

481—576.2(153) Scope of practice and supervision requirements.

576.2(1) In accordance with Iowa Code chapter 153, all authorized services provided by a dental hygienist, except educational services, shall be performed under the general, direct, or public health supervision of an Iowa-licensed dentist. Pursuant to 481—Chapter 577, clinical training in expanded functions requires those services to be performed under observational supervision.

576.2(2) Under the general supervision of a dentist, a dental hygienist may provide educational, therapeutic, preventive and assessment services, including screening, or data collection for the preparation of written records for evaluation by a licensed dentist. A dentist may only delegate patient services to be performed under general supervision for patients of record.

576.2(3) Under the public health supervision of a dentist, a dental hygienist may provide educational, therapeutic, preventive and assessment services, including screening, or data collection pursuant to rule 481—574.11(153).

576.2(4) Dental hygienists may only administer local anesthesia if they hold a current permit in accordance with rule 481—572.10(147,153), or nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia in accordance with rule 481—579.1(153), and perform expanded functions in accordance with 481—Chapter 577 under the direct supervision of a dentist.

576.2(5) Dental hygienists may perform all other authorized services on a new patient under the direct or public health supervision of a dentist pursuant to rule 481—574.11(153). An examination by the dentist must take place during an initial visit by a new patient, except when hygiene services are provided under public health supervision.

576.2(6) Dentists may authorize services to be performed under direct supervision in lieu of general supervision when the dentist determines such supervision is necessary to meet the individual needs of the patient.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.15.

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