

(X) A RECALL PATIENT WHO HAS BEEN EXAMINED BY A DENTAL HYGIENIST PRACTICING UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR AN ORAL EXAMINATION EVERY 6 MONTHS, OR AS OTHERWISE RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERVISING DENTIST.

(4) BEFORE A FACILITY OPERATES UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION, THE FACILITY SHALL REPORT TO THE BOARD:

(I) THAT THE FACILITY IS OPERATING UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION; AND

(II) THE IDENTITY OF EACH SUPERVISING DENTIST AND EACH DENTAL HYGIENIST.

(5) A FACILITY OPERATING UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION SHALL REPORT TO THE BOARD ANY CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF THE FACILITY'S GENERAL SUPERVISION, ANY SUPERVISING DENTIST, OR ANY DENTAL HYGIENIST WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE.

(6) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO:

(I) AUTHORIZE A DENTAL HYGIENIST TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE INDEPENDENT OF A SUPERVISING DENTIST; OR

(II) PROHIBIT A DENTIST FROM BEING AVAILABLE FOR PERSONAL CONSULTATION OR ON THE PREMISES WHERE A DENTAL HYGIENIST IS PRACTICING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Dental Examiners shall report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2003, and by December 31 each year thereafter, the identity of the facilities operating under general supervision under § 4-308 of the Health Occupations Article as enacted by this Act, and the identity of the supervising dentist of those facilities operating under general supervision.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. ~~It shall remain effective through September 30, 2007, and, at the end of September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

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