

## CHAPTER 150A

### DENTISTRY

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#### 150A.01 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** As used in sections 150A.01 to 150A.12, the following terms shall have the meanings given them.

Subd. 1a. **Advanced dental therapist.** "Advanced dental therapist" means a person licensed as a dental therapist under this chapter and who has been certified by the board to practice as an advanced dental therapist under section 150A.106.

Subd. 2. **Board.** "Board" means the state Board of Dentistry.

Subd. 3. **Dental technician.** "Dental technician" means a person performing acts authorized under section 150A.10, subdivision 3.

Subd. 4. **Dental hygienist.** "Dental hygienist" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 150A.01 to 150A.12 to perform the services authorized pursuant to section 150A.10, subdivision 1, or any other services authorized by sections 150A.01 to 150A.12.

Subd. 5. **Dental assistant.** "Dental assistant" means a person performing acts authorized under section 150A.10, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5a. **Dental therapist.** "Dental therapist" means a person licensed under this chapter to perform the services authorized under section 150A.105 or any other services authorized under this chapter.

Subd. 6. **Dentist.** "Dentist" means a dentist licensed pursuant to sections 150A.01 to 150A.12.

Subd. 6a. **Faculty dentist.** "Faculty dentist" means a person who is licensed to practice dentistry as a faculty member of a school of dentistry, pursuant to section 150A.06, subdivision 1a.

Subd. 7. **Person.** "Person" includes an individual, corporation, partnership, association or any other legal entity.

Subd. 8. **Licensed dental assistant.** "Licensed dental assistant" means a person licensed pursuant to section 150A.06.

Subd. 8a. **Resident dentist.** "Resident dentist" means a person who is licensed to practice dentistry as an enrolled graduate student or student of an advanced education program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Accreditation.

Subd. 9. **State.** "State," when used in reference to a state other than Minnesota, means any other state of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 1; 1976 c 263 s 1; 1983 c 70 s 2; 1993 c 84 s 1,2; 2005 c 147 art 4 s 1; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 1,2; 2009 c 159 s 40

## **150A.02 BOARD OF DENTISTRY.**

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** There is hereby created a Board of Dentistry whose duty it shall be to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12. The board shall consist of two public members as defined by section 214.02, five qualified resident dentists, one qualified resident licensed dental assistant, and one qualified resident dental hygienist appointed by the governor. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements shall be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of board complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided in chapter 214. Each board member who is a dentist, licensed dental assistant, or dental hygienist shall have been lawfully in active practice in this state for five years immediately preceding appointment; and no board member shall be eligible for appointment to more than two consecutive four-year terms, and members serving on the board at the time of the enactment hereof shall be eligible to reappointment provided they shall not have served more than nine consecutive years at the expiration of the term to which they are to be appointed. At least 90 days prior to the expiration of the terms of dentists, licensed dental assistants, or dental hygienists, the Minnesota Dental Association, Minnesota Dental Assistants Association, or the Minnesota State Dental Hygiene Association shall recommend to the governor for each term expiring not less than two dentists, two licensed dental assistants, or two dental hygienists, respectively, who are qualified to serve on the board, and from the list so recommended the governor may appoint members to the board for the term of four years, the appointments to be made within 30 days after the expiration of the terms. Within 60 days after the occurrence of a dentist, licensed dental assistant, or dental hygienist vacancy, prior to the expiration of the term, in the board, the Minnesota Dental Association, the Minnesota Dental Assistants Association, or the Minnesota State Dental Hygiene Association shall recommend to the governor not less than two dentists, two licensed dental assistants, or two dental hygienists, who are qualified to serve on the board and from the list so recommended the governor, within 30 days after receiving such list of dentists, may appoint one member to the board for the unexpired term occasioned by such vacancy. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made within 90 days after the occurrence of such vacancy. The first four-year term of the dental hygienist and of the licensed dental assistant shall commence on the first Monday in January, 1977.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 2; 1973 c 638 s 25; 1975 c 136 s 25; 1976 c 222 s 73; 1976 c 239 s 57; 1976 c 263 s 2; 1986 c 444; 1991 c 199 art 1 s 44; 2009 c 159 s 41

## **150A.03 OFFICERS; SALARIES; EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Officers.** The board shall elect from its members a president, a

vice-president, and a secretary. The board shall have a common seal. It may hold meetings at such times as may be necessary and as it may determine. The board may affiliate and participate, both in and out-of-state, with regional and national testing agencies for the purpose of conducting examinations for licensure and registration. The fee charged by such an agency for conducting the examination may be in addition to the application fee established by the board pursuant to section 150A.06.

Subd. 2. **Executive secretary; funds.** The board shall appoint an executive secretary who shall not be a member of the board and who shall be in the unclassified civil service. The board may accept any funds which may be made available to the board from any source. All funds received by the board under sections 150A.01 to 150A.12 shall be paid to the executive secretary thereof. The expenses of administering sections 150A.01 to 150A.12 shall be paid from the appropriation made to the Board of Dentistry.

Subd. 3. **Expenses, national associations.** The board may expend the necessary funds for its offices and furniture, fixtures, and supplies. The board may affiliate with the American Association of Dental Examiners as an active member and pay regular annual dues to this association, and send members of the board as delegates to the meetings of the American Association of Dental Examiners.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 3; 1973 c 507 s 45; 1973 c 638 s 26; 1975 c 136 s 26-28; 1976 c 222 s 74; 1978 c 770 s 1

#### 150A.04 RULES OF BOARD.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 5. **Rules.** The board may promulgate rules as are necessary to carry out and make effective the provisions and purposes of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12, in accordance with chapter 14. The rules may specify training and education necessary for administering general anesthesia and intravenous conscious sedation.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 4; 1976 c 222 s 75; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1984 c 491 s 1; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1995 c 233 art 2 s 56; 1997 c 187 art 5 s 20

#### 150A.05 LICENSED DENTAL PRACTICE.

Subdivision 1. **Practice of dentistry.** A person shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry within the meaning of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12:

(1) who uses a dental degree, or designation, or card, device, directory, sign, or other media whereby the person represents an ability to diagnose, treat, prescribe, or operate for any disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human tooth, teeth, alveolar process, gums or jaw, or adjacent or associated structures;

(2) who is a manager, proprietor, operator or conductor of a place where dental operations are performed;

(3) who performs dental operations of any kind gratuitously, or for a fee, gift, compensation or reward, paid or to be paid, to any person or agency;

(4) who uses a roentgen or x-ray machine for dental treatment, roentgenograms or for dental diagnostic purposes;

(5) who extracts a human tooth or teeth, or corrects or attempts to correct malpositions of the human teeth or jaws;

(6) who offers and undertakes, by any means or method, to diagnose, treat or remove stains or accretions from human teeth or jaws;

(7) who takes impressions of the human tooth, teeth, or jaws or performs any phase of any operation incident to the replacement of a part of a tooth, a tooth, teeth or associated tissues by means of a filling, a crown, a bridge, a denture or other appliance;

(8) who furnishes, supplies, constructs, reproduces, repairs, or offers to furnish, supply, construct, reproduce or repair prosthetic dentures or plates, bridges or other substitutes for natural teeth, to the user or prospective user thereof; or

(9) who performs any clinical operation included in the curricula of recognized dental schools and colleges.

Subd. 1a. **Practice of dental hygienists.** A person shall be deemed to be practicing as a dental hygienist within the meaning of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12:

(1) who provides care that is educational, preventive, and therapeutic through observation, assessment, evaluation, counseling, and therapeutic services to establish and maintain oral health;

(2) who evaluates patient health status through review of medical and dental histories, assesses and plans dental hygiene care needs, performs a prophylaxis including complete removal of calciferous deposits, accretions and stains by scaling, polishing, and performs root planing and debridement;

(3) who administers local anesthesia and nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia; or

(4) who provides other related services as permitted by the rules of the board.

Subd. 1b. **Practice of dental therapy.** A person shall be deemed to be practicing as a dental therapist within the meaning of this chapter who:

(1) works under the supervision of a Minnesota-licensed dentist under a collaborative management agreement as specified under section 150A.105;

(2) practices in settings that serve low-income, uninsured, and underserved patients or are located in dental health professional shortage areas; and

(3) provides oral health care services, including preventive, oral evaluation and assessment, educational, palliative, therapeutic, and restorative services as authorized under sections 150A.105 and 150A.106 and within the context of a collaborative management agreement.

Subd. 2. **Exemptions and exceptions of certain practices and operations.** Sections 150A.01 to 150A.12 do not apply to:

(1) the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene in any branch of the armed services of the United States, the United States Public Health Service, or the United States Veterans Administration;

(2) the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting by undergraduate dental students, dental therapy students, dental hygiene students, and dental assisting students of the University of Minnesota, schools of dental hygiene, schools with a dental therapy education program, or schools of dental assisting approved by the board, when acting under the indirect

supervision of a Minnesota licensed dentist and under the instruction of a licensed dentist, licensed dental therapist, licensed dental hygienist, or licensed dental assistant;

(3) the practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of other states or countries while appearing as clinicians under the auspices of a duly approved dental school or college, or a reputable dental society, or a reputable dental study club composed of dentists;

(4) the actions of persons while they are taking examinations for licensure administered or approved by the board pursuant to sections 150A.03, subdivision 1, and 150A.06, subdivisions 1, 2, and 2a;

(5) the practice of dentistry by dentists and dental hygienists licensed by other states during their functioning as examiners responsible for conducting licensure examinations administered by regional and national testing agencies with whom the board is authorized to affiliate and participate under section 150A.03, subdivision 1, and the practice of dentistry by the regional and national testing agencies during their administering examinations pursuant to section 150A.03, subdivision 1;

(6) the use of x-rays or other diagnostic imaging modalities for making radiographs or other similar records in a hospital under the supervision of a physician or dentist or by a person who is credentialed to use diagnostic imaging modalities or x-ray machines for dental treatment, roentgenograms, or dental diagnostic purposes by a credentialing agency other than the Board of Dentistry; or

(7) the service, other than service performed directly upon the person of a patient, of constructing, altering, repairing, or duplicating any denture, partial denture, crown, bridge, splint, orthodontic, prosthetic, or other dental appliance, when performed according to a written work order from a licensed dentist or a licensed advanced dental therapist in accordance with section 150A.10, subdivision 3.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 5; 1981 c 102 s 1; 1983 c 29 s 1; 1983 c 70 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1993 c 84 s 3; 1996 c 273 s 1; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 3,4; 2009 c 159 s 42

### **150A.06 LICENSURE.**

Subdivision 1. **Dentists.** A person of good moral character who has graduated from a dental program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, having submitted an application and fee as prescribed by the board, may be examined by the board or by an agency pursuant to section 150A.03, subdivision 1, in a manner to test the applicant's fitness to practice dentistry. A graduate of a dental college in another country must not be disqualified from examination solely because of the applicant's foreign training if the board determines that the training is equivalent to or higher than that provided by a dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. In the case of examinations conducted pursuant to section 150A.03, subdivision 1, applicants shall take the examination prior to applying to the board for licensure. The examination shall include an examination of the applicant's knowledge of the laws of Minnesota relating to dentistry and the rules of the board. An applicant is ineligible to retake the clinical examination required by the board after failing it twice until further education and training are obtained as specified by the board by rule. A separate, nonrefundable fee may be charged for each time a person applies. An applicant who passes the examination in compliance with subdivision 2b, abides by professional ethical conduct requirements, and meets all other requirements of the board shall be licensed to practice dentistry and granted a general dentist license by the board.

Subd. 1a. **Faculty dentists.** (a) Faculty members of a school of dentistry must be licensed in order to practice dentistry as defined in section 150A.05. The board may issue to members of the faculty of a school of dentistry a license designated as either a "limited faculty license" or a "full faculty license" entitling the holder to practice dentistry within the terms described in paragraph (b) or (c). The dean of a school of dentistry and program directors of a Minnesota dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association shall certify to the board those members of the school's faculty who practice dentistry but are not licensed to practice dentistry in Minnesota. A faculty member who practices dentistry as defined in section 150A.05, before beginning duties in a school of dentistry or a dental hygiene or dental assisting school, shall apply to the board for a limited or full faculty license. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, chapter 3100, and at the discretion of the board, a limited faculty license must be renewed annually and a full faculty license must be renewed biennially. The faculty applicant shall pay a nonrefundable fee set by the board for issuing and renewing the faculty license. The faculty license is valid during the time the holder remains a member of the faculty of a school of dentistry or a dental hygiene or dental assisting school and subjects the holder to this chapter.

(b) The board may issue to dentist members of the faculty of a Minnesota school of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a license designated as a limited faculty license entitling the holder to practice dentistry within the school and its affiliated teaching facilities, but only for the purposes of teaching or conducting research. The practice of dentistry at a school facility for purposes other than teaching or research is not allowed unless the dentist was a faculty member on August 1, 1993.

(c) The board may issue to dentist members of the faculty of a Minnesota school of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association a license designated as a full faculty license entitling the holder to practice dentistry within the school and its affiliated teaching facilities and elsewhere if the holder of the license is employed 50 percent time or more by the school in the practice of teaching or research, and upon successful review by the board of the applicant's qualifications as described in subdivisions 1, 1c, and 4 and board rule. The board, at its discretion, may waive specific licensing prerequisites.

Subd. 1b. **Resident dentists.** A person who is a graduate of a dental school and is an enrolled graduate student or student of an accredited advanced dental education program and who is not licensed to practice dentistry in the state shall obtain from the board a license to practice dentistry as a resident dentist. The license must be designated "resident dentist license" and authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry only under the supervision of a licensed dentist. A resident dentist license must be renewed annually pursuant to the board's rules. An applicant for a resident dentist license shall pay a nonrefundable fee set by the board for issuing and renewing the license. The requirements of sections 150A.01 to 150A.21 apply to resident dentists except as specified in rules adopted by the board. A resident dentist license does not qualify a person for licensure under subdivision 1.

Subd. 1c. **Specialty dentists.** (a) The board may grant a specialty license in the specialty areas of dentistry that are recognized by the American Dental Association.

(b) An applicant for a specialty license shall:

(1) have successfully completed a postdoctoral specialty education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or have announced a limitation of practice before 1967;

(2) have been certified by a specialty examining board approved by the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, or provide evidence of having passed a clinical examination for licensure required for practice in any state or Canadian province, or in the case of oral and maxillofacial surgeons only, have a Minnesota medical license in good standing;

(3) have been in active practice or a postdoctoral specialty education program or United States government service at least 2,000 hours in the 36 months prior to applying for a specialty license;

(4) if requested by the board, be interviewed by a committee of the board, which may include the assistance of specialists in the evaluation process, and satisfactorily respond to questions designed to determine the applicant's knowledge of dental subjects and ability to practice;

(5) if requested by the board, present complete records on a sample of patients treated by the applicant. The sample must be drawn from patients treated by the applicant during the 36 months preceding the date of application. The number of records shall be established by the board. The records shall be reasonably representative of the treatment typically provided by the applicant;

(6) at board discretion, pass a board-approved English proficiency test if English is not the applicant's primary language;

(7) pass all components of the National Dental Board examinations;

(8) pass the Minnesota Board of Dentistry jurisprudence examination;

(9) abide by professional ethical conduct requirements; and

(10) meet all other requirements prescribed by the Board of Dentistry.

(c) The application must include:

(1) a completed application furnished by the board;

(2) at least two character references from two different dentists, one of whom must be a dentist practicing in the same specialty area, and the other the director of the specialty program attended;

(3) a licensed physician's statement attesting to the applicant's physical and mental condition;

(4) a statement from a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist attesting to the applicant's visual acuity;

(5) a nonrefundable fee; and

(6) a notarized, unmounted passport-type photograph, three inches by three inches, taken not more than six months before the date of application.

(d) A specialty dentist holding a specialty license is limited to practicing in the dentist's designated specialty area. The scope of practice must be defined by each national specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association.

(e) A specialty dentist holding a general dentist license is limited to practicing in the dentist's designated specialty area if the dentist has announced a limitation of practice. The

scope of practice must be defined by each national specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association.

(f) All specialty dentists who have fulfilled the specialty dentist requirements and who intend to limit their practice to a particular specialty area may apply for a specialty license.

Subd. 1d. **Dental therapists.** A person of good moral character who has graduated with a baccalaureate degree or a master's degree from a dental therapy education program that has been approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or another board-approved national accreditation organization may apply for licensure.

The applicant must submit an application and fee as prescribed by the board and a diploma or certificate from a dental therapy education program. Prior to being licensed, the applicant must pass a comprehensive, competency-based clinical examination that is approved by the board and administered independently of an institution providing dental therapy education. The applicant must also pass an examination testing the applicant's knowledge of the Minnesota laws and rules relating to the practice of dentistry. An applicant who has failed the clinical examination twice is ineligible to retake the clinical examination until further education and training are obtained as specified by the board. A separate, nonrefundable fee may be charged for each time a person applies. An applicant who passes the examination in compliance with subdivision 2b, abides by professional ethical conduct requirements, and meets all the other requirements of the board shall be licensed as a dental therapist.

Subd. 1e. **Resident dental providers.** A person who is a graduate of an undergraduate program and is an enrolled graduate student of an advanced dental education program shall obtain from the board a license to practice as a resident dental hygienist or dental therapist. The license must be designated "resident dental provider license" and authorizes the licensee to practice only under the supervision of a licensed dentist or licensed dental therapist. A resident dental provider license must be renewed annually by the board. An applicant for a resident dental provider license shall pay a nonrefundable fee set by the board for issuing and renewing the license. The requirements of sections 150A.01 to 150A.21 apply to resident dental providers except as specified in rules adopted by the board. A resident dental provider license does not qualify a person for licensure under subdivision 1d or 2.

Subd. 2. **Dental hygienists.** A person of good moral character, who has graduated from a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and established in an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education to offer college-level programs, may apply for licensure. The dental hygiene program must provide a minimum of two academic years of dental hygiene education. The applicant must submit an application and fee as prescribed by the board and a diploma or certificate of dental hygiene. Prior to being licensed, the applicant must pass the National Board of Dental Hygiene examination and a board approved examination designed to determine the applicant's clinical competency. In the case of examinations conducted pursuant to section 150A.03, subdivision 1, applicants shall take the examination before applying to the board for licensure. The applicant must also pass an examination testing the applicant's knowledge of the laws of Minnesota relating to the practice of dentistry and of the rules of the board. An applicant is ineligible to retake the clinical examination required by the board after failing it twice until further education and training are obtained as specified by board rule. A separate, nonrefundable fee may be charged for each time a person applies. An applicant who passes the examination in

compliance with subdivision 2b, abides by professional ethical conduct requirements, and meets all the other requirements of the board shall be licensed as a dental hygienist.

Subd. 2a. **Licensed dental assistant.** A person of good moral character, who has graduated from a dental assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, may apply for licensure. The applicant must submit an application and fee as prescribed by the board and the diploma or certificate of dental assisting. In the case of examinations conducted pursuant to section 150A.03, subdivision 1, applicants shall take the examination before applying to the board for licensure. The examination shall include an examination of the applicant's knowledge of the laws of Minnesota relating to dentistry and the rules of the board. An applicant is ineligible to retake the licensure examination required by the board after failing it twice until further education and training are obtained as specified by board rule. A separate, nonrefundable fee may be charged for each time a person applies. An applicant who passes the examination in compliance with subdivision 2b, abides by professional ethical conduct requirements, and meets all the other requirements of the board shall be licensed as a dental assistant.

Subd. 2b. **Examination.** When the Board of Dentistry administers the examination for licensure, only those board members or board-appointed deputy examiners qualified for the particular examination may administer it. An examination which the board requires as a condition of licensure must have been taken within the five years before the board receives the application for licensure.

Subd. 2c. **Guest license.** (a) The board shall grant a guest license to practice as a dentist, dental hygienist, or licensed dental assistant if the following conditions are met:

(1) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant is currently licensed in good standing in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin;

(2) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant is currently engaged in the practice of that person's respective profession in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin;

(3) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant will limit that person's practice to a public health setting in Minnesota that (i) is approved by the board; (ii) was established by a nonprofit organization that is tax exempt under chapter 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and (iii) provides dental care to patients who have difficulty accessing dental care;

(4) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant agrees to treat indigent patients who meet the eligibility criteria established by the clinic; and

(5) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant has applied to the board for a guest license and has paid a nonrefundable license fee to the board not to exceed \$75.

(b) A guest license must be renewed annually with the board and an annual renewal fee not to exceed \$75 must be paid to the board.

(c) A dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant practicing under a guest license under this subdivision shall have the same obligations as a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who is licensed in Minnesota and shall be subject to the laws and rules of Minnesota and the regulatory authority of the board. If the board suspends or revokes the guest license of, or otherwise disciplines, a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant practicing under this subdivision, the board shall promptly report such disciplinary action to the dentist's, dental hygienist's, or dental assistant's regulatory board in the border state.

Subd. 2d. **Continuing education and professional development waiver.** (a) The board shall grant a waiver to the continuing education requirements under this chapter for a licensed dentist, licensed dental therapist, licensed dental hygienist, or licensed dental assistant who documents to the satisfaction of the board that the dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or licensed dental assistant has retired from active practice in the state and limits the provision of dental care services to those offered without compensation in a public health, community, or tribal clinic or a nonprofit organization that provides services to the indigent or to recipients of medical assistance, general assistance medical care, or MinnesotaCare programs.

(b) The board may require written documentation from the volunteer and retired dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or licensed dental assistant prior to granting this waiver.

(c) The board shall require the volunteer and retired dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or licensed dental assistant to meet the following requirements:

(1) a licensee seeking a waiver under this subdivision must complete and document at least five hours of approved courses in infection control, medical emergencies, and medical management for the continuing education cycle; and

(2) provide documentation of current CPR certification from completion of the American Heart Association healthcare provider course, the American Red Cross professional rescuer course, or an equivalent entity.

Subd. 3. **Waiver of examination.** (a) All or any part of the examination for dentists or dental hygienists, except that pertaining to the law of Minnesota relating to dentistry and the rules of the board, may, at the discretion of the board, be waived for an applicant who presents a certificate of qualification from the National Board of Dental Examiners or evidence of having maintained an adequate scholastic standing as determined by the board, in dental school as to dentists, or dental hygiene school as to dental hygienists.

(b) The board shall waive the clinical examination required for licensure for any dentist applicant who is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, who has successfully completed all components of the National Dental Board examination, and who has satisfactorily completed a Minnesota-based postdoctoral general dentistry residency program (GPR) or an advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD) program after January 1, 2004. The postdoctoral program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, be of at least one year's duration, and include an outcome assessment evaluation assessing the resident's competence to practice dentistry. The board may require the applicant to submit any information deemed necessary by the board to determine whether the waiver is applicable. The board may waive the clinical examination for an applicant who meets the requirements of this paragraph and has satisfactorily completed an accredited postdoctoral general dentistry residency program located outside of Minnesota.

Subd. 4. **Licensure by credentials.** (a) Any dentist or dental hygienist may, upon application and payment of a fee established by the board, apply for licensure based on the applicant's performance record in lieu of passing an examination approved by the board according to section 150A.03, subdivision 1, and be interviewed by the board to determine if the applicant:

(1) has been in active practice at least 2,000 hours within 36 months of the application date, or passed a board-approved reentry program within 36 months of the application date;

(2) currently has a license in another state or Canadian province and is not subject to any pending or final disciplinary action, or if not currently licensed, previously had a license in another state or Canadian province in good standing that was not subject to any final or pending disciplinary action at the time of surrender;

(3) is of good moral character and abides by professional ethical conduct requirements;

(4) at board discretion, has passed a board-approved English proficiency test if English is not the applicant's primary language; and

(5) meets other credentialing requirements specified in board rule.

(b) An applicant who fulfills the conditions of this subdivision and demonstrates the minimum knowledge in dental subjects required for licensure under subdivision 1 or 2 must be licensed to practice the applicant's profession.

(c) If the applicant does not demonstrate the minimum knowledge in dental subjects required for licensure under subdivision 1 or 2, the application must be denied. When denying a license, the board may notify the applicant of any specific remedy that the applicant could take which, when passed, would qualify the applicant for licensure. A denial does not prohibit the applicant from applying for licensure under subdivision 1 or 2.

(d) A candidate whose application has been denied may appeal the decision to the board according to subdivision 4a.

**Subd. 4a. Appeal of denial of application.** A person whose application for licensure by credentials has been denied may appeal the decision to the board. The board shall establish an appeals process and inform a denied candidate of the right to appeal and the process for filing the appeal.

**Subd. 5. Fraud in securing licenses.** Every person implicated in employing fraud or deception in applying for or securing a license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or dental assisting, or in annually renewing a license under sections 150A.01 to 150A.12 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

**Subd. 6. Display of name and certificates.** The initial license and subsequent renewal, or current registration certificate, of every dentist, a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant shall be conspicuously displayed in every office in which that person practices, in plain sight of patients. Near or on the entrance door to every office where dentistry is practiced, the name of each dentist practicing there, as inscribed on the current license certificate, shall be displayed in plain sight.

**Subd. 7.** [Repealed, 1989 c 285 s 7]

**Subd. 7. Additional remedies for licensure.** On a case-by-case basis, for initial or renewal of licensure, the board may add additional remedies for deficiencies found based on the applicant's performance, character, and education.

**Subd. 8. Licensure by credentials.** (a) Any dental assistant may, upon application and payment of a fee established by the board, apply for licensure based on an evaluation of the applicant's education, experience, and performance record in lieu of completing a board-approved dental assisting program for expanded functions as defined in rule, and may be interviewed by the board to determine if the applicant:

(1) has graduated from an accredited dental assisting program accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or is currently certified by the Dental Assisting National Board;

(2) is not subject to any pending or final disciplinary action in another state or Canadian province, or if not currently certified or registered, previously had a certification or registration in another state or Canadian province in good standing that was not subject to any final or pending disciplinary action at the time of surrender;

(3) is of good moral character and abides by professional ethical conduct requirements;

(4) at board discretion, has passed a board-approved English proficiency test if English is not the applicant's primary language; and

(5) has met all expanded functions curriculum equivalency requirements of a Minnesota board-approved dental assisting program.

(b) The board, at its discretion, may waive specific licensure requirements in paragraph (a).

(c) An applicant who fulfills the conditions of this subdivision and demonstrates the minimum knowledge in dental subjects required for licensure under subdivision 2a must be licensed to practice the applicant's profession.

(d) If the applicant does not demonstrate the minimum knowledge in dental subjects required for licensure under subdivision 2a, the application must be denied. If licensure is denied, the board may notify the applicant of any specific remedy that the applicant could take which, when passed, would qualify the applicant for licensure. A denial does not prohibit the applicant from applying for licensure under subdivision 2a.

(e) A candidate whose application has been denied may appeal the decision to the board according to subdivision 4a.

**Subd. 9. Graduates of nonaccredited dental programs.** A graduate of a nonaccredited dental program who successfully completes the clinical licensure examination, and meets all other applicant requirements of the board shall be licensed to practice dentistry and granted a limited general dentist license by the board. The board shall place limitations on the licensee's authority to practice by requiring the licensee to practice under the general supervision of a Minnesota-licensed dentist approved by the board. A person licensed under this subdivision must practice for three consecutive years in Minnesota pursuant to a written agreement, approved by the board, between the licensee and a Minnesota-licensed dentist who may limit the types of services authorized. At the conclusion of the three-year period, the board shall grant an unlimited license without further restrictions if all supervising dentists who had entered into written agreements with the licensee during any part of the three-year period recommend unlimited licensure, and if no corrective action or disciplinary action has been taken by the board against the licensee.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 6; 1976 c 222 s 76; 1976 c 263 s 3-5; 1978 c 770 s 2-5; 1979 c 50 s 15; 1980 c 596 s 1-3; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1983 c 70 s 4; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 285 s 3; 1993 c 84 s 4-7; 1996 c 273 s 2; 2001 c 37 s 1; 2002 c 370 s 1; 1Sp2003 c 5 s 1-3,11; 2004 c 279 art 7 s 1; 2005 c 147 art 4 s 2; 2008 c 326 art 1 s 5,47; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 5-9; 2009 c 159 s 43-50

**150A.061** [Never effective, 2008 c 298 s 26; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 32]

**150A.07** [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

**150A.08 LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION ACTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Grounds.** The board may refuse or by order suspend or revoke, limit or modify by imposing conditions it deems necessary, the license of a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assisting upon any of the following grounds:

(1) fraud or deception in connection with the practice of dentistry or the securing of a license certificate;

(2) conviction, including a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt, or a no contest plea, in any court of a felony or gross misdemeanor reasonably related to the practice of dentistry as evidenced by a certified copy of the conviction;

(3) conviction, including a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt, or a no contest plea, in any court of an offense involving moral turpitude as evidenced by a certified copy of the conviction;

(4) habitual overindulgence in the use of intoxicating liquors;

(5) improper or unauthorized prescription, dispensing, administering, or personal or other use of any legend drug as defined in chapter 151, of any chemical as defined in chapter 151, or of any controlled substance as defined in chapter 152;

(6) conduct unbecoming a person licensed to practice dentistry, dental therapy, dental hygiene, or dental assisting, or conduct contrary to the best interest of the public, as such conduct is defined by the rules of the board;

(7) gross immorality;

(8) any physical, mental, emotional, or other disability which adversely affects a dentist's, dental therapist's, dental hygienist's, or dental assistant's ability to perform the service for which the person is licensed;

(9) revocation or suspension of a license or equivalent authority to practice, or other disciplinary action or denial of a license application taken by a licensing or credentialing authority of another state, territory, or country as evidenced by a certified copy of the licensing authority's order, if the disciplinary action or application denial was based on facts that would provide a basis for disciplinary action under this chapter and if the action was taken only after affording the credentialed person or applicant notice and opportunity to refute the allegations or pursuant to stipulation or other agreement;

(10) failure to maintain adequate safety and sanitary conditions for a dental office in accordance with the standards established by the rules of the board;

(11) employing, assisting, or enabling in any manner an unlicensed person to practice dentistry;

(12) failure or refusal to attend, testify, and produce records as directed by the board under subdivision 7;

(13) violation of, or failure to comply with, any other provisions of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12, the rules of the Board of Dentistry, or any disciplinary order issued by the board, sections 144.291 to 144.298 or 595.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), or for any other just cause related to the practice of dentistry. Suspension, revocation, modification or limitation of any license shall not be based upon any judgment as to therapeutic or monetary value of any individual drug prescribed or any individual treatment rendered, but only upon a repeated pattern of conduct;

(14) knowingly providing false or misleading information that is directly related to the care of that patient unless done for an accepted therapeutic purpose such as the administration of a placebo; or

(15) aiding suicide or aiding attempted suicide in violation of section 609.215 as established by any of the following:

(i) a copy of the record of criminal conviction or plea of guilty for a felony in violation of section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2;

(ii) a copy of the record of a judgment of contempt of court for violating an injunction issued under section 609.215, subdivision 4;

(iii) a copy of the record of a judgment assessing damages under section 609.215, subdivision 5; or

(iv) a finding by the board that the person violated section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2. The board shall investigate any complaint of a violation of section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 3. **Reinstatement.** Any licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked may have the license reinstated or a new license issued, as the case may be, when the board deems the action is warranted.

Subd. 3a. **Costs; additional penalties.** (a) The board may impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000 for each separate violation, the amount of the civil penalty to be fixed so as to deprive a licensee of any economic advantage gained by reason of the violation, to discourage similar violations by the licensee or any other licensee, or to reimburse the board for the cost of the investigation and proceeding, including, but not limited to, fees paid for services provided by the Office of Administrative Hearings, legal and investigative services provided by the Office of the Attorney General, court reporters, witnesses, reproduction of records, board members' per diem compensation, board staff time, and travel costs and expenses incurred by board staff and board members.

(b) In addition to costs and penalties imposed under paragraph (a), the board may also:

(1) order the dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant to provide unremunerated service;

(2) censure or reprimand the dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant; or

(3) any other action as allowed by law and justified by the facts of the case.

Subd. 4. **Records.** The executive secretary of the board shall keep a record of all licenses and registration certificates issued, suspended, or revoked.

Subd. 5. **Medical examinations.** If the board has probable cause to believe that a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or applicant engages in acts described in subdivision 1, clause (4) or (5), or has a condition described in subdivision 1, clause (8), it shall direct the dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, assistant, or applicant to submit to a mental or physical examination or a chemical dependency assessment. For the purpose of this subdivision, every dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant licensed under this chapter or person submitting an application for a license is deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when directed in writing by the board and to have waived all objections in any proceeding under this section to the admissibility of the examining physician's

testimony or examination reports on the ground that they constitute a privileged communication. Failure to submit to an examination without just cause may result in an application being denied or a default and final order being entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence, other than evidence which may be submitted by affidavit, that the licensee or applicant did not submit to the examination. A dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or applicant affected under this section shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate ability to start or resume the competent practice of dentistry or perform the duties of a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant with reasonable skill and safety to patients. In any proceeding under this subdivision, neither the record of proceedings nor the orders entered by the board is admissible, is subject to subpoena, or may be used against the dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or applicant in any proceeding not commenced by the board. Information obtained under this subdivision shall be classified as private pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

Subd. 6. **Medical records.** Notwithstanding contrary provisions of sections 13.384 and 144.651 or any other statute limiting access to medical or other health data, the board may obtain medical data and health records of a licensee or applicant without the licensee's or applicant's consent if the information is requested by the board as part of the process specified in subdivision 5. The medical data may be requested from a provider, as defined in section 144.291, subdivision 2, paragraph (h), an insurance company, or a government agency, including the Department of Human Services. A provider, insurance company, or government agency shall comply with any written request of the board under this subdivision and shall not be liable in any action for damages for releasing the data requested by the board if the data are released pursuant to a written request under this subdivision, unless the information is false and the provider giving the information knew, or had reason to believe, the information was false. Information obtained under this subdivision shall be classified as private under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

Subd. 7. **Self-incrimination.** No person is excused from attending and testifying at any proceeding initiated by the board or from producing any document before the board on the ground that the testimony or evidence required may tend to incriminate the person; but no person may be prosecuted for any crime related to the matter about which the person testifies or produces evidence required or requested by the board if the person first claims a privilege against self-incrimination. This immunity from criminal prosecution does not apply to prosecution for perjury or contempt committed in testifying or producing the evidence.

Subd. 8. **Suspension of license.** In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the board may, through its designated board members pursuant to section 214.10, subdivision 2, temporarily suspend a license without a hearing if the board finds that the licensee has violated a statute or rule which the board is empowered to enforce and continued practice by the licensee would create an imminent risk of harm to others. The suspension shall take effect upon written notice to the licensee served by first class mail specifying the statute or rule violated, and the time, date, and place of the hearing before the board. If the notice is returned by the post office, the notice shall be effective upon reasonable attempts to locate and serve the licensee. Within ten days of service of the notice, the board shall hold a hearing before its own members on the sole issue of whether there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or lift the suspension. Evidence presented by the board or licensee shall be in affidavit form only. The licensee or counsel of the licensee may appear for oral argument. Within five working days after the hearing, the board shall issue its order and, if the suspension is continued, the board shall schedule a disciplinary hearing to be held pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act within 45 days of issuance of the order.

The administrative law judge shall issue a report within 30 days of the closing of the contested case hearing record. The board shall issue a final order within 30 days of receiving that report. The board may allow a person who was licensed by any state to practice dentistry and whose license has been suspended to practice dentistry under the supervision of a licensed dentist for the purpose of demonstrating competence and eligibility for reinstatement.

**Subd. 9. Tax clearance certificate.** (a) In addition to the grounds provided in subdivision 1 and notwithstanding subdivision 3, the board may not issue or renew a license to practice dentistry if the commissioner of revenue notifies the board and the licensee or applicant for a license that the licensee or applicant owes the state delinquent taxes in the amount of \$500 or more. The board may issue or renew the license only if (1) the commissioner of revenue issues a tax clearance certificate and (2) the commissioner of revenue or the licensee or applicant forwards a copy of the clearance to the board. The commissioner of revenue may issue a clearance certificate only if the licensee or applicant does not owe the state any uncontested delinquent taxes.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the meanings given.

(1) "Taxes" are all taxes payable to the commissioner of revenue, including penalties and interest due on those taxes.

(2) "Delinquent taxes" do not include a tax liability if (i) an administrative or court action that contests the amount or validity of the liability has been filed or served, (ii) the appeal period to contest the tax liability has not expired, or (iii) the licensee or applicant has entered into a payment agreement to pay the liability and is current with the payments.

(c) In lieu of the notice and hearing requirements of subdivision 8, when a licensee or applicant is required to obtain a clearance certificate under this subdivision, a contested case hearing must be held if the licensee or applicant requests a hearing in writing to the commissioner of revenue within 30 days of the date of the notice provided in paragraph (a). The hearing must be held within 45 days of the date the commissioner of revenue refers the case to the Office of Administrative Hearings. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the licensee or applicant must be served with 20 days' notice in writing specifying the time and place of the hearing and the allegations against the licensee or applicant. The notice may be served personally or by mail.

(d) The board shall require all licensees or applicants for a license to practice dentistry to provide their Social Security number and Minnesota business identification number on all license applications. Upon request of the commissioner of revenue, the board must provide to the commissioner of revenue a list of all licensees and applicants for a license to practice dentistry including the name and address, Social Security number, and business identification number. The commissioner of revenue may request a list of the licensees and applicants no more than once each calendar year.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 8; 1976 c 222 s 77; 1976 c 263 s 6; 1978 c 770 s 6; 1983 c 70 s 5-10; 1984 c 608 s 1; 1984 c 640 s 32; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1986 c 444; 1Sp1986 c 1 art 7 s 9; 1989 c 184 art 2 s 6; 1992 c 559 art 1 s 5; 1992 c 577 s 4; 1993 c 84 s 8; 1999 c 227 s 22; 2003 c 66 s 6,7; 2004 c 279 art 7 s 2; 2007 c 147 art 10 s 15; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 10-12; 2009 c 159 s 51-56

#### **150A.081 ACCESS TO MEDICAL DATA.**

**Subdivision 1. Access to data on licensee.** When the board has probable cause to believe that a licensee's condition meets a ground listed in section 150A.08, subdivision 1, clause (4) or (8), it may, notwithstanding sections 13.384, 144.651, or any other law limiting access to medical data, obtain medical or health records on the licensee without the licensee's consent. The

medical data may be requested from a provider, as defined in section 144.291, subdivision 2, paragraph (h), an insurance company, or a government agency. A provider, insurance company, or government agency shall comply with a written request of the board under this subdivision and is not liable in any action for damages for releasing the data requested by the board if the data are released under the written request, unless the information is false and the entity providing the information knew, or had reason to believe, the information was false.

Subd. 2. **Access to data on patients.** The board has access to medical records of a patient treated by a licensee under review if the patient signs a written consent permitting access. If the patient has not given consent, the licensee must delete data from which a patient may be identified before releasing medical records to the board.

Subd. 3. **Data classification; release of certain health data not required.** Information obtained under this section is classified as private data on individuals under chapter 13. Under this section, the commissioner of health is not required to release health data collected and maintained under section 13.3805, subdivision 2.

**History:** 1992 c 559 art 1 s 6; 1996 c 440 art 1 s 39; 1999 c 227 s 22; 2007 c 147 art 10 s 15; 2009 c 159 s 57

## 150A.09 REGISTRATION OF LICENSES AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES.

Subdivision 1. **Registration information and procedure.** On or before the license certificate expiration date every licensed dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant shall transmit to the executive secretary of the board, pertinent information required by the board, together with the fee established by the board. At least 30 days before a license certificate expiration date, the board shall send a written notice stating the amount and due date of the fee and the information to be provided to every licensed dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 3. **Current address, change of address.** Every dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant shall maintain with the board a correct and current mailing address. For dentists engaged in the practice of dentistry, the address shall be that of the location of the primary dental practice. Within 30 days after changing addresses, every dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant shall provide the board written notice of the new address either personally or by first class mail.

Subd. 4. **Duplicate certificates.** Duplicate licenses or duplicate certificates of license renewal may be issued by the board upon satisfactory proof of the need for the duplicates and upon payment of the fee established by the board.

Subd. 5. **Late fee.** A late fee established by the board shall be paid if the information and fee required by subdivision 1 is not received by the executive secretary of the board on or before the registration or license renewal date.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 2009 c 159 s 112]

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 9; 1976 c 222 s 78,79; 1976 c 263 s 7,8; 1978 c 674 s 16; 1978 c 770 s 7,8; 1980 c 596 s 4; 1983 c 70 s 11; 2004 c 279 art 7 s 3; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 13,14; 2009 c 159 s 58,59

**150A.091 FEES.**

Subdivision 1. **Fee refunds.** No fee may be refunded for any reason.

Subd. 2. **Application fees.** Each applicant shall submit with a license, advanced dental therapist certificate, or permit application a nonrefundable fee in the following amounts in order to administratively process an application:

- (1) dentist, \$140;
- (2) full faculty dentist, \$140;
- (3) limited faculty dentist, \$140;
- (4) resident dentist or dental provider, \$55;
- (5) advanced dental therapist, \$100;
- (6) dental therapist, \$100;
- (7) dental hygienist, \$55;
- (8) licensed dental assistant, \$55; and
- (9) dental assistant with a permit as described in Minnesota Rules, part 3100.8500, subpart 3, \$15.

Subd. 3. **Initial license or permit fees.** Along with the application fee, each of the following applicants shall submit a separate prorated initial license or permit fee. The prorated initial fee shall be established by the board based on the number of months of the applicant's initial term as described in Minnesota Rules, part 3100.1700, subpart 1a, not to exceed the following monthly fee amounts:

- (1) dentist or full faculty dentist, \$14 times the number of months of the initial term;
- (2) dental therapist, \$10 times the number of months of the initial term;
- (3) dental hygienist, \$5 times the number of months of the initial term;
- (4) licensed dental assistant, \$3 times the number of months of the initial term; and
- (5) dental assistant with a permit as described in Minnesota Rules, part 3100.8500, subpart 3, \$1 times the number of months of the initial term.

Subd. 4. **Annual license fees.** Each limited faculty or resident dentist shall submit with an annual license renewal application a fee established by the board not to exceed the following amounts:

- (1) limited faculty dentist, \$168; and
- (2) resident dentist or dental provider, \$59.

Subd. 5. **Biennial license or permit fees.** Each of the following applicants shall submit with a biennial license or permit renewal application a fee as established by the board, not to exceed the following amounts:

- (1) dentist or full faculty dentist, \$336;
- (2) dental therapist, \$180;
- (3) dental hygienist, \$118;
- (4) licensed dental assistant, \$80; and

(5) dental assistant with a permit as described in Minnesota Rules, part 3100.8500, subpart 3, \$24.

Subd. 6. **Annual license late fee.** Applications for renewal of any license received after the time specified in Minnesota Rules, part 3100.1750, must be assessed a late fee equal to 50 percent of the annual renewal fee.

Subd. 7. **Biennial license or permit late fee.** Applications for renewal of any license or permit received after the time specified in Minnesota Rules, part 3100.1700, must be assessed a late fee equal to 25 percent of the biennial renewal fee.

Subd. 8. **Duplicate license or certificate fee.** Each applicant shall submit, with a request for issuance of a duplicate of the original license, or of an annual or biennial renewal certificate for a license or permit, a fee in the following amounts:

(1) original dentist, full faculty dentist, dental therapist, dental hygiene, or dental assistant license, \$35; and

(2) annual or biennial renewal certificates, \$10.

Subd. 9. **Licensure by credentials.** Each applicant for licensure as a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant by credentials pursuant to section 150A.06, subdivisions 4 and 8, and Minnesota Rules, part 3100.1400, shall submit with the license application a fee in the following amounts:

(1) dentist, \$725;

(2) dental hygienist, \$175; and

(3) dental assistant, \$35.

Subd. 9a. **Credential review; nonaccredited dental institution.** Applicants who have graduated from a nonaccredited dental college desiring licensure as a dentist pursuant to section 150A.06, subdivision 1, shall submit an application for credential review and an application fee not to exceed the amount of \$200.

Subd. 9b. **Limited general license.** Each applicant for licensure as a limited general dentist pursuant to section 150A.06, subdivision 9, shall submit the applicable fees established by the board not to exceed the following amounts:

(1) initial limited general license application, \$140;

(2) annual limited general license renewal application, \$155; and

(3) late fee assessment for renewal application equal to 50 percent of the annual limited general license renewal fee.

Subd. 10. **Reinstatement fee.** No dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant whose license has been suspended or revoked may have the license reinstated or a new license issued until a fee has been submitted to the board in the following amounts:

(1) dentist, \$140;

(2) dental therapist, \$85;

(3) dental hygienist, \$55; and

(4) dental assistant, \$35.

Subd. 11. **Certificate application fee for anesthesia/sedation.** Each dentist shall submit

with a general anesthesia or moderate sedation application or a contracted sedation provider application a fee as established by the board not to exceed the following amounts:

- (1) for both a general anesthesia and moderate sedation application, \$250;
- (2) for a general anesthesia application only, \$250;
- (3) for a moderate sedation application only, \$250; and
- (4) for a contracted sedation provider application, \$250.

Subd. 11a. **Certificate for anesthesia/sedation late fee.** Applications for renewal of a general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate or a contracted sedation provider certificate received after the time specified in Minnesota Rules, part 3100.3600, subparts 9 and 9b, must be assessed a late fee equal to 50 percent of the biennial renewal fee for an anesthesia/sedation certificate.

Subd. 11b. **Recertification fee for anesthesia/sedation.** No dentist whose general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate has been terminated by the board or voluntarily terminated by the dentist may become recertified until a fee has been submitted to the board not to exceed the amount of \$500.

Subd. 12. **Duplicate certificate fee for anesthesia/sedation.** Each dentist shall submit with a request for issuance of a duplicate of the original general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate or contracted sedation provider certificate a fee in the amount of \$10.

Subd. 13. **On-site inspection fee.** An on-site inspection fee must be paid to the individual, organization, or agency conducting the inspection and be limited to a maximum fee as determined by the board. Travel, lodging, and other expenses are not part of the on-site inspection fee.

Subd. 14. **Affidavit of licensure.** Each licensee shall submit with a request for an affidavit of licensure a fee in the amount of \$10.

Subd. 15. **Verification of licensure.** Each institution or corporation shall submit with a request for verification of a license a fee in the amount of \$5 for each license to be verified.

Subd. 16. **Failure of professional development portfolio audit.** A licensee shall submit a fee as established by the board not to exceed the amount of \$250 after failing two consecutive professional development portfolio audits and, thereafter, for each failed professional development portfolio audit under Minnesota Rules, part 3100.5300.

**History:** 2005 c 147 art 4 s 3; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 15-19; 2009 c 159 s 60-74; 1Sp2011 c 9 art 5 s 11-16

## 150A.10 ALLIED DENTAL PERSONNEL.

Subdivision 1. **Dental hygienists.** Any licensed dentist, licensed dental therapist, public institution, or school authority may obtain services from a licensed dental hygienist. The licensed dental hygienist may provide those services defined in section 150A.05, subdivision 1a. The services provided shall not include the establishment of a final diagnosis or treatment plan for a dental patient. All services shall be provided under supervision of a licensed dentist. Any licensed dentist who shall permit any dental service by a dental hygienist other than those authorized by the Board of Dentistry, shall be deemed to be violating the provisions of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12, and any unauthorized dental service by a dental hygienist shall constitute a violation of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12.

Subd. 1a. **Limited authorization for dental hygienists.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, a dental hygienist licensed under this chapter may be employed or retained by a health care facility, program, or nonprofit organization to perform dental hygiene services described under paragraph (b) without the patient first being examined by a licensed dentist if the dental hygienist:

(1) has been engaged in the active practice of clinical dental hygiene for not less than 2,400 hours in the past 18 months or a career total of 3,000 hours, including a minimum of 200 hours of clinical practice in two of the past three years;

(2) has entered into a collaborative agreement with a licensed dentist that designates authorization for the services provided by the dental hygienist;

(3) has documented participation in courses in infection control and medical emergencies within each continuing education cycle; and

(4) maintains current CPR certification from completion of the American Heart Association healthcare provider course, the American Red Cross professional rescuer course, or an equivalent entity.

(b) The dental hygiene services authorized to be performed by a dental hygienist under this subdivision are limited to:

(1) oral health promotion and disease prevention education;

(2) removal of deposits and stains from the surfaces of the teeth;

(3) application of topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes and pit and fissure sealants;

(4) polishing and smoothing restorations;

(5) removal of marginal overhangs;

(6) performance of preliminary charting;

(7) taking of radiographs; and

(8) performance of scaling and root planing.

The dental hygienist may administer injections of local anesthetic agents or nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia as specifically delegated in the collaborative agreement with a licensed dentist. The dentist need not first examine the patient or be present. If the patient is considered medically compromised, the collaborative dentist shall review the patient record, including the medical history, prior to the provision of these services. Collaborating dental hygienists may work with unlicensed and licensed dental assistants who may only perform duties for which licensure is not required. The performance of dental hygiene services in a health care facility, program, or nonprofit organization as authorized under this subdivision is limited to patients, students, and residents of the facility, program, or organization.

(c) A collaborating dentist must be licensed under this chapter and may enter into a collaborative agreement with no more than four dental hygienists unless otherwise authorized by the board. The board shall develop parameters and a process for obtaining authorization to collaborate with more than four dental hygienists. The collaborative agreement must include:

(1) consideration for medically compromised patients and medical conditions for which a dental evaluation and treatment plan must occur prior to the provision of dental hygiene services;

(2) age- and procedure-specific standard collaborative practice protocols, including recommended intervals for the performance of dental hygiene services and a period of time in which an examination by a dentist should occur;

(3) copies of consent to treatment form provided to the patient by the dental hygienist;

(4) specific protocols for the placement of pit and fissure sealants and requirements for follow-up care to assure the efficacy of the sealants after application; and

(5) a procedure for creating and maintaining dental records for the patients that are treated by the dental hygienist. This procedure must specify where these records are to be located.

The collaborative agreement must be signed and maintained by the dentist, the dental hygienist, and the facility, program, or organization; must be reviewed annually by the collaborating dentist and dental hygienist; and must be made available to the board upon request.

(d) Before performing any services authorized under this subdivision, a dental hygienist must provide the patient with a consent to treatment form which must include a statement advising the patient that the dental hygiene services provided are not a substitute for a dental examination by a licensed dentist. If the dental hygienist makes any referrals to the patient for further dental procedures, the dental hygienist must fill out a referral form and provide a copy of the form to the collaborating dentist.

(e) For the purposes of this subdivision, a "health care facility, program, or nonprofit organization" is limited to a hospital; nursing home; home health agency; group home serving the elderly, disabled, or juveniles; state-operated facility licensed by the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of corrections; and federal, state, or local public health facility, community clinic, tribal clinic, school authority, Head Start program, or nonprofit organization that serves individuals who are uninsured or who are Minnesota health care public program recipients.

(f) For purposes of this subdivision, a "collaborative agreement" means a written agreement with a licensed dentist who authorizes and accepts responsibility for the services performed by the dental hygienist. The services authorized under this subdivision and the collaborative agreement may be performed without the presence of a licensed dentist and may be performed at a location other than the usual place of practice of the dentist or dental hygienist and without a dentist's diagnosis and treatment plan, unless specified in the collaborative agreement.

**Subd. 2. Dental assistants.** Every licensed dentist and dental therapist who uses the services of any unlicensed person for the purpose of assistance in the practice of dentistry or dental therapy shall be responsible for the acts of such unlicensed person while engaged in such assistance. The dentist or dental therapist shall permit the unlicensed assistant to perform only those acts which are authorized to be delegated to unlicensed assistants by the Board of Dentistry. The acts shall be performed under supervision of a licensed dentist or dental therapist. A licensed dental therapist shall not supervise more than four registered dental assistants at any one practice setting. The board may permit differing levels of dental assistance based upon recognized educational standards, approved by the board, for the training of dental assistants. The board may also define by rule the scope of practice of licensed and unlicensed dental assistants. The board by rule may require continuing education for differing levels of dental assistants, as a condition to their license or authority to perform their authorized duties. Any licensed dentist or dental therapist who permits an unlicensed assistant to perform any dental service other than that authorized by the board shall be deemed to be enabling an unlicensed person to practice dentistry, and commission of such an act by an unlicensed assistant shall constitute a violation of

sections 150A.01 to 150A.12.

Subd. 3. **Dental technicians.** Every licensed dentist and dental therapist who uses the services of any unlicensed person, other than under the dentist's or dental therapist's supervision and within the same practice setting, for the purpose of constructing, altering, repairing or duplicating any denture, partial denture, crown, bridge, splint, orthodontic, prosthetic or other dental appliance, shall be required to furnish such unlicensed person with a written work order in such form as shall be prescribed by the rules of the board. The work order shall be made in duplicate form, a duplicate copy to be retained in a permanent file of the dentist or dental therapist at the practice setting for a period of two years, and the original to be retained in a permanent file for a period of two years by the unlicensed person in that person's place of business. The permanent file of work orders to be kept by the dentist, dental therapist, or unlicensed person shall be open to inspection at any reasonable time by the board or its duly constituted agent.

Subd. 4. **Restorative procedures.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1, 1a, and 2, a licensed dental hygienist or licensed dental assistant may perform the following restorative procedures:

- (1) place, contour, and adjust amalgam restorations;
- (2) place, contour, and adjust glass ionomer;
- (3) adapt and cement stainless steel crowns; and
- (4) place, contour, and adjust class I and class V supragingival composite restorations where the margins are entirely within the enamel.

(b) The restorative procedures described in paragraph (a) may be performed only if:

- (1) the licensed dental hygienist or licensed dental assistant has completed a board-approved course on the specific procedures;
- (2) the board-approved course includes a component that sufficiently prepares the licensed dental hygienist or licensed dental assistant to adjust the occlusion on the newly placed restoration;
- (3) a licensed dentist or licensed advanced dental therapist has authorized the procedure to be performed; and
- (4) a licensed dentist or licensed advanced dental therapist is available in the clinic while the procedure is being performed.

(c) The dental faculty who teaches the educators of the board-approved courses specified in paragraph (b) must have prior experience teaching these procedures in an accredited dental education program.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 10; 1976 c 263 s 9; 1986 c 444; 1996 c 273 s 3,4; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 2 s 5; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 1Sp2003 c 5 s 4,5; 2005 c 147 art 4 s 4; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 20-23; 2009 c 159 s 75-77

### **150A.105 DENTAL THERAPIST.**

Subdivision 1. **General.** A dental therapist licensed under this chapter shall practice under the supervision of a Minnesota-licensed dentist and under the requirements of this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Limited practice settings.** A dental therapist licensed under this chapter is limited to primarily practicing in settings that serve low-income, uninsured, and underserved patients or in a dental health professional shortage area.

Subd. 3. **Collaborative management agreement.** (a) Prior to performing any of the

services authorized under this chapter, a dental therapist must enter into a written collaborative management agreement with a Minnesota-licensed dentist. A collaborating dentist is limited to entering into a collaborative agreement with no more than five dental therapists or advanced dental therapists at any one time. The agreement must include:

- (1) practice settings where services may be provided and the populations to be served;
- (2) any limitations on the services that may be provided by the dental therapist, including the level of supervision required by the collaborating dentist;
- (3) age- and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines, and imaging frequency;
- (4) a procedure for creating and maintaining dental records for the patients that are treated by the dental therapist;
- (5) a plan to manage medical emergencies in each practice setting where the dental therapist provides care;
- (6) a quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental therapist, including patient care review, referral follow-up, and a quality assurance chart review;
- (7) protocols for administering and dispensing medications authorized under subdivision 5, and section 150A.106, including the specific conditions and circumstance under which these medications are to be dispensed and administered;
- (8) criteria relating to the provision of care to patients with specific medical conditions or complex medication histories, including requirements for consultation prior to the initiation of care;
- (9) supervision criteria of dental assistants; and
- (10) a plan for the provision of clinical resources and referrals in situations which are beyond the capabilities of the dental therapist.

(b) A collaborating dentist must be licensed and practicing in Minnesota. The collaborating dentist shall accept responsibility for all services authorized and performed by the dental therapist pursuant to the management agreement. Any licensed dentist who permits a dental therapist to perform a dental service other than those authorized under this section or by the board, or any dental therapist who performs an unauthorized service, violates sections 150A.01 to 150A.12.

(c) Collaborative management agreements must be signed and maintained by the collaborating dentist and the dental therapist. Agreements must be reviewed, updated, and submitted to the board on an annual basis.

Subd. 4. **Scope of practice.** (a) A licensed dental therapist may perform dental services as authorized under this section within the parameters of the collaborative management agreement.

(b) The services authorized to be performed by a licensed dental therapist include the oral health services, as specified in paragraphs (c) and (d), and within the parameters of the collaborative management agreement.

(c) A licensed dental therapist may perform the following services under general supervision, unless restricted or prohibited in the collaborative management agreement:

- (1) oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis;
- (2) preliminary charting of the oral cavity;

- (3) making radiographs;
- (4) mechanical polishing;
- (5) application of topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes and pit and fissure sealants;
- (6) pulp vitality testing;
- (7) application of desensitizing medication or resin;
- (8) fabrication of athletic mouthguards;
- (9) placement of temporary restorations;
- (10) fabrication of soft occlusal guards;
- (11) tissue conditioning and soft reline;
- (12) atraumatic restorative therapy;
- (13) dressing changes;
- (14) tooth reimplantation;
- (15) administration of local anesthetic; and
- (16) administration of nitrous oxide.

(d) A licensed dental therapist may perform the following services under indirect supervision:

- (1) emergency palliative treatment of dental pain;
- (2) the placement and removal of space maintainers;
- (3) cavity preparation;
- (4) restoration of primary and permanent teeth;
- (5) placement of temporary crowns;
- (6) preparation and placement of preformed crowns;
- (7) pulpotomies on primary teeth;
- (8) indirect and direct pulp capping on primary and permanent teeth;
- (9) stabilization of reimplanted teeth;
- (10) extractions of primary teeth;
- (11) suture removal;
- (12) brush biopsies;
- (13) repair of defective prosthetic devices; and
- (14) recementing of permanent crowns.

(e) For purposes of this section and section 150A.106, "general supervision" and "indirect supervision" have the meanings given in Minnesota Rules, part 3100.0100, subpart 21.

Subd. 5. **Dispensing authority.** (a) A licensed dental therapist may dispense and administer the following drugs within the parameters of the collaborative management agreement and within the scope of practice of the dental therapist: analgesics, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics.

(b) The authority to dispense and administer shall extend only to the categories of drugs identified in this subdivision, and may be further limited by the collaborative management agreement.

(c) The authority to dispense includes the authority to dispense sample drugs within the categories identified in this subdivision if dispensing is permitted by the collaborative management agreement.

(d) A licensed dental therapist is prohibited from dispensing or administering a narcotic drug as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 10.

**Subd. 6. Application of other laws.** A licensed dental therapist authorized to practice under this chapter is not in violation of section 150A.05 as it relates to the unauthorized practice of dentistry if the practice is authorized under this chapter and is within the parameters of the collaborative management agreement.

**Subd. 7. Use of dental assistants.** (a) A licensed dental therapist may supervise dental assistants to the extent permitted in the collaborative management agreement and according to section 150A.10, subdivision 2.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a licensed dental therapist is limited to supervising no more than four registered dental assistants or nonregistered dental assistants at any one practice setting.

**Subd. 8. Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply.

(b) "Practice settings that serve the low-income and underserved" mean:

(1) critical access dental provider settings as designated by the commissioner of human services under section 256B.76, subdivision 4;

(2) dental hygiene collaborative practice settings identified in section 150A.10, subdivision 1a, paragraph (e), and including medical facilities, assisted living facilities, federally qualified health centers, and organizations eligible to receive a community clinic grant under section 145.9268, subdivision 1;

(3) military and veterans administration hospitals, clinics, and care settings;

(4) a patient's residence or home when the patient is home-bound or receiving or eligible to receive home care services or home and community-based waived services, regardless of the patient's income;

(5) oral health educational institutions; or

(6) any other clinic or practice setting, including mobile dental units, in which at least 50 percent of the total patient base of the dental therapist or advanced dental therapist consists of patients who:

(i) are enrolled in a Minnesota health care program;

(ii) have a medical disability or chronic condition that creates a significant barrier to receiving dental care;

(iii) do not have dental health coverage, either through a public health care program or private insurance, and have an annual gross family income equal to or less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; or

(iv) do not have dental health coverage, either through a state public health care program or private insurance, and whose family gross income is equal to or less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

(c) "Dental health professional shortage area" means an area that meets the criteria established by the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and is designated as such under United States Code, title 42, section 254e.

**History:** 2009 c 95 art 3 s 24

### **150A.106 ADVANCED DENTAL THERAPIST.**

Subdivision 1. **General.** In order to be certified by the board to practice as an advanced dental therapist, a person must:

- (1) complete a dental therapy education program;
- (2) pass an examination to demonstrate competency under the dental therapy scope of practice;
- (3) be licensed as a dental therapist;
- (4) complete 2,000 hours of dental therapy clinical practice under direct or indirect supervision;
- (5) graduate from a master's advanced dental therapy education program;
- (6) pass a board-approved certification examination to demonstrate competency under the advanced scope of practice; and
- (7) submit an application for certification as prescribed by the board.

Subd. 2. **Scope of practice.** (a) An advanced dental therapist certified by the board under this section may perform the following services and procedures pursuant to the written collaborative management agreement:

- (1) an oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and the formulation of an individualized treatment plan authorized by the collaborating dentist;
- (2) the services and procedures described under section 150A.105, subdivision 4, paragraphs (c) and (d); and
- (3) nonsurgical extractions of permanent teeth as limited in subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

(b) The services and procedures described under this subdivision may be performed under general supervision.

Subd. 3. **Practice limitation.** (a) An advanced practice dental therapist shall not perform any service or procedure described in subdivision 2 except as authorized by the collaborating dentist.

(b) An advanced dental therapist may perform nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with tooth mobility of +3 to +4 under general supervision if authorized in advance by the collaborating dentist. The advanced dental therapist shall not extract a tooth for any patient if the tooth is unerupted, impacted, fractured, or needs to be sectioned for removal.

(c) The collaborating dentist is responsible for directly providing or arranging for another dentist or specialist to provide any necessary advanced services needed by the patient.

(d) An advanced dental therapist in accordance with the collaborative management agreement must refer patients to another qualified dental or health care professional to receive any needed services that exceed the scope of practice of the advanced dental therapist.

(e) In addition to the collaborative management agreement requirements described in section 150A.105, a collaborative management agreement entered into with an advanced dental therapist must include specific written protocols to govern situations in which the advanced dental therapist encounters a patient who requires treatment that exceeds the authorized scope of practice of the advanced dental therapist. The collaborating dentist must ensure that a dentist is available to the advanced dental therapist for timely consultation during treatment if needed and must either provide or arrange with another dentist or specialist to provide the necessary treatment to any patient who requires more treatment than the advanced dental therapist is authorized to provide.

Subd. 4. **Medications.** (a) An advanced dental therapist may provide, dispense, and administer the following drugs within the parameters of the collaborative management agreement, within the scope of practice of the advanced dental therapist practitioner, and with the authorization of the collaborating dentist: analgesics, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics.

(b) The authority to provide, dispense, and administer shall extend only to the categories of drugs identified in this subdivision, and may be further limited by the collaborative management agreement.

(c) The authority to dispense includes the authority to dispense sample drugs within the categories identified in this subdivision if dispensing is permitted by the collaborative management agreement.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an advanced dental therapist is prohibited from providing, dispensing, or administering a narcotic drug as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 10.

**History:** 2009 c 95 art 3 s 25

### 150A.11 UNLAWFUL ACTS.

Subdivision 1. **Unlawful practice.** It is unlawful for any person to: enable an unlicensed person to practice dentistry; to practice or attempt to practice dentistry without a license; to practice dentistry under the name of a corporation or company; or to practice under any name that may tend to deceive the public or imply professional superiority to or greater skill than that possessed by another dentist. If a dentist practices under the dentist's own name, any public display or cards shall include the initials of the dentist's dental degree, such as D.D.S. or D.M.D., following the name. If a dentist practices under another name, the name shall include some designation which makes clear that the person is practicing dentistry or a specialty of dentistry; and that the names of all of the participating dentists practicing under the name be clearly identified on letterheads and building or office signs that display a name other than the dentist's own name. Any communication between dentist and patient shall clearly indicate the name of the dentist treating the patient. The board may promulgate rules regarding the name under which a dentist may practice. No corporation shall practice dentistry or engage in it, or hold itself out as being entitled to practice dentistry, or furnish dental services or dentists, or advertise under or assume the title of dentists or dental surgeons or equivalent title. No corporation shall furnish dental advice, or advertise or hold itself out with any other person or alone, that it has or owns a dental office or can furnish dental service, dentists, or dental surgeons, or solicit, through itself, or its agents, officers, employees, directors or trustees, dental patronage for any dentist or dental surgeon. This section:

(1) Does not apply to any licensee while acting as an instructor in or under the University of Minnesota, the Mayo Foundation, or any other school in the state recognized by the state Board of Dentistry;

(2) Does not prohibit dentists from incorporating their practice of dentistry for business purposes under the special provisions of a corporate practice act for dentistry;

(3) Shall not be construed to change or amend the right of licensed dentists to provide dental care under any form of organization that is lawful under the laws of this state, or to contract to sell their services in any manner that is lawful under the laws of this state.

Subd. 2. **Professional advertising.** Public advertising by dentists may be controlled by reasonable rules of the board. Such rules shall include permission for such things as publication of a professional card, reasonable signs on or about the place of business, announcements of changes or opening of offices and telephone listings.

Subd. 3. **Advertising or use of dental services and appliances.** No person shall advertise in any manner the sale, supply, furnishing, construction, reproduction, relining, or repair without a written work order by a licensed dentist of prosthetic dentures, bridges, plates or other appliances to be used or worn as substitutes for natural teeth, or for the regulation thereof. All such advertisements shall contain the words "A written work order from a licensed dentist is required" in at least 10-point type size. Except for advertising permitted under this subdivision, a person not licensed to practice dentistry in this state shall not sell or offer any such service or products to other than the dental profession or its ancillary trades, provided, however that the mere delivery of such products to an ultimate consumer or person acting in the consumer's behalf for the purpose of transporting such products to the licensed dentist who provided the work order shall not violate this subdivision. This subdivision shall not apply to mailings, displays, and advertisements the primary distribution of which is to the dental profession or its ancillary trades.

Subd. 4. **Dividing fees.** It shall be unlawful for any dentist to divide fees with or promise to pay a part of the dentist's fee to, or to pay a commission to, any dentist or other person who calls the dentist in consultation or who sends patients to the dentist for treatment, or operation, but nothing herein shall prevent licensed dentists from forming a bona fide partnership for the practice of dentistry, nor to the actual employment by a licensed dentist of, a licensed dental therapist, a licensed dental hygienist, or another licensed dentist.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 11; 1980 c 596 s 5; 1983 c 29 s 2; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 26

## 150A.12 VIOLATION AND DEFENSES.

Every person who violates any of the provisions of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12 for which no specific penalty is provided herein, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor; and, upon conviction, punished by a fine of not more than \$3,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or by both such fine and imprisonment. In the prosecution of any person for violation of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12, it shall not be necessary to allege or prove lack of a valid license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or dental assisting, but shall be a matter of defense to be established by the defendant.

**History:** 1969 c 974 s 12; 1984 c 628 art 3 s 11; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 27; 2009 c 159 s 78

## 150A.13 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Permission to report.** A person who has knowledge of a licensee unable to

practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other materials, or as a result of any mental, physical, or psychological condition may report the licensee to the board.

Subd. 2. **Institutions.** A hospital, clinic, or other health care institution or organization located in this state shall report to the board any action taken by the agency, institution, or organization or any of its administrators or dental or other committees to revoke, suspend, restrict, or condition a licensee's privilege to practice or treat patients or clients in the institution, or as part of the organization, any denial of privileges, or any other disciplinary action against a licensee described under subdivision 1. The institution or organization shall also report the resignation of any licensees prior to the conclusion of any disciplinary action proceeding against a licensee described under subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **Dental societies.** A state or local dental society or professional dental association shall report to the board any termination, revocation, or suspension of membership or any other disciplinary action taken against a licensee. If the society or association has received a complaint against a licensee described under subdivision 1, on which it has not taken any disciplinary action, the society or association shall report the complaint and the reason why it has not taken action on it or shall direct the complainant to the board. This subdivision does not apply to a society or association when it performs peer review functions as an agent of an outside entity, organization, or system.

Subd. 4. **Licensed professionals.** (a) A licensed health professional shall report to the board personal knowledge of any conduct by any person who the licensed health professional reasonably believes is a licensee described under subdivision 1.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a licensed health professional shall report to the board knowledge of any actions which institutions must report under subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Insurers and other entities making liability payments.** (a) Four times each year as prescribed by the board, each insurer authorized to sell insurance described in section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clause (13), and providing professional liability insurance to licensees, shall submit to the board a report concerning the licensees against whom malpractice settlements or awards have been made to the plaintiff. The report must contain at least the following information:

- (1) the total number of malpractice settlements or awards made;
- (2) the date the malpractice settlements or awards were made;
- (3) the allegations contained in the claim or complaint leading to the settlements or awards made;
- (4) the dollar amount of each malpractice settlement or award;
- (5) the regular address of the practice of the licensee against whom an award was made or with whom a settlement was made; and
- (6) the name of the licensee against whom an award was made or with whom a settlement was made.

(b) A dental clinic, hospital, political subdivision, or other entity which makes professional liability insurance payments on behalf of licensees shall submit to the board a report concerning malpractice settlements or awards paid on behalf of licensees, and any settlements or awards paid by a clinic, hospital, political subdivision, or other entity on its own behalf because of care

rendered by licensees. This requirement excludes forgiveness of bills. The report shall be made to the board within 30 days of payment of all or part of any settlement or award.

Subd. 6. **Courts.** The court administrator of district court or any other court of competent jurisdiction shall report to the board any judgment or other determination of the court that adjudges or includes a finding that a licensee is mentally ill, mentally incompetent, guilty of a felony, guilty of a violation of federal or state narcotics laws or controlled substances act, or guilty of an abuse or fraud under Medicare or Medicaid; or that appoints a guardian of the licensee pursuant to sections 524.5-101 to 524.5-502, or commits a licensee pursuant to chapter 253B.

Subd. 7. **Self-reporting.** A licensee shall report to the board any personal action that would require that a report be filed by any person, health care facility, business, or organization pursuant to subdivisions 2 to 6.

Subd. 8. **Deadlines; forms.** Reports required by subdivisions 2 to 7 must be submitted not later than 30 days after the occurrence of the reportable event or transaction. The board may provide forms for the submission of reports required by this section, may require that reports be submitted on the forms provided, and may adopt rules necessary to assure prompt and accurate reporting.

Subd. 9. **Subpoenas.** The board may issue subpoenas for the production of any reports required by subdivisions 2 to 7 or any related documents.

**History:** 2002 c 341 s 2; 2004 c 146 art 3 s 47; 2009 c 159 s 79

#### **150A.14 IMMUNITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Reporting immunity.** A person, health care facility, business, or organization is immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution for submitting a report in good faith to the board under section 150A.13, or for cooperating with an investigation of a report or with staff of the board. Reports are confidential data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 3, and are privileged communications.

Subd. 2. **Program immunity.** Members of the board, persons employed by the board, and board consultants are immune from civil liability and criminal prosecution for any actions, transactions, or publications in the execution of, or relating to, their duties under section 150A.13.

**History:** 2002 c 341 s 3

#### **150A.21 REMOVABLE DENTAL PROSTHESES; OWNER IDENTIFICATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Patient's name and Social Security number.** Every complete upper and lower denture and removable dental prosthesis fabricated by a dentist licensed under section 150A.06, or fabricated pursuant to the dentist's or dental therapist's work order, shall be marked with the name and Social Security number of the patient for whom the prosthesis is intended. The markings shall be done during fabrication and shall be permanent, legible and cosmetically acceptable. The exact location of the markings and the methods used to apply or implant them shall be determined by the dentist or dental laboratory fabricating the prosthesis. If in the professional judgment of the dentist or dental laboratory, this identification is not practicable, identification shall be provided as follows:

(a) The Social Security number of the patient may be omitted if the name of the patient is shown;

(b) The initials of the patient may be shown alone, if use of the name of the patient is impracticable;

(c) The identification marks may be omitted in their entirety if none of the forms of identification specified in clauses (a) and (b) are practicable or clinically safe.

Subd. 2. **Marking older devices.** Any removable dental prosthesis in existence prior to August 1, 1978, which was not marked in accordance with subdivision 1 at the time of its fabrication, shall be so marked at the time of any subsequent rebasing.

Subd. 3. **Technical assistance.** The commissioner of health shall provide technical assistance for marking methods and materials and other matters necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

Subd. 4. **Failure to comply.** Failure of any dentist or dental therapist to comply with this section shall be deemed to be a violation for which the dentist or dental therapist may be subject to proceedings pursuant to section 150A.08, provided the dentist is charged with the violation within two years of initial insertion of the dental prosthetic device.

**History:** 1978 c 716 s 1; 1986 c 444; 2009 c 95 art 3 s 28,29

#### **150A.22 DONATED DENTAL SERVICES.**

(a) The commissioner of health shall contract with the Minnesota Dental Association, or another appropriate and qualified organization to develop and operate a donated dental services program to provide dental care to public program recipients and the uninsured through dentists who volunteer their services without compensation. As part of the contract, the commissioner shall include specific performance and outcome measures that the contracting organization must meet. The donated dental services program shall:

(1) establish a network of volunteer dentists, including dental specialties, to donate dental services to eligible individuals;

(2) establish a system to refer eligible individuals to the appropriate volunteer dentists; and

(3) develop and implement a public awareness campaign to educate eligible individuals about the availability of the program.

(b) Funding for the program may be used for administrative or technical support. The organization contracting with the commissioner shall provide an annual report that accounts for funding appropriated to the program by the state, documents the number of individuals served by the program and the number of dentists participating as program providers, and provides data on meeting the specific performance and outcome measures identified by the commissioner.

**History:** 2002 c 399 s 2; 1Sp2005 c 4 art 6 s 41