

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 SB2365

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 25/18.1

Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Expands the types of services for which a public health hygienist must complete a summary report either at the completion of the program or, in the case of a ongoing program, at least annually.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Dental Practice Act is amended by changing Section 18.1 as follows:
- 6 (225 ILCS 25/18.1)
- 7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2021)
- 8 Sec. 18.1. Public health dental supervision
- 9 responsibilities.

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- (a) When working together in a public health supervision relationship, dentists and public health dental hygienists shall enter into a public health supervision agreement. The dentist providing public health supervision must:
 - (1) be available to provide an appropriate level of contact, communication, collaboration, and consultation with the public health dental hygienist and must meet in-person with the public health dental hygienist at least quarterly for review and consultation;
 - (2) have specific standing orders or policy guidelines for procedures that are to be carried out for each location or program, although the dentist need not be present when the procedures are being performed;
- 23 (3) provide for the patient's additional necessary

care in consultation with the public health dental hygienist;

- (4) file agreements and notifications as required; and
- (5) include procedures for creating and maintaining dental records, including protocols for transmission of all records between the public health dental hygienist and the dentist following each treatment, which shall include a notation regarding procedures authorized by the dentist and performed by the public health dental hygienist and the location where those records are to be kept.

Each dentist and hygienist who enters into a public health supervision agreement must document and maintain a copy of any change or termination of that agreement.

Dental records shall be owned and maintained by the supervising dentist for all patients treated under public health supervision, unless the supervising dentist is an employee of a public health clinic or federally qualified health center, in which case the public health clinic or federally qualified health center shall maintain the records.

If a dentist ceases to be employed or contracted by the facility, the dentist shall notify the facility administrator that the public health supervision agreement is no longer in effect. A new public health supervision agreement is required for the public health dental hygienist to continue treating patients under public health supervision.

A dentist entering into an agreement under this Section may

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- supervise and enter into agreements for public health supervision with 2 public health dental hygienists. This shall be in addition to the limit of 4 dental hygienists per dentist set forth in subsection (g) of Section 18 of this Act.
 - (b) A public health dental hygienist providing services under public health supervision may perform only those duties within the accepted scope of practice of dental hygiene, as follows:
 - (1) the operative procedures of dental hygiene, consisting of oral prophylactic procedures, including prophylactic cleanings, application of fluoride, and placement of sealants;
 - (2) the exposure and processing of x-ray films of the teeth and surrounding structures; and
 - (3) such other procedures and acts as shall be prescribed by rule of the Department.
 - Any patient treated under this subsection (b) must be examined by a dentist before additional services can be provided by a public health dental hygienist.
 - (c) A public health dental hygienist providing services under public health supervision must:
 - (1) provide to the patient, parent, or guardian a written plan for referral or an agreement for follow-up that records all conditions observed that should be called to the attention of a dentist for proper diagnosis;
 - (2) have each patient sign a permission slip or consent

form that informs them that the service to be received does not take the place of regular dental checkups at a dental office and is meant for people who otherwise would not have access to the service;

- (3) inform each patient who may require further dental services of that need;
- (4) maintain an appropriate level of contact and communication with the dentist providing public health supervision; and
- (5) complete an additional 4 hours of continuing education in areas specific to public health dentistry yearly.
- (d) Each public health dental hygienist who has rendered services under subsections (e), (d), and (e) of this Section must complete a summary report at the completion of a program or, in the case of an ongoing program, at least annually. The report must be completed in the manner specified by the Division of Oral Health in the Department of Public Health including information about each location where the public health dental hygienist has rendered these services. The public health dental hygienist must submit the form to the dentist providing supervision for his or her signature before sending it to the Division.
- (e) Public health dental hygienists providing services under public health supervision may be compensated for their work by salary, honoraria, and other mechanisms by the

- 1 employing or sponsoring entity. Nothing in this Act shall
- 2 preclude the entity that employs or sponsors a public health
- dental hygienist from seeking payment, reimbursement, or other
- 4 source of funding for the services provided.
- 5 (f) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2021.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 99-492, eff. 12-31-15.)