

DENTAL BOARD[650]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Iowa Dental Board hereby amends Chapter 10, "General Requirements," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment modifies licensee responsibilities under public health supervision by eliminating the provision that a public health supervision agreement must specify a period of time, no more than 12 months, in which an examination by a dentist must occur prior to provision of further hygiene services by the hygienist. The amendment is adopted in response to a petition for rule making filed by the Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association seeking to remove barriers to access to dental care. The amendment allows the dentist and hygienist to determine the appropriate interval for a dental examination based on the needs of the patients in a public health setting.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on February 11, 2009, as **ARC 7555B**. A public hearing on the amendment was held on March 3, 2009. Numerous written and oral comments were received. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

This amendment was approved at the April 15, 2009, regular meeting of the Iowa Dental Board.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.15.

This amendment will become effective on June 24, 2009.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subparagraph **10.5(3)"a"(3)** as follows:

(3) Specify a period of time, ~~no more than 12 months~~, in which an examination by a dentist must occur prior to providing further hygiene services. However, this examination requirement does not apply to educational services, assessments, screenings, and fluoride if specified in the supervision agreement; and

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