



Substitute Senate Bill No. 807

Public Act No. 19-56

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES, DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND DENTAL THERAPY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 13. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 20-112a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(c) (1) A licensed dentist may delegate to dental assistants such dental procedures as the dentist may deem advisable, including: (A) The taking of dental x-rays if the dental assistant can demonstrate successful completion of the dental radiation health and safety examination administered by the Dental Assisting National Board; (B) the taking of impressions of teeth for study models; and (C) the provision of fluoride varnish treatments. Such procedures shall be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist and the dentist providing direct supervision shall assume responsibility for such procedures.

(2) A licensed dentist may delegate to an expanded function dental assistant such dental procedures as the dentist may deem advisable, including: (A) The placing, finishing and adjustment of temporary restorations and long-term individual fillings, capping materials and cement bases; (B) oral health education for patients; (C) dental sealants;

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[and] (D) coronal polishing, provided the procedure is not represented or billed as prophylaxis; (E) administration of topical anesthetic under the direct supervision of the dentist prior to the administration of local anesthetic by a dentist or dental hygienist; and (F) taking alginate impressions of teeth, under the direct supervision of the dentist, for use in study models, orthodontic appliances, whitening trays, mouth guards or fabrication of temporary crowns. Such procedures shall be performed under [the] either direct or indirect supervision, except as specifically provided in this subdivision, and the dentist providing such supervision shall assume responsibility for such procedures.

(3) [On or after July 1, 2018, (A) no] (A) No licensed dentist may delegate dental procedures to a dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant unless the dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant provides records demonstrating successful completion of the Dental Assisting National Board's infection control examination or an infection control competency assessment administered by a dental education program in the state that is accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, (B) a dental assistant may receive not more than [nine] fifteen months of on-the-job training by a licensed dentist for purposes of preparing the dental assistant for the [Dental Assisting National Board's] infection control examination or infection control competency assessment, and (C) any licensed dentist who delegates dental procedures to a dental assistant shall retain and make such records available for inspection upon request of the Department of Public Health.

(4) On and after January 1, 2018, upon successful completion of the Dental Assisting National Board's infection control examination or an infection control competency assessment administered by a dental education program in the state that is accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, each dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant shall complete not less than one hour of training or education in infection control in a dental setting every two years, including, but not limited to, courses, including online courses, offered or approved by a dental school or

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another institution of higher education that is accredited or recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, a regional accrediting organization, the American Dental Association or a state, district or local dental association or society affiliated with the American Dental Association or the American Dental Assistants Association.

(d) [Under] Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, under no circumstances may a dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant engage in: (1) Diagnosis for dental procedures or dental treatment; (2) the cutting or removal of any hard or soft tissue or suturing; (3) the prescribing of drugs or medications that require the written or oral order of a licensed dentist or physician; (4) the administration of local, parenteral, inhalation or general anesthetic agents in connection with any dental operative procedure; (5) the taking of any final impression of the teeth or jaws or the relationship of the teeth or jaws for the purpose of fabricating any appliance or prosthesis; or (6) the practice of dental hygiene as defined in section 20-126l.