

Chapter DE 10

MOBILE DENTISTRY

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DE 10.01 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) “Mobile dentistry program” means a program providing dental hygiene as defined by s. 447.01 (3), Stats., dental therapy as defined by s. 447.01 (6r), Stats., or dentistry as defined by s. 447.01 (8), Stats., excluding a health practitioner practicing within the scope of a license not governed by ch. 447, Stats., in one of the following:

(a) Using portable equipment or supplies that are transported to any location that is not an intact dental or hospital facility.

(b) In a self-contained, intact facility that can be moved.

(2) “Mobile dentistry program registrant” means a person registered under s. 447.058, Stats.

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DE 10.02 Mobile dentistry program registration.

(1) **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** (a) No person may own or operate a mobile dentistry program in this state unless the person is registered under this section. A person that wishes to own or operate more than one mobile dentistry program in this state shall apply for a separate registration under this section for each mobile dentistry program the person owns or operates.

(b) A program providing dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene care is not required to register if one of the following requirements is satisfied:

1. The dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene care is provided within a 50 mile radius of their main or satellite facility and all of the following:

a. The care is billed by the main or satellite dental facility.
b. The dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist provides any necessary follow-up care to the patient.

2. The dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene care is being provided to a new or established patient of record of the main or satellite dental facility and no more than 2 patients per day are being treated using portable equipment or a self-contained, intact facility that can be moved.

3. Department of health services screening assessments conducted as part of the Wisconsin Oral Health surveillance program.

(2) **REGISTRATION.** An applicant for registration to own or operate a mobile dentistry program shall submit all of the following:

(a) An application for registration on a form provided by the department. The application shall include the person’s name and tax identification number, the person’s business address and telephone and any other information the department or the examining board requires.

(b) The fee specified in s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

(c) A list of all employees, contractors, or volunteers who are

providing dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene care in Wisconsin. The list shall include the Wisconsin license number for each person providing dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene care.

(3) **RENEWAL.** A mobile dentistry program registrant renewing a registration shall submit all of the following:

(a) A renewal form provided by the department.

(b) The renewal fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats.

(c) A list of all employees, contractors or volunteers who are providing dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene care in Wisconsin. The list shall include the Wisconsin license number for each person providing dental care.

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DE 10.03 Access to patient records. The mobile dentistry program registrant shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide each patient with the name and contact information of the mobile dentistry program and mobile dentistry program’s registration number providing services.

(2) At the time of providing services, give each patient a written description of the dental services provided for that patient, any provider’s name and license number, and the findings and recommendations.

(3) Maintain patient dental records in accordance with ch. DE 8.

(4) Provide access to dental records in accordance with s. 146.83, Stats.

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DE 10.04 Protocol for follow-up care. (1) There shall be a written protocol for follow-up care, for patients treated in the mobile dental program, in a dental facility that is permanently established within 60 mile radius of where services were provided.

(2) There shall be an agreement with at least one provider for emergency treatment.

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DE 10.045 Notification to department. The mobile dentistry program shall notify the department within 30 days of new employees, contractors or volunteers providing dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services in Wisconsin.

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DE 10.05 Standards of conduct. Unprofessional conduct by a mobile dentistry program registrant includes any of the following:

(1) Violating any provision under s. DE 10.03, 10.04, or 10.045.

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(2) Engaging in unprofessional conduct under s. DE 5.02.

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