

150A.061 ORAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER.

Subdivision 1. **Oral health practitioner requirements.** The board shall authorize a person to practice as an oral health practitioner if that person is qualified under this section, works under the supervision of a Minnesota-licensed dentist pursuant to a written collaborative management agreement, is licensed by the board, and practices in compliance with this section and rules adopted by the board. No oral health practitioner shall be authorized to practice prior to January 1, 2011. To be qualified to practice under this section, the person must:

(1) be a graduate of an oral health practitioner education program that is accredited by a national accreditation organization to the extent required under subdivision 2 and approved by the board;

(2) pass a comprehensive, competency-based clinical examination that is approved by the board and administered independently of an institution providing oral health practitioner education; and

(3) satisfy the requirements established in this section and by the board.

Subd. 2. **Education program approval.** If a national accreditation program for midlevel practitioners is established by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or another national accreditation organization, the board shall require that an oral health practitioner be a graduate of an accredited education program.

Subd. 3. **Requirement to practice in underserved areas.** As a condition of being granted authority to practice as an oral health practitioner under this section, the practitioner must agree to practice in settings serving low-income, uninsured, and underserved patients or in a dental health professional shortage area as determined by the commissioner of health.

Subd. 4. **Application of other laws.** An oral health practitioner authorized to practice under this section is not in violation of section 150A.05 relating to the unauthorized practice of dentistry and chapter 151 relating to authority to prescribe, dispense, or administer drugs.

Subd. 5. **Rulemaking.** The Board of Dentistry may adopt rules to implement this section.

History: 2008 c 298 s 26

NOTE: This section as added by Laws 2008, chapter 298, section 26, is effective July 1, 2009. Laws 2008, chapter 298, section 26, the effective date.