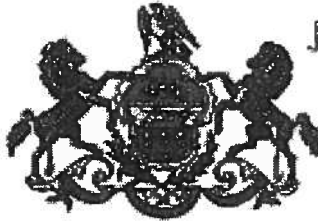


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TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: Senator Patricia H. Vance
DATE: January 6, 2011 *PH*
SUBJECT: Memo #2 – Requiring Dentists to Carry Malpractice Insurance

Physicians, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives and other health care providers are required by law to carry malpractice insurance. Surprisingly, dentists have no such requirement. While the majority of dentists already purchase policies as a matter of course, a recent news article brought to light a situation in which a patient was left uncompensated for injuries because a dentist was permitted to practice without coverage.

As a result, I intend to introduce legislation which would put dentists in line with other health care providers and require them to show evidence of malpractice coverage as a condition of practice.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please email Amy Bolze at abolze@pasen.gov or call my office at 787-8524.