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The Iowa Dental Board is a state agency charged with the overall responsibility for regulating the professions of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting in the state of Iowa. The board's mission is to ensure that all Iowans receive professional, competent, and safe dental health care of the highest quality.

The nine-member board must include five practicing dentists, two practicing dental hygienists, and two members of the public. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a specified term of three years. Members may serve up to nine years based on continued approval of the Governor and the Senate.

The board safeguards the public health, safety, and welfare by:

- Licensing qualified dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants for practice in Iowa. The board also determines the qualifications for issuance of resident licenses, faculty permits, temporary and special licenses, and sedation permits.
- Examining applicants for licensure. The dental and dental hygiene members participate and serve as examiners in conducting clinical examinations.
- Setting standards and defining the scope of dental, dental hygiene, and dental assistant practice.
- Enforcing Iowa laws. The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensure discipline which involves the investigation of complaints, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and imposition of licensee discipline.
- Operating a monitoring program for dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants with an impairment to ensure they are safe to practice.

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The State Board of Health is the policymaking body for the Department of Public Health. It has the powers and duties to adopt administrative rules and regulations. It advises and makes recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and the Director of Public Health relative to public health, hygiene, and sanitation.