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2021 Wisconsin Act 254 [2021 Senate Bill 392]

Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries

2021 Wisconsin Act 254 creates regulatory oversight and credentialing requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries. The Dentistry Examining Board is responsible for oversight, and must promulgate rules for the certification and practice of expanded function dental auxiliaries.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be permitted to enroll in an instructional program for expanded function dental auxiliaries, a person must submit an application to the board showing that the person meets either of the following requirements:

- Has completed at least 1,000 hours practicing as a dental assistant, and has a certified dental assistant credential from the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
- Has completed at least 2,000 hours practicing as a dental assistant, as verified by a supervising dentist.

To apply for certification as an expanded function dental auxiliary, a person must have completed an accredited instructional program that has training in practice and has at least 70 hours of classroom instruction. The person must also show current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

When granted, a certification to practice as an expanded function dental auxiliary is permanent unless revoked, and is not subject to renewal requirements.

PRACTICE

An expanded function dental auxiliary may perform any of the following procedures as delegated and supervised by a dentist:

- Placement and finishing of restoration material after a dentist prepares a tooth for restoration.
- Application of sealants.
- Coronal polishing.
- Impressions.
- Temporizations.
- Packing cord.
- Removal of cement from crowns.
- Adjustment of dentures and other removable oral appliances.
- Removal of sutures and dressings.

- Application of topical fluoride, fluoride varnish, or a similar dental topical agent.

To supervise a procedure, a dentist must remain on the premises where the procedure is performed until the procedure is complete and the dentist has verified that the procedure has been performed successfully.

An expanded function dental auxiliary is prohibited from doing any of the following: cutting hard or soft tissue; diagnosing; and treatment planning.

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