

TITLE III
LICENSING

CHAPTER 10
GENERAL

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650—10.1(153) Licensed or registered personnel. Persons engaged in the practice of dentistry in Iowa must be licensed by the board as a dentist, and persons performing services under Iowa Code section 153.15 must be licensed by the board as a dental hygienist. Persons engaged in the practice of dental assisting must be registered by the board pursuant to 650—Chapter 20.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.2 and 153.17.

650—10.2(153) Display of license, registration, and renewal. The license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene or the registration as a dental assistant and the current renewal must be prominently displayed by the licensee or registrant at the principal office of employment.

10.2(1) Additional license or registration certificates shall be obtained from the board whenever a licensee or registrant practices at more than one address. If more than two additional certificates are requested, explanation must be made in writing to the board and the appropriate fee must be paid.

10.2(2) Duplicate licenses or certificates of registration shall be issued by the board upon satisfactory proof of loss or destruction of the original license or certificate of registration.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.7, 147.10 and 147.80(17).

650—10.3(153) Supervision of dental hygienist.

10.3(1) The administration of local anesthesia shall only be provided under the direct supervision of a dentist. Direct supervision of the dental hygienist requires that the supervising dentist be present in the treatment facility, but it is not required that the dentist be physically present in the treatment room.

10.3(2) All other authorized services provided by a dental hygienist shall be performed under the general supervision of a dentist currently licensed in the state of Iowa. General supervision shall mean that a dentist has examined the patient and has prescribed authorized services to be provided by a dental hygienist. The dentist need not be present in the facility while these services are being provided. If a dentist will not be present, the following requirements shall be met:

1. Patients or their legal guardian must be informed prior to the appointment that no dentist will be present and therefore no examination will be conducted at that appointment.
2. The hygienist must consent to the arrangement.
3. Basic emergency procedures must be established and in place and the hygienist must be capable of implementing these procedures.
4. The treatment to be provided must be prior prescribed by a licensed dentist and must be entered in writing in the patient record.

Subsequent examination and monitoring of the patient, including definitive diagnosis and treatment planning, is the responsibility of the dentist and shall be carried out in a reasonable period of time in accordance with the professional judgment of the dentist based upon the individual needs of the patient.

General supervision shall not preclude the use of direct supervision when in the professional judgment of the dentist such supervision is necessary to meet the individual needs of the patient.

Nothing in these rules shall be interpreted so as to prevent a licensed dental hygienist from providing educational services, assessment, screening, or data collection for the preparation of preliminary written records for evaluation by a licensed dentist.

10.3(3) A dental hygienist shall not practice independent from the supervision of a dentist nor shall a dental hygienist establish or maintain an office or other workplace separate or independent from the office or other workplace in which the supervision of a dentist is provided.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.15.

650—10.4(153) Unauthorized practice. A dental hygienist who assists a dentist in practicing dentistry in any capacity other than as an employee or independent contractor supervised by a licensed dentist or who directly or indirectly procures a licensed dentist to act as nominal owner, proprietor, director, or supervisor of a practice as a guise or subterfuge to enable such dental hygienist to engage in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, or who renders dental service(s) directly or indirectly on or for members of the public other than as an employee or independent contractor supervised by a licensed dentist shall be deemed to be practicing illegally. The unauthorized practice of dental hygiene means allowing a person not licensed in dentistry or dental hygiene to perform dental hygiene services authorized in Iowa Code section 153.15 and rule 650—1.1(153). The unauthorized practice of dental hygiene also means the performance of services by a dental hygienist which exceeds the scope of practice granted in Iowa Code section 153.15.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.10, 147.57 and 153.15.

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