

TITLE III  
*LICENSING*

CHAPTER 10  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS  
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**650—10.1(153) Licensed or registered personnel.** Persons engaged in the practice of dentistry in Iowa must be licensed by the board as a dentist, and persons performing services under Iowa Code section 153.15 must be licensed by the board as a dental hygienist. Persons engaged in the practice of dental assisting must be registered by the board pursuant to 650—Chapter 20.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.2 and 153.17.

**650—10.2(147,153) Display of license, registration, and renewal.** The license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene or the registration as a dental assistant and the current renewal must be prominently displayed by the licensee or registrant at each permanent practice location.

**10.2(1)** Additional certificates shall be obtained from the board whenever a licensee or registrant practices at more than one address.

**10.2(2)** Duplicate licenses or certificates of registration shall be issued by the board upon satisfactory proof of loss or destruction of the original license or certificate of registration.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.7, 147.10 and 147.80(17).

**650—10.3(153) Authorized practice of a dental hygienist.**

**10.3(1)** “Practice of dental hygiene” as defined in Iowa Code section 153.15 means the performance of the following educational, therapeutic, preventive and diagnostic dental hygiene procedures which are delegated by and under the supervision of a dentist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 153.

*a.* Educational. Assessing the need for, planning, implementing, and evaluating oral health education programs for individual patients and community groups; conducting workshops and in-service training sessions on dental health for nurses, school personnel, institutional staff, community groups and other agencies providing consultation and technical assistance for promotional, preventive and educational services.

*b.* Therapeutic. Identifying and evaluating factors which indicate the need for and performing (1) oral prophylaxis, which includes supragingival and subgingival debridement of plaque, and detection and removal of calculus with instruments or any other devices; (2) periodontal scaling and root planing; (3) removing and polishing hardened excess restorative material; (4) administering local anesthesia with the proper permit; (5) administering nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia in accordance with 650—subrules 29.6(4) and 29.6(5); (6) applying or administering medicaments prescribed by a dentist, including chemotherapeutic agents and medicaments or therapies for the treatment of periodontal disease and caries.

*c.* Preventive. Applying pit and fissure sealants and other medications or methods for caries and periodontal disease control; organizing and administering fluoride rinse or sealant programs.

*d.* Diagnostic. Reviewing medical and dental health histories; performing oral inspection; indexing dental and periodontal disease; making occlusal registrations for mounting study casts; testing pulp vitality; analyzing dietary surveys.

*e.* The following services may only be delegated by a dentist to a dental hygienist: administration of local anesthesia, placement of sealants, and the removal of any plaque, stain, calculus, or hard natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish.

**10.3(2)** The administration of local anesthesia or nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia shall only be provided under the direct supervision of a dentist. Direct supervision of the dental hygienist requires that the supervising dentist be present in the treatment facility, but it is not required that the dentist be physically present in the treatment room.

**10.3(3)** All other authorized services provided by a dental hygienist shall be performed under the general supervision of a dentist currently licensed in the state of Iowa in accordance with 650—1.1(153).

**10.3(4)** Subsequent examination and monitoring of the patient, including definitive diagnosis and treatment planning, is the responsibility of the dentist and shall be carried out in a reasonable period of time in accordance with the professional judgment of the dentist based upon the individual needs of the patient.

**10.3(5)** General supervision shall not preclude the use of direct supervision when in the professional judgment of the dentist such supervision is necessary to meet the individual needs of the patient.

**10.3(6)** Nothing in these rules shall be interpreted so as to prevent a licensed dental hygienist from providing educational services, assessment, screening, or data collection for the preparation of preliminary written records for evaluation by a licensed dentist.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.15.

**650—10.4(153) Unauthorized practice of a dental hygienist.** A dental hygienist who assists a dentist in practicing dentistry in any capacity other than as an employee or independent contractor supervised by a licensed dentist or who directly or indirectly procures a licensed dentist to act as nominal owner, proprietor, director, or supervisor of a practice as a guise or subterfuge to enable such dental hygienist to engage in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene or who renders dental service(s) directly or indirectly on or for members of the public other than as an employee or independent contractor supervised by a licensed dentist shall be deemed to be practicing illegally.

**10.4(1)** The unauthorized practice of dental hygiene means allowing a person not licensed in dentistry or dental hygiene to perform dental hygiene services authorized in Iowa Code section 153.15 and rule 650—10.3(153).

**10.4(2)** The unauthorized practice of dental hygiene also means the performance of services by a dental hygienist that exceeds the scope of practice granted in Iowa Code section 153.15.

**10.4(3)** A dental hygienist shall not practice independent from the supervision of a dentist nor shall a dental hygienist establish or maintain an office or other workplace separate or independent from the office or other workplace in which the supervision of a dentist is provided.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.10, 147.57 and 153.15.

**650—10.5(147,153,272C) Other requirements.**

**10.5(1) *Change of address or name.*** Each person licensed or registered by the board must notify the board, in writing, of a change of legal name or address within 60 days of such change. Proof of a legal name change, such as a notarized copy of a marriage certificate, must accompany the request for a name change.

**10.5(2) *Child and dependent adult abuse training.*** Licensees or registrants who regularly examine, attend, counsel or treat children or adults in Iowa must obtain mandatory training in child and dependent adult abuse identification and reporting within six months of initial employment and subsequently every five years in accordance with 650—subrule 25.2(9).

**10.5(3) Reporting requirements.** Each licensee and registrant shall be responsible for reporting to the board, within 30 days, any of the following:

- a. Every adverse judgment in a professional malpractice action to which the licensee or registrant was a party.
- b. Every settlement of a claim against the licensee or registrant alleging malpractice.
- c. Any license or registration revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action taken by a licensing authority of another state, territory or country within 30 days of the final action by the licensing authority.

**10.5(4) Reporting acts or omissions.** In accordance with 650—31.13(272C), each licensee or registrant shall be responsible for reporting to the board, within seven days, any acts or omissions that could result in the suspension or revocation of a license or registration when committed by another person licensed or registered to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting.

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