



THE RULES DIGEST

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DENTAL BOARD

9:50

General supervision of dental assistants, 04/01/15 IAB, ARC 1951C, NOTICE.

Dental assistants—expanded function procedures, general and public health supervision, 04/01/15 IAB, ARC 1940C, NOTICE.

These proposed amendments make a variety of changes to the board's rules relating to dental assistants.

Current rules regarding the general supervision of a dental assistant have been interpreted to require that a dentist first examine the patient prior to delegating services to be provided by a dental assistant. The amendments specify this requirement.

The amendments increase the number of services a dentist may delegate to a dental assistant under general supervision by adding the use of a curing light and intraoral camera.

The amendments would increase the number of expanded function procedures that a licensed dentist may delegate to a dental assistant under general supervision from 9 procedures to 16, define the supervision requirements for the performing of all expanded functions, and set education and training requirements for all expanded functions.

Current rules authorize dental assistants to work under the personal, direct, or general supervision of a licensed dentist. The amendments would authorize an Iowa-licensed dentist to provide public health supervision to a registered dental assistant if the

services are provided in a public or private school, public health agencies, hospitals, or the armed forces.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

10:20

Withdrawal of water from Cambrian-Ordovician (Jordan) aquifer, 03/18/15 IAB, ARC 1914C, NOTICE.

The proposed amendments will revise the rules governing the use of the Cambrian-Ordovician Aquifer, commonly called the Jordan Aquifer, in Iowa. The Jordan Aquifer extends underneath much of Iowa and is a significant well water source in the state. The commission has determined that protection from overuse of the resource, also known as dewatering the aquifer, is needed in some parts of the state. The proposed amendments are a result of the recommendations made to the commission by the Executive Order 80 Stakeholder Group that was tasked with evaluating the current rules to better manage the usage of the Jordan Aquifer.

The stakeholder group developed a tiered classification system for existing and future Jordan wells that are required to be permitted under the state's water allocation rules, so that the resource will have a sustainable use into the future. A water allocation permit must be obtained by anyone withdrawing at least 25,000 gallons in a single day during the year. A permit holder withdrawing more water than the aquifer can sustain at that well location will be required to develop a water use reduction plan and implement measures so that the aquifer can recover to a sustainable level. Other proposed amendments require activities that result in closer oversight of the aquifer.

INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT

10:45

Bingo, 04/01/15 IAB, ARC 1929C, ADOPTED.

This rulemaking provides various updates to the department's bingo regulations, including rules relating to licensure, game play, cost to play, prize awards, reporting requirements, electronic bingo for disabled individuals, and inventory requirements.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

11:30

Child vision screening, 04/01/15 IAB, ARC 1924C, ADOPTED.

2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 419, enacted Iowa Code § 135.39D, which establishes vision screening requirements for children enrolled in a public or accredited nonpublic elementary school and directs the department to adopt rules necessary to administer the requirements. Pursuant to such requirements, these

rules implement a comprehensive vision evaluation effort to reduce vision impairment. A centralized data collection system will enable school personnel to access vision screening information about students. The centralized data collection system will also be used to monitor the completion and accomplishment of statutory requirements as well as to provide data for continued communication with policymakers on future needs for vision screening in Iowa. This coordinated child vision screening program, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, will educate parents and schools about the importance of screening, provide opportunities to screen, refer children identified as having vision impairments, and collect and analyze data to promote improvements in policy.

The rules provide for vision screening in kindergarten and grade 3, standards for vision screenings, referrals to vision screening professionals and programs, reports to the department, and a child vision screening database module.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION

1:25

Physician assistants—on-site visits by supervising physician, 03/18/15 IAB, ARC 1909C, ADOPTED.

This rulemaking removes the requirement that a physician assistant who is practicing in a remote medical site must have a supervising physician physically visit and practice at the remote medical site at least every two weeks.