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1.6

JURISPRUDENCE EDUCATION

Dentists, dental therapists, and dental hygienists applying for licensure must attest to completion of at least one (1) hour of jurisprudence education prior to applying for initial licensure.

- This hour may be applied to continuing education requirements during their first license renewal period.

1.6

INFECTION CONTROL CE

“Two (2) hours of infection control-related education covering the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Guidelines listed in rule 1.16 must be completed each renewal cycle “

1.6

OSHA ANNUAL TRAINING

“Annual Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogen training sufficient to be knowledgeable in the subject matter must be completed by all licensees and unlicensed personnel as detailed in Rule 1.16 herein. Such training shall be applied towards annual continuing education requirements if offered by an approved education provider described in Rules 1.6(H)(5)(6) herein.”

1.6

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Requires dental hygienists to carry their own liability insurance. Insurance can no longer be carried by supervising dentist.

1.6

TEMPORARY LICENSURE

Outlines new parameters for temporary licensure during a disaster emergency.

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1.7

PRACTICE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURES

Clarified requirements for accepted practice ownership structures and the role of DSOs

1.14

NITROUS OXIDE

- A dentist may delegate under indirect supervision the monitoring and administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation to appropriately trained dental hygienists and dental therapists.
- Appropriate training to administer and/or monitor nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation may be achieved as part of CODA accredited education or through appropriate continuing education courses of **at least six (6) hours in length**
  - **This training requirement applies to all dental therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.**

1.14

LOCAL ANESTHESIA

Clarification provided that all dental hygienists and dental therapists who administer local anesthesia must have a local anesthesia permit, regardless of supervision level.

1.14

ANESTHESIA PERMITS (DDS)

Additional requirements and clarifications around the anesthesia permit process and eligibility for dentists.

1.17

ADVERSTISING - DENTAL SPECIALTY

Clarification on which dental specialties are recognized by the Colorado Dental Board and which dentists are able to advertise as specialists

1.33

ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNIZATIONS

NEW RULE! Read full rules and regulations for how dentists, dental therapists, and dental hygienists can administer vaccines.

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1.13

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY - REVISED

A written articulated plan **is no longer required** for dental hygienists who are prescribing, administering, or dispensing the following medications:

- Fluoride, fluoride varnish, silver fluorides, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, and other non-systemic antimicrobial agents, and related emergency drugs and reversal agents

1.13

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY - NEW

A written articulated plan **is required** for dental hygienists who are prescribing non-narcotic analgesics, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics.

1.13

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY - CE

Dental hygienists who are prescribing non-narcotic analgesics, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics must complete the postsecondary coursework or continuing education coursework developed at a postsecondary level that is **a minimum of two (2) hours – one (1) hour of antibiotic stewardship and one (1) hour of non-narcotic pain management.**

1.25

ITR REFERRAL

Before providing interim therapeutic restorations, a dental hygienist shall confirm in communication to the supervising dentist a referral for follow-up care to a licensed dentist within a reasonable distance.

1.25

ITR SUPERVISION

A dentist shall not supervise, in aggregate, more than five (5) full-time equivalent dental hygienists or dental therapists performing ITR procedures.

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1.26

PREVENTIVE AGENT EXPANSION

A dental hygienist or a dental therapist may prescribe and apply silver fluorides, including silver diamine fluoride, hydroxyapatite regenerative medicaments, bio-memetic peptide, non-invasive guided enamel remineralization, and reparative fluorides.

1.26

DELEGATION OF SILVER FLUORIDES & OTHER PREVENTIVE AGENTS

Medicaments listed in part A (above) **may be delegated to an unlicensed professional (dental assistant)** under the **direct supervision** of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental therapist.

1.35

ITINERANT SURGERY - NEW RULE

NEW RULE with guidelines for DENTISTS performing itinerant surgery. Read the full and updated version of the Colorado Dental Board Rules and Regulations for all new requirements.

1.36

TELEDENTISTRY - NEW RULE

NEW RULE regarding the implementation of telehealth practices in dentistry. Read the full and updated version of the Colorado Dental Board Rules and Regulations for new requirements, including establishing the provider-patient relationship and referral requirements.

1.34

NEUROMODULATORS (BOTOX) & DERMAL FILLERS - NEW RULE

Rule was not finalized. Final rulemaking was postponed. Anticipated date for rulemaking is October 29, 2026.