to Dental Care for Veterans

By: NHDS Staff

President Joe Biden yesterday signed into law the “Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act”, which includes provisions that allows veterans with chronic health conditions access to dental care.

The dental care section, the “VETCARE Act Initiative”, was inspired by former University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine Dean Dr. Marjorie Jeffcoat (who passed away in 2020). The VETCARE Act, was introduced by Florida Congressman Gus Bilirakis and builds an important connection between oral and overall health by establishing a service link between chronic conditions like heart disease and diabetes and oral health. Dr. Jeffcoat’s research in this area in 2014 inspired this new law as well as the inclusion of dental benefits in health insurance programs across the country.

ADA actively lobbied for another important provision to the overall act, seeking administrative support to advise the 16.5 million US veterans who are not eligible for VA dental benefits to seek care through the myriad veteran care initiatives offered within the Tripartite, such as Missions of Mercy, the Dental Lifeline Network and Give Veterans a Smile. That provision was not, however, included in the final version that landed on President Biden’s desk.

However, NHDS and ADA will continue to work on this and other veterans care initiatives that enable dentists to provide care to veterans and promote the health of the veterans themselves.



In Case you Missed It!

Wellness

Are you or someone close to you feeling down, depressed, alone or worse? Explore the ADA's many wellness resources by clicking **here**.

Additional resources offered by the NH Professionals Health Program can be accessed by clicking **here**. Call NHDS at 603-225-5961 for further information.

Membership

Do you know about the NHDS's Qualified Dental Assistant Program (QDAP)? Learn how to train your own assistants by clicking **here**.

Sign up your dental hygienists, dental assistants and office managers to an NHDS Allied Team Membership for just \$25!

Contact NHDS at 603-225-5961 for more information.

Community News

To read the latest information, studies and other resources on community water fluoridation (and to share with your patients and community), please click **here**.

Member Benefits

Maximize your tax deductions through new IRS Section 179! To learn more, please click **here**.

Upcoming Events

Registering for Yankee Dental Congress in January? Don't forget to support the NHDS by using the special code **NHYDC50**.

Save the Date: The NHDS 2025 NHDS Annual Meeting is 15-16 May 2025 at the Inn at Church Landing in Meredith!