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CHAPTER 818

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## **OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

### **Dental Practice Act, Administrative Rules and Related Statutes**

The first Act regulating the practice of dentistry was adopted by the Oregon Legislature on February 23, 1887. The Oregon Dental Practice Act is comprised of Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 679 (green pages), 680.010 to 680.213 and 680.990 (yellow pages). These statutes, enacted by the Oregon Legislature authorize the Board to regulate the practice of dentistry, dental therapy and dental hygiene. Administrative Rules of the Board are found in OAR 818-001-0000 through 818-042-0130 (white pages). Also included in this publication are other statutes that relate to regulating a health profession or other statutes that licensees of the Board should be aware of (blue pages). Because the statutes and rules are subject to revision, they are published in a format suitable for insertion in a three- ring binder.

This publication reflects the statutes and rules in effect as of the dates published on the cover. It is every licensee's responsibility to be aware of the current laws and rules of their profession. Copies of the Dental Practice Act, Administrative Rules and related statutes are available from the Board at no cost, or may be accessed through the Board's Web site.

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*The Mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry is to promote quality oral health care and protect all communities in the State of Oregon by equitably and ethically regulating dental professionals.*

## OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

### DENTISTS & DENTAL THERAPISTS

**679.010 Definitions.** As used in this chapter and ORS 680.010 to 680.205, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) “Dental assistant” means a person who, under the supervision of a dentist or dental therapist, renders assistance to a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, dental technician or another dental assistant or who, under the supervision of a dental hygienist, renders assistance to a dental hygienist providing dental hygiene.

(2) “Dental hygiene” is that portion of dentistry that includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The rendering of educational, preventive and therapeutic dental services and diagnosis and treatment planning for such services;

(b) Prediagnostic risk assessment, scaling, root planing, curettage, the application of sealants and fluoride and any related intraoral or extraoral procedure required in the performance of such services; and

(c) Prescribing, dispensing and administering prescription drugs for the services described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(3) “Dental hygienist” means a person who, under the supervision of a dentist, practices dental hygiene.

(4) “Dental technician” means a person who, at the authorization of a dentist, makes, provides, repairs or alters oral prosthetic appliances and other artificial materials and devices that are returned to a dentist and inserted into the human oral cavity or that come in contact with its adjacent structures and tissues.

(5) “Dental therapist” means a person licensed to practice dental therapy under ORS 679.603.

(6) “Dental therapy” means the provision of preventive dental care, restorative dental treatment and other educational, clinical and therapeutic patient services as part of a dental care team, including the services described under ORS 679.621.

(7) “Dentist” means a person who may perform any intraoral or extraoral procedure required in the practice of dentistry.

(8) “Dentist of record” means a dentist that either authorizes treatment for, supervises treatment of or provides treatment for a patient

in a dental office or clinic owned or operated by an institution as described in ORS 679.020 (3).

(9)(a) “Dentistry” means the healing art concerned with:

(A) The examination, diagnosis, treatment planning, treatment, care and prevention of conditions within the human oral cavity and maxillofacial region, and of conditions of adjacent or related tissues and structures; and

(B) The prescribing, dispensing and administering of prescription drugs for purposes related to the activities described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(b) “Dentistry” includes, but is not limited to:

(A) The cutting, altering, repairing, removing, replacing or repositioning of hard or soft tissues and other acts or procedures as determined by the Oregon Board of Dentistry and included in the curricula of:

(i) Dental schools accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;

(ii) Post-graduate training programs; or

(iii) Continuing education courses.

(B) The prescription and administration of vaccines.

(10) “Direct supervision” means supervision requiring that a dentist diagnose the condition to be treated, that a dentist authorize the procedure to be performed, and that a dentist remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.

(11) “Expanded practice dental hygienist” means a dental hygienist who performs dental hygiene services in accordance with ORS 680.205 as authorized by an expanded practice dental hygienist permit issued by the board under ORS 680.200.

(12) “General supervision” means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures by standing orders, practice agreements or collaboration agreements, but not requiring that a dentist be present when the authorized procedures are performed. The authorized procedures may also be performed at a place other than the usual place of practice of the dentist.

(13) “Indirect supervision” means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures and that a dentist be on the premises while the procedures are performed. [Amended by 1983 c.169 §1; 1997 c.251 §4; 1999 c.188 §1; 2003 c.83

§1; 2005 c.52 §2; 2007 c.379 §1; 2011 c.716 §3; 2013 c.310 §1; 2015 c.15 §1; 2015 c.349 §1; 2019 c.58 §4; 2021 c.530 §13]

**679.020 Practice of dentistry or operating dental office without license prohibited;**

**exceptions.** (1) A person may not practice dentistry without a license.

(2) Only a person licensed as a dentist by the Oregon Board of Dentistry may own, operate, conduct or maintain a dental practice, office or clinic in this state.

(3) The restrictions of subsection (2) of this section, as they relate to owning and operating a dental office or clinic, do not apply to a dental office or clinic owned or operated by any of the following:

(a) A labor organization as defined in ORS 243.650 and 663.005 (6), or to any nonprofit organization formed by or on behalf of such labor organization for the purpose of providing dental services. Such labor organization must have had an active existence for at least three years, have a constitution and bylaws, and be maintained in good faith for purposes other than providing dental services.

(b) The School of Dentistry of the Oregon Health and Science University.

(c) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

(d) Local governments.

(e) Institutions or programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association to provide education and training.

(f) Nonprofit corporations organized under Oregon law to provide dental services to rural areas and medically underserved populations of migrant, rural community or homeless individuals under 42 U.S.C. 254b or 254c or health centers qualified under 42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B) operating in compliance with other applicable state and federal law.

(g) Nonprofit charitable corporations as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and determined by the Oregon Board of Dentistry as providing dental services by volunteer licensed dentists to populations with limited access to dental care at no charge or a substantially reduced charge.

(h) Nonprofit charitable corporations as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and determined by the Oregon Board of Dentistry as having an existing program that provides medical and dental care to

medically underserved children with special needs at an existing single fixed location or multiple mobile locations.

(4) For the purpose of owning or operating a dental office or clinic, an entity described in subsection (3) of this section must:

(a) Except as provided in ORS 679.022, name an actively licensed dentist as its dental director, who shall be subject to the provisions of ORS 679.140 in the capacity as dental director. The dental director, or an actively licensed dentist designated by the director, shall have responsibility for the clinical practice of dentistry, which includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Diagnosis of conditions within the human oral cavity and its adjacent tissues and structures.

(B) Prescribing drugs that are administered to patients in the practice of dentistry.

(C) The treatment plan of any dental patient.

(D) Overall quality of patient care that is rendered or performed in the practice of dentistry.

(E) Supervision of dental hygienists, dental assistants or other personnel involved in direct patient care and the authorization for procedures performed by them in accordance with the standards of supervision established by statute or by the rules of the board.

(F) Other specific services within the scope of clinical dental practice.

(G) Retention of patient dental records as required by statute or by rule of the board.

(H) Ensuring that each patient receiving services from the dental office or clinic has a dentist of record.

(I) The prescription and administration of vaccines.

(b) Maintain current records of the names of licensed dentists who supervise the clinical activities of dental hygienists, dental assistants or other personnel involved in direct patient care utilized by the entity. The records must be available to the board upon written request.

(5) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to an expanded practice dental hygienist who renders services authorized by a permit issued by the board pursuant to ORS 680.200.

(6) Nothing in this chapter precludes a person or entity not licensed by the board from:

(a) Ownership or leasehold of any tangible or intangible assets used in a dental office or clinic. These assets include real property, furnishings,

equipment and inventory but do not include dental records of patients related to clinical care.

(b) Employing or contracting for the services of personnel other than licensed dentists.

(c) Management of the business aspects of a dental office or clinic that do not include the clinical practice of dentistry.

(7) If all of the ownership interests of a dentist or dentists in a dental office or clinic are held by an administrator, executor, personal representative, guardian, conservator or receiver of the estate of a former shareholder, member or partner, the administrator, executor, personal representative, guardian, conservator or receiver may retain the ownership interest for a period of 12 months following the creation of the ownership interest. The board shall extend the ownership period for an additional 12 months upon 30 days' notice and may grant additional extensions upon reasonable request. [Amended by 1977 c.192 §1; 1985 c.323 §3; 1995 c.286 §29; 1997 c.251 §6; 2003 c.322 §1; 2009 c.223 §1; 2011 c.637 §284; 2011 c.716 §4; 2013 c.310 §2; 2015 c.391 §1; 2019 c.58 §5; 2021 c.366 §§11,12]

**679.022 Exemption from naming licensed dentist as director for accredited institutions and programs.** (1) ORS 679.020 (4)(a) does not apply to institutions or programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association to provide education and training.

(2) Institutions or programs described in subsection (1) of this section must:

(a) Maintain a list of the dentists of record that provide dental care in a dental clinic or office owned or operated by the institution or program; and

(b) Provide the list maintained under this subsection to the Oregon Board of Dentistry when requested by the board. [2013 c.310 §3]

**679.025 License required to practice dentistry; exemptions.** (1) A person may not practice dentistry or purport to be a dentist without a valid license to practice dentistry issued by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) Dentists licensed in another state or country making a clinical presentation sponsored by a bona fide dental society or association or an accredited dental educational institution

approved by the board.

(b) Bona fide full-time students of dentistry who, during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in an Oregon accredited dental education program, engage in clinical studies on the premises of such institution or in a clinical setting located off the premises of the institution if the facility, the instructional staff and the course of study to be pursued at the off-premises location meet minimum requirements prescribed by the rules of the board and the clinical study is performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty.

(c) Bona fide full-time students of dentistry who, during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in a dental education program located outside of Oregon that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, engage in community-based or clinical studies as an elective or required rotation in a clinical setting located in Oregon if the community-based or clinical studies meet minimum requirements prescribed by the rules of the board and are performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty of the Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry.

(d) Candidates who are preparing for a licensure examination to practice dentistry and whose application has been accepted by the board or its agent, if the clinical preparation is conducted in a clinic located on premises approved for that purpose by the board and if the procedures are limited to examination only. This exception shall exist for a period not to exceed two weeks immediately prior to a regularly scheduled licensure examination.

(e) Dentists practicing in the discharge of official duties as employees of the United States Government and any of its agencies.

(f) Instructors of dentistry, whether full- or part-time, while exclusively engaged in teaching activities and while employed in accredited dental educational institutions.

(g) Dentists who are employed by public health agencies and who are not engaged in the direct delivery of clinical dental services to patients.

(h) Persons licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon in the regular discharge of their duties.

(i) Persons qualified to perform services

relating to general anesthesia or sedation under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.

(j)(A) Dentists licensed in another country and in good standing, while practicing dentistry without compensation for no more than five consecutive days in any 12-month period, provided the dentist submits an application to the board at least 10 days before practicing dentistry under this subparagraph and the application is approved by the board.

(B) Dentists licensed in another state or United States territory and practicing in this state under ORS 676.347.

(k) Persons practicing dentistry upon themselves as the patient.

(L) Dental hygienists, dental assistants or dental technicians performing services under the supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with the rules adopted by the board.

(m) A person licensed as a denturist under ORS 680.500 to 680.565 engaged in the practice of denture technology.

(n) An expanded practice dental hygienist who renders services authorized by a permit issued by the board pursuant to ORS 680.200. [1953 c.574 §2; 1955 c.560 §1; 1957 c.552 §4; 1963 c.284 §1; 1971 c.48 §1; 1973 c.390 §1; 1975 c.693 §19; 1979 c.1 §16; 1983 c.169 §2; 1993 c.142 §1; 1997 c.251 §5; 2005 c.504 §1; 2011 c.716 §5; 2012 c.80 §1; 2013 c.114 §1; 2017 c.342 §1; 2022 c.62 §5]

**679.026** [1971 c.48 §2; 1975 c.693 §20; 1977 c.192 §2; 1981 c.185 §1; repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

**679.027 Enjoining violations.** The Attorney General, or the prosecuting attorney of any county, or the Oregon Board of Dentistry, in its own name, may maintain an action for an injunction against any person violating any provision of ORS 679.020, 679.025, 679.170 or 679.176. Any person who has been so enjoined may be punished for contempt by the court issuing the injunction. An injunction may be issued without proof of actual damage sustained by any person. An injunction shall not relieve a person from criminal prosecution for violation of any provision of ORS 679.020, 679.025, 679.170 or 679.176 or from any other civil, criminal or disciplinary remedy. [1957 c.552 §2; 1963 c.284 §2; 1979 c.284 §192; 1983 c.169 §3]

**679.030** [Amended by 1953 c.574 §5; repealed

by 1977 c.192 §13]

**679.040** [Amended by 1963 c.284 §3; repealed by 2003 c.83 §12]

**679.050 Nonresident dentists giving or receiving instruction; hospital permits.** (1) If a reputable and duly licensed practitioner in dentistry of another state or country is asked to appear and demonstrate, receive or give instruction in the practice of dentistry before any qualified dental college or dental organization or dental study group recognized by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, the secretary of the board shall issue on written request of an authorized officer of such college or dental organization or dental study group, without fee, a permit for such purpose. A permit shall be issued upon such terms as the board shall prescribe.

(2) If a reputable and duly licensed practitioner in dentistry of another state has been granted staff privileges, either limited, special or general, by any duly licensed hospital in this state, the secretary of the board shall issue on written request and verification of an authorized officer of such hospital, a permit for such nonresident practitioner to practice dentistry in said hospital. [Amended by 1963 c.284 §4; 1965 c.122 §3; 1967 c.282 §1; 1973 c.390 §2; 2013 c.114 §2]

## LICENSING

**679.060 Application for license; fees; grounds for refusal of license.** (1) Any person desiring to practice dentistry in this state shall file an application with the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) At the time of making the application, the applicant shall:

(a) Pay to the board the required application and examination fee.

(b) Furnish the board with evidence satisfactory to the board of details of any convictions recorded in any police records. Such details are subject to the findings required by ORS 670.280.

(c) Present to the board a diploma or evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental education program approved by the board.

(3) If an applicant has been in practice in another state or states the applicant shall furnish an affidavit from the secretary of the board of dental examiners or similar body of such

state or states that the applicant has been engaged in the legal practice of dentistry in such state or states for a period of time prescribed by the rules of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(4) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been convicted of a violation of the law if the board makes the findings required by ORS 670.280. A certified copy of the record of conviction is conclusive evidence of conviction.

(5) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been disciplined by a state licensing or regulatory agency of this or another state regarding any health care profession when, in the judgment of the board, the act or conduct resulting in the disciplinary action bears a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the licensee or applicant to practice dentistry in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.

(6) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has falsified a license application, or any person for any cause described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.

(7) Fees paid are not refundable. [Amended by 1963 c.284 §5; 1973 c.390 §3; 1973 c.827 §69; 1973 c.829 §62a; 1977 c.444 §1; 1981 c.232 §1; 1983 c.169 §6; 1985 c.323 §4; 1995 c.199 §1; 2003 c.83 §2]

#### **679.065 Qualifications of applicants;**

**rules.** (1) An applicant for a dental license shall be entitled to take the examination to practice dentistry in Oregon if the applicant:

(a) Is 18 years of age or older; and

(b) Is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any, which must have been approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) Foreign trained graduates of dental programs may apply for the dental licensure examination, providing the applicant meets the board's requirements, by rule, as will reasonably assure that an applicant's training and education are sufficient for licensure. [1983 c.169 §5]

#### **679.070 Examination; acceptable results.**

(1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may administer written, laboratory or clinical examinations to test professional knowledge and skills.

(2) The examination must be elementary and practical in character but sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dentistry. It must include, written in the English language, questions on any subjects pertaining to dental science.

(3) If a test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application and the applicant received a passing score on the test or examination, as established by the board by rule, the board:

(a) To satisfy the written examination authorized under this section, may accept the results of national standardized examinations.

(b) To satisfy the laboratory or clinical examination authorized under this section:

(A) Shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or clinical board examinations administered by other states; and

(B) May accept the results of board-recognized testing agencies.

(4) The board shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states, and may accept results of board-recognized testing agencies, in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section for applicants who have engaged in the active practice of dentistry in other states, in Oregon or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for at least 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application and who meet all other requirements for licensure. [Amended by 1965 c.122 §4; 1983 c.169 §7; 1999 c.489 §1; 2001 c.193 §1; 2003 c.83 §3; 2005 c.229 §1; 2019 c.467 §1]

#### **679.080 Reexamination of applicants;**

**rules.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry may adopt rules requiring additional education and examination of applicants who have failed the licensing examination three times. [Amended by 1973 c.829 §63; 1977 c.444 §2; 1983 c.169 §8; 2003 c.83 §4]

**679.090 Issuance of license.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall, upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of the educational requirements and written, laboratory and clinical examinations authorized under this chapter and upon receipt of the requisite fees, issue or renew the appropriate dental license. [Amended by

1963 c.284 §6; 1971 c.34 §1; 1983 c.169 §9]

**679.100** [Repealed by 1963 c.284 §17]

**679.105** [1997 c.662 §1; repealed by 2003 c.83 §12]

**679.110** [Repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

**679.115 Licensing of dental instructor; requirements.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Oregon Board of Dentistry shall issue a dental instructor's license to practice dentistry to any person who furnishes the board with evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(2) An applicant for a dental instructor's license must be a full-time instructor of dentistry engaged in dental activities, including but not limited to participation in a faculty practice plan, within the scope of the applicant's employment at Oregon Health and Science University and either:

(a) Be a graduate of an accredited dental school; or

(b) If the applicant is not a graduate of an accredited dental school, have a certificate or degree showing successful completion of an advanced dental education program of at least two years' duration from an accredited dental school and:

(A) Be licensed to practice dentistry in another state or a Canadian province;

(B) Have held an instructor's or faculty license to practice dentistry in another state or a Canadian province immediately prior to becoming an instructor of dentistry at Oregon Health and Science University;

(C) Have successfully passed any clinical examination recognized by the board for initial licensure; or

(D) Be certified by the appropriate national certifying examination body in a dental specialty recognized by the American Dental Association.

(3) The board may refuse to issue or renew a dental instructor's license to an applicant or licensee:

(a) Who has been convicted of an offense or disciplined by a dental licensing body in a manner that bears, in the judgment of the board, a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the applicant or licensee to practice dentistry in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;

(b) Who has falsified an application for licensure; or

(c) For cause as described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.

(4) A person issued a dental instructor's license is restricted to the practice of dentistry for or on behalf of Oregon Health and Science University.

(5) A license issued to an applicant qualifying for a dental instructor's license who is a specialist by virtue of successful completion of an advanced dental education program is restricted to the specialty in which the dentist was trained.

(6) As used in this section, "accredited" means accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any. [1999 c.578 §8; 2001 c.188 §1; 2013 c.413 §1; 2015 c.394 §1]

**679.120 Fees; waiver of fee; rules; renewal of license; notice of change of address.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may impose application fees for the following:

(a) Examinations, which may differ for general dentistry, foreign school graduate and specialty examinations.

(b) Biennial dentist license, active.

(c) Biennial dentist license, inactive.

(d) Permits and certificates.

(e) Delinquency.

(2) Subject to prior approval of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the fees and charges established under this section and ORS 680.075 shall not exceed the costs of administering the regulatory program of the board, as authorized by the Legislative Assembly within the board budget, as the budget may be modified by the Emergency Board.

(3)(a) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may waive the payment of the license fee in the case of any licensee who furnishes satisfactory evidence that the licensee has discontinued the actual practice of dentistry because of retirement.

(b) Application to reinstate a license retired under paragraph (a) of this subsection or to convert an inactive status license to an active status license shall be made in accordance with the rules of the board and with the submission of the license fee prescribed for such license; provided, however, that if more than one year has expired since the license was retired or inactivated, satisfactory evidence of operative competence must be submitted to the board.

(4) Every dentist shall advise the board within 30 days of any change of address.

(5) Each dentist must renew the dentist's license every two years through submitting a renewal application and paying the license fee.

(6) Dentists licensed in even-numbered years must renew by March 31 of each even-numbered year. Dentists licensed in odd-numbered years must renew by March 31 of each odd-numbered year.

(7) A reasonable charge may be made in the event that the license fee or renewal application is more than 10 days delinquent.

(8) Fees paid are not refundable. [Amended by 1963 c.284 §7; 1967 c.19 §2; 1971 c.34 §2; 1973 c.390 §4; 1977 c.192 §3; 1977 c.444 §3a; 1981 c.232 §2; 1985 c.323 §5; 1989 c.338 §7; 1991 c.703 §25; 2023 c.602 §22]

**679.130** [Amended by 1973 c.390 §5; 1983 c.169 §10; 1991 c.67 §182; repealed by 1999 c.578 §6]

**679.140 Discipline of licensee; grounds; procedure; sanctions.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may discipline as provided in this section any person licensed to practice dentistry in this state for any of the following causes:

(a) Conviction of any violation of the law for which the court could impose a punishment if the board makes the finding required by ORS 670.280. The record of conviction or a certified copy thereof, certified by the clerk of the court or by the judge in whose court the conviction is entered, is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

(b) Renting or lending a license or diploma of the dentist to be used as the license or diploma of another person.

(c) Unprofessional conduct.

(d) Any violation of this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205, of rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205 or of an order issued by the board.

(e) Engaging in or permitting the performance of unacceptable patient care by the dentist or by any person working under the supervision of the dentist due to a deliberate or negligent act or failure to act by the dentist, regardless of whether actual injury to the patient is established.

(f) Incapacity to practice safely.

(2) "Unprofessional conduct" as used in this chapter includes but is not limited to the following:

(a) Obtaining any fee by fraud or misrepresentation.

(b) Willfully betraying confidences involved in the patient-dentist relationship.

(c) Employing, aiding, abetting or permitting any unlicensed personnel to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy.

(d) Making use of any advertising statements of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public or that are untruthful.

(e) Impairment as defined in ORS 676.303.

(f) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance in any manner proscribed by the rules of the board.

(g) Prescribing or dispensing drugs outside the scope of the practice of dentistry or in a manner that impairs the health and safety of an individual.

(h) Disciplinary action by a state licensing or regulatory agency of this or another state regarding a license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy or any other health care profession when, in the judgment of the board, the act or conduct resulting in the disciplinary action bears a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the licensee or applicant to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.

(3) The proceedings under this section may be taken by the board from the matters within its knowledge or may be taken upon the information of another, but if the informant is a member of the board, the other members of the board shall constitute the board for the purpose of finding judgment of the accused.

(4) In determining what constitutes unacceptable patient care, the board may take into account all relevant factors and practices, including but not limited to the practices generally and currently followed and accepted by persons licensed to practice dentistry in this state, the current teachings at accredited dental schools, relevant technical reports published in recognized dental journals and the desirability of reasonable experimentation in the furtherance of the dental arts.

(5) In disciplining a person as authorized by subsection (1) of this section, the board may use any or all of the following methods:

(a) Suspend judgment.

(b) Place a licensee on probation.

(c) Suspend a license to practice dentistry in this state.

(d) Revoke a license to practice dentistry in this state.

(e) Place limitations on a license to practice dentistry in this state.

(f) Refuse to renew a license to practice dentistry in this state.

(g) Accept the resignation of a licensee to practice dentistry in this state.

(h) Assess a civil penalty.

(i) Reprimand a licensee.

(j) Impose any other disciplinary action the board in its discretion finds proper, including assessment of the costs of the disciplinary proceedings as a civil penalty.

(6) If the board places any person upon probation as set forth in subsection (5)(b) of this section, the board may determine and may at any time modify the conditions of the probation and may include among them any reasonable condition for the purpose of protection of the public and for the purpose of the rehabilitation of the probationer or both. Upon expiration of the term of probation, further proceedings shall be abated by the board if the person holding the license furnishes the board with evidence that the person is competent to practice dentistry and has complied with the terms of probation. If the evidence fails to establish competence to the satisfaction of the board or if the evidence shows failure to comply with the terms of the probation, the board may revoke or suspend the license.

(7) If a license to practice dentistry in this state is suspended, the person holding the license may not practice during the term of suspension. Upon the expiration of the term of suspension, the license shall be reinstated by the board if the board finds, based upon evidence furnished by the person, that the person is competent to practice dentistry and has not practiced dentistry in this state during the term of suspension. If the evidence fails to establish to the satisfaction of the board that the person is competent or if any evidence shows the person has practiced dentistry in this state during the term of suspension, the board may revoke the license after notice and hearing.

(8) Upon receipt of a complaint under this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205, the board shall conduct an investigation as described under ORS 676.165.

(9) Information that the board obtains as part of an investigation into licensee or applicant

conduct or as part of a contested case proceeding, consent order or stipulated agreement involving licensee or applicant conduct is confidential as provided under ORS 676.175. Notwithstanding ORS 676.165 to 676.180, the board may disclose confidential information regarding a licensee or an applicant to persons who may evaluate or treat the licensee or applicant for drug abuse, alcohol abuse or any other health related conditions.

(10) The board may impose against any person who violates the provisions of this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205 or rules of the board a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation. Any civil penalty imposed under this section shall be imposed in the manner provided in ORS 183.745.

(11) Notwithstanding the expiration, suspension, revocation or surrender of the license, or the resignation or retirement of the licensee, the board may:

(a) Proceed with any investigation of, or any action or disciplinary proceedings against, the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist; or

(b) Revise or render void an order suspending or revoking the license.

(12)(a) The board may continue with any proceeding or investigation for a period not to exceed four years from the date of the expiration, suspension, revocation or surrender of the license, or the resignation or retirement of the licensee; or

(b) If the board receives a complaint or initiates an investigation within that four-year period, the board's jurisdiction continues until the matter is concluded by a final order of the board following any appeal.

(13) Withdrawing the application for license does not close any investigation, action or proceeding against an applicant. [Amended by 1955 c.560 §2; 1961 c.311 §1; 1963 c.284 §8; 1965 c.122 §5; 1971 c.157 §1; 1973 c.554 §1; 1977 c.192 §3a; 1977 c.745 §51; 1979 c.142 §1; 1979 c.744 §53a; 1981 c.185 §2; 1983 c.169 §11; 1985 c.323 §6; 1991 c.734 §73; 1995 c.199 §2; 1997 c.791 §25; 1999 c.253 §1; 1999 c.578 §1; 2003 c.83 §5; 2009 c.756 §39; 2021 c.530 §14]

**679.150** [Amended by 1961 c.311 §2; 1963 c.284 §9; 1965 c.122 §6; 1967 c.282 §2; 1983 c.169 §12; repealed by 1999 c.578 §6]

**679.160 Appeal from board decision.** (1) Any licensee who has been disciplined by the Oregon

Board of Dentistry may obtain judicial review of the decision in the manner prescribed by ORS chapter 183.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 676.210, enforcement of the board's disciplinary order pending appeal shall be determined pursuant to ORS 183.482 (3). [Amended by 1961 c.311 §3; 1967 c.282 §3; 1973 c.390 §6; 1977 c.192 §4; 1979 c.744 §54; 1983 c.169 §13; 1995 c.199 §3; 2003 c.83 §6]

**679.165 Automatic suspension of license in case of mental disorder.** The entry of a judgment by any court establishing the mental disorder of any person holding a license under this chapter operates as a suspension of such license. Such person may resume practice only upon a finding by the Oregon Board of Dentistry that the licensee has been declared restored to mental competence by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction. [1957 c.552 §3; 1999 c.59 §202; 2003 c.576 §542]

**679.170 Prohibited practices.** A person may not:

(1) Sell or barter, or offer to sell or barter, any diploma or document conferring or purporting to confer any dental degree, or any certificate or transcript made or purporting to be made, pursuant to the laws regulating the license and registration of dentists.

(2) Purchase or procure by barter, any diploma, certificate or transcript described in subsection (1) of this section, with intent that it be used as evidence of the holder's qualification to practice dentistry, or in fraud of the laws regulating the practice of dentistry.

(3) With fraudulent intent, alter in a material regard any diploma, certificate or transcript described in subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Use or attempt to use any diploma, certificate or transcript described in subsection (1) of this section, which has been purchased, fraudulently issued, counterfeited or materially altered, either as a license or color of license to practice dentistry, or in order to procure registration as a dentist.

(5) Willfully make a false written or recorded oral statement to the Oregon Board of Dentistry in a material regard.

(6) Within 10 days after demand made by the board, fail to respond to the board's written request for information or fail to furnish to the board the name and address of all persons

practicing or assisting in the practice of dentistry in the office of such person at any time within 60 days prior to the notice, together with a sworn statement showing under and by what license or authority such person and employee are and have been practicing dentistry.

(7) Employ or use the services of any unlicensed person, to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy, except as permitted by ORS 679.025, 679.176 and 680.010 to 680.205. [Amended by 1963 c.284 §10; 1977 c.192 §5; 1981 c.185 §3; 1983 c.169 §14; 1995 c.199 §4; 1999 c.578 §2; 2021 c.530 §15]

**679.175** [1953 c.574 §3; repealed by 1957 c.552 §9]

**679.176 Written work orders required for certain services.** (1) No dentist may use the services of any person, not licensed to practice dentistry in this state, to construct, alter, repair, reline, reproduce or duplicate any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance or any other structure to be worn in the human mouth, unless the dentist first furnishes to such person a written work order, in substantially the following form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_

TO: (Name of dental technician or laboratory with address)

RE: (Name or number of patient)

(Description of the work to be done, including diagrams if necessary, together with specifications of the type of materials to be used.)

(Name of ordering dentist)

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

(Current license number) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2) A duplicate copy of each such work order issued by the dentist shall be retained by each dentist for not less than two years. The Oregon Board of Dentistry or its agents shall be permitted to inspect, upon demand, the duplicate copies of all such work orders retained by each dentist.

(3) No work order shall permit or require the

taking of impressions of any part of the human oral cavity by any person not a dentist licensed by the board. [1963 c.284 §15]

**679.180 Enforcement; jurisdiction.** (1) The district attorney of each county shall attend to the prosecution of all criminal complaints made under this chapter and may represent the Oregon Board of Dentistry in any proceeding brought pursuant to ORS 679.027 upon a complaint, information or indictment filed against any person under this chapter, or upon request of the board. However, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the prosecution of any person for violation of this chapter upon the information of the district attorney directly or, subject to the requirements of ORS 676.175, to prevent assistance being rendered to the district attorney by an employee of the board.

(2) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to require the district attorney to prosecute any person who is licensed by the board and who is subject to disciplinary action directly by the board under any provision of this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205. [Amended by 1963 c.284 §11; 1967 c.282 §4; 1977 c.192 §6; 1983 c.169 §15; 1997 c.791 §26]

## OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY

**679.230 Oregon Board of Dentistry; appointment; qualifications; confirmation; compensation and expenses.**

(1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry consists of 10 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. All members of the board must be residents of this state. Of the members of the board:

(a) Six must be Oregon active licensed dentists, of which at least one must be a dentist practicing in a dental specialty recognized by the American Dental Association;

(b) Two must be Oregon active licensed dental hygienists; and

(c) Two must be members of the public who are not:

(A) Otherwise eligible for appointment to the board; or

(B) A spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a dentist or dental hygienist.

(2)(a) Board members required to be Oregon active licensed dentists or dental hygienists may

be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by:

(A) The Oregon Dental Association, if the vacancy is in a dentist position;

(B) The Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association, if the vacancy is in a dental hygienist position; or

(C) Any of the professional organizations representing a dental specialty, if the vacancy is in a dental specialty position.

(b) In selecting the members of the board, the Governor shall strive to balance the representation on the board according to:

(A) Geographic areas of this state; and

(B) Ethnic group.

(3)(a) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The terms must be staggered so that no more than three terms end each year. Terms of office begin on the first Monday of April after the time of appointment. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy in the membership of the board for any reason, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

(b) A board member shall be removed immediately from the board if, during the member's term, the member:

(A) Is not a resident of this state;

(B) Has been absent from three consecutive board meetings, unless at least one absence is excused;

(C) Is not a licensed dentist or a retired dentist whose license was in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a dentist or a dental specialist; or

(D) Is not a licensed dental hygienist or a retired dental hygienist whose license was in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a dental hygienist.

(4) Members of the board are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. The board may provide by rule for compensation to board members for the performance of official duties at a rate that is greater than the rate provided in ORS 292.495. [Amended by 1963 c.284 §12; 1969 c.314 §82; 1971 c.650 §30; 1973 c.792 §36; 1977 c.747 §1; 1983 c.169 §16; 1991 c.955 §1; 2003 c.83 §7; 2009 c.535 §14]

679.240 [Repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

**679.250 Powers and duties of board:**

**rules.** The powers and duties of the Oregon Board of Dentistry are as follows:

(1) To, during the month of April of each year, organize and elect from its membership a president who shall hold office for one year, or until the election and qualification of a successor.

(2) To authorize all necessary disbursements to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including but not limited to, payment for necessary supplies, office equipment, books and expenses for the conduct of examinations, payment for legal and investigative services rendered to the board, and such other expenditures as are provided for in this chapter.

(3) To employ such inspectors, examiners, special agents, investigators, clerical assistants, assistants and accountants as are necessary for the investigation and prosecution of alleged violations and the enforcement of this chapter and for such other purposes as the board may require. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent assistance being rendered by an employee of the board in any hearing called by it. However, all obligations for salaries and expenses incurred under this chapter shall be paid from the fees accruing to the board under this chapter and not otherwise.

(4)(a) To conduct examinations of applicants for license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene and dental therapy at least twice in each year.

(b) In conducting examinations for licensure, the board may enter into a compact with other states for conducting regional examinations with other board of dental examiners concerned, or by a testing service recognized by such boards.

(5) To meet for the transaction of other business at the call of the president. A majority of board members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of those present shall be a decision of the entire board. The board's proceedings shall be open to public inspection in all matters affecting public interest.

(6) To keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the board and of all its meetings, of all receipts and disbursements, of all prosecutions for violation of this chapter, of all examinations for license to practice dentistry, with the names and qualifications for examination of any person examined, together with the addresses of those licensed and the results of such examinations, a record of the

names of all persons licensed to practice dentistry in Oregon together with the addresses of all such persons having paid the license fee prescribed in ORS 679.120 and the names of all persons whose license to practice has been revoked or suspended.

(7) To make and enforce rules necessary for the procedure of the board, for the conduct of examinations, for regulating the practice of dentistry, and for regulating the services of dental hygienists and dental auxiliary personnel not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. As part of such rules, the board may require the procurement of a permit or other certificate. Any permit issued may be subject to periodic renewal. In adopting rules, the board shall take into account all relevant factors germane to an orderly and fair administration of this chapter and of ORS 680.010 to 680.205, the practices and materials generally and currently used and accepted by persons licensed to practice dentistry in this state, dental techniques commonly in use, relevant technical reports published in recognized dental journals, the curriculum at accredited dental schools, the desirability of reasonable experimentation in the furtherance of the dental arts, and the desirability of providing the highest standard of dental care to the public consistent with the lowest economic cost.

(8) Upon its own motion or upon any complaint, to initiate and conduct investigations of and hearings on all matters relating to the practice of dentistry, the discipline of licensees, or pertaining to the enforcement of any provision of this chapter. In the conduct of investigations or upon the hearing of any matter of which the board may have jurisdiction, the board may take evidence, administer oaths, take the depositions of witnesses, including the person charged, in the manner provided by law in civil cases, and compel their appearance before it in person the same as in civil cases, by subpoena issued over the signature of an employee of the board and in the name of the people of the State of Oregon, require answers to interrogatories, and compel the production of books, papers, accounts, documents and testimony pertaining to the matter under investigation or to the hearing. In all investigations and hearings, the board and any person affected thereby may have the benefit of counsel, and all hearings shall be held in compliance with ORS chapter 183. Notwithstanding ORS 676.165, 676.175 and

679.320, if a licensee who is the subject of an investigation or complaint is to appear before members of the board investigating the complaint, the board shall provide the licensee with a current summary of the complaint or the matter being investigated not less than five days prior to the date that the licensee is to appear. At the time the summary of the complaint or the matter being investigated is provided, the board shall provide to the licensee a current summary of documents or alleged facts that the board has acquired as a result of the investigation. The name of the complainant or other information that reasonably may be used to identify the complainant may be withheld from the licensee.

(9) To require evidence as determined by rule of continuing education or to require satisfactory evidence of operative competency before reissuing or renewing licenses for the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy.

(10) To adopt and enforce rules regulating administration of general anesthesia and conscious sedation by a dentist or under the supervision of a dentist in the office of the dentist. As part of such rules, the board may require the procurement of a permit which must be periodically renewed.

(11) To order an applicant or licensee to submit to a physical examination, mental examination or a competency examination when the board has evidence indicating the incapacity of the applicant or licensee to practice safely. [Amended by 1953 c.8 §2; 1957 c.552 §8; 1963 c.284 §13; 1965 c.122 §7; 1973 c.390 §7; 1973 c.829 §64; 1977 c.192 §7; 1983 c.169 §17; 1985 c.323 §7; 1989 c.338 §10; 1999 c.578 §3; 1999 c.751 §6; 2009 c.756 §41; 2021 c.530 §16]

**679.253 Authority of board to require fingerprints.** For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS 181A.195, the Oregon Board of Dentistry may require the fingerprints of a person who:

(1) Is employed or applying for employment by the board in a position in which the person has or will have access to information that is made confidential under state or federal laws, rules or regulations;

(2) Provides services or seeks to provide services to the board as a contractor, vendor or volunteer in a position in which the person has or will have access to information that is made confidential under state or federal laws, rules or regulations;

(3) Is applying for a license or permit that is issued by the board;

(4) Is applying for renewal of a license or permit that is issued by the board; or

(5) Is under investigation by the board. [2005 c.730 §54]

**Note:** 679.253 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 679 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**679.255 Board to adopt standards for sedation during dental procedures; rules.** The Oregon Medical Board and the Oregon State Board of Nursing, in consultation with the Oregon Board of Dentistry, shall adopt rules establishing standards governing their respective licensees for general anesthesia and conscious sedation administered in conjunction with the professional services of a dentist or dental hygienist. [1985 c.323 §13]

**679.260 Oregon Board of Dentistry Account; disbursement of receipts.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry Account is established in the State Treasury separate and distinct from the General Fund.

(2) All moneys received by the Oregon Board of Dentistry under this chapter shall be paid to the State Treasury and credited to the Oregon Board of Dentistry Account. Any interest or other income derived from moneys paid into the account shall be credited monthly to the account.

(3) Moneys in the Oregon Board of Dentistry Account are appropriated continuously and shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of ORS 676.850 and 680.010 to 680.205 and this chapter.

(4) Ten percent of the annual license fee to be paid by each licensee of the Oregon Board of Dentistry shall be used by the board to ensure the continued professional competence of licensees. Such activities shall include the development of performance standards and professional peer review. [Amended by 1957 c.552 §5; 1967 c.19 §3; 1967 c.282 §5; 1969 c.314 §103; 1973 c.427 §21; 1977 c.192 §8; 1977 c.747 §2; 2003 c.83 §8; 2011 c.597 §279; 2013 c.240 §10]

**679.270** [Repealed by 1973 c.829 §71]

**679.280 Dental committees or consultants for**

**improving standards of practice; liability; confidentiality of proceedings.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may appoint a consultant or a committee or committees, each consisting of one or more licensed dentists in this state, to study and report to the board the condition of and dental treatment rendered to any person or persons by any licensed dentist or dentists in this state or by any person purporting to practice dentistry in this state. Any person, hospital, sanatorium, professional grievance committee, nursing or rest home or other organization may, subject to the laws governing privileged or confidential communications, provide information, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda or other data relating to the condition and treatment of any person to the consultant or committee or to the board, to be used in the course of any study for the purpose of improving the standards of dental practice or to enable the board to assess the desirability of disciplinary action relating thereto; and no liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief shall arise or be enforced against the person or organization by reason of having provided the information or material, or arise or be enforced against any consultant or member of the committee by reason of having released or published the findings and conclusions of the consultants or committees to advance dental science and dental education, or by reason of having released or published generally a summary of those studies. When used by the board to assess the desirability of disciplinary action, the testimony given to and the proceedings, reports, statements, opinions, findings and conclusions of the consultants and committees and the board shall be confidential as provided under ORS 676.175, but this shall not preclude the use of the subpoena power with respect to the actual records of dentists, patients, hospitals, sanatoria, nursing or rest homes.

(2) There shall be no monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages shall arise against, any consultant or member of a duly appointed committee for any act or proceeding undertaken or performed within the scope of the functions of that consultant or committee, if the consultant or committee member acts without malice, has made a reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the matter on which the consultant or committee member acts, and acts in a reasonable belief that the action taken is warranted by the facts known to

the consultant or committee member after that reasonable effort to obtain the facts. [1965 c.122 §2; 1977 c.192 §9; 1997 c.791 §27]

**679.290 Failure to comply with subpoena issued by board.** (1) If a person fails to comply with any subpoena issued under ORS 679.250 (8), a judge of the circuit court of any county, on application of the executive director of the Oregon Board of Dentistry, shall compel obedience by proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from the circuit court.

(2) In any proceeding under subsection (1) of this section and where the subpoena is addressed to a licensee of the board it shall not be a defense that:

- (a) No witness or mileage fee was paid; or
- (b) The material that is subject to the subpoena is protected under a patient and dentist privilege. [1983 c.169 §31; 2009 c.756 §42]

**679.300 Privileged data; admissibility of data as evidence in judicial proceedings.** (1) All data shall be privileged and shall not be admissible in evidence in any judicial proceeding, but this section shall not affect the admissibility in evidence of a party's records dealing with a party's care and treatment.

(2) A person serving on or communicating information to a committee described in subsection (4) of this section shall not be examined as to any communication to that committee or the findings thereof.

(3) A person serving on or communicating to a committee described in subsection (4) of this section shall not be subject to an action for civil damages for affirmative actions taken or statements made in good faith.

(4) As used in subsection (1) of this section, "data" means written reports, notes or records of peer review committees or other committees and similar committees of professional societies in connection with training, supervision or discipline of dentists. The term also includes written reports, notes or records of utilization review and professional standards review organization. [1983 c.169 §33]

**Note:** 679.300 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 679 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**679.310 Duty to report violations; exceptions; liability.** (1)(a) Unless state or federal laws relating to confidentiality or the protection of health information prohibit disclosure, any dentist or dental hygienist, or any person licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, shall report to the board any suspected violation of this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205 or any rule adopted by the board.

(b) Unless state or federal laws relating to confidentiality or the protection of health information prohibit disclosure, a dentist or dental hygienist, or any person licensed by the board, shall report any prohibited conduct as defined in ORS 676.150 in the manner provided in ORS 676.150.

(c) Unless state or federal laws relating to confidentiality or the protection of health information prohibit disclosure, the Oregon Dental Association or any other organization representing dentists or dental hygienists shall report to the board any suspected violation of this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205 or any rule adopted by the board.

(d) Any person may report to the board any suspected violation of this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205 or any rule adopted by the board, association or other organization representing dentists or dental hygienists.

(2) This section is not intended to require any person working on or with the Oregon Dental Association's Dentist Well Being Committee or Peer Review Committee or the Quality Assurance or Peer Review Committee of the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association to report to the board any confidential information received within the scope of duties with that committee.

(3) No person who has made a complaint as to the conduct of a licensee of the board or who has given information or testimony relative to a proposed or pending proceeding for misconduct against the licensee of the board, shall be answerable for any such act in any proceeding except for perjury. [1985 c.323 §11; 1999 c.578 §4; 2009 c.536 §7]

**679.320 Confidentiality of information provided to board; limitation of liability.** (1) Any information provided to the Oregon Board of Dentistry as the basis of a complaint or in the investigation thereof shall not be subject to public disclosure during the period of

investigation.

(2) Any person who reports or provides information to the board and who does so in good faith shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof. [1985 c.323 §12]

**679.323 Removal of individual disciplinary information; rules.** (1) Upon the request of an individual who has been disciplined by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, the board shall remove from its website and other publicly accessible print and electronic publications under the board's control all information related to disciplining the individual under ORS 679.140 and any findings and conclusions made by the board during the disciplinary proceeding, if:

(a) The request is made 10 years or more after the date on which any disciplinary sanction ended;

(b) The individual was not disciplined for financially or physically harming a patient;

(c) The individual informed the board of the matter for which the individual was disciplined before the board received information about the matter or otherwise had knowledge of the matter;

(d) The individual making the request, if the individual is or was a licensee, has not been subjected to other disciplinary action by the board following the imposition of the disciplinary sanction; and

(e) The individual fully complied with all disciplinary sanctions imposed by the board.

(2) The board shall adopt by rule a process for making a request under this section. [2016 c.41 §2]

**679.330 Advisory committee on dental assistant workforce shortage.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall convene an advisory committee of at least seven members to study the dental assistant workforce shortage and to review the requirements for dental assistant certification in other states. The committee shall provide advice to the board on a quarterly basis on how to address the dental assistant workforce shortage in this state.

(2)(a) In appointing members to the advisory committee, the board shall prioritize diversity of geographic representation, background, culture and experience.

(b) A majority of the members appointed to the committee must have experience working as dental assistants. [2023 c.436 §5]

**Note:** 679.330 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 679 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**679.500 Administration of local anesthesia for certain purposes; rules.** (1) A dentist licensed to practice dentistry in this state may administer local anesthesia to a person for the purposes of receiving permanent lip color from a person licensed to perform tattooing under ORS 690.350 to 690.410 or having permanent hair removal in the lip area from a person licensed to perform electrolysis under ORS 690.350 to 690.410.

(2) Prior to administering local anesthesia for the purposes authorized under subsection (1) of this section, the dentist must:

(a) Receive a written order from a person licensed to perform tattooing or electrolysis under ORS 690.350 to 690.410;

(b) Obtain a current health history from and perform an oral examination of the person who will receive the anesthesia; and

(c) Establish and maintain a patient record in accordance with rules adopted by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(3) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall adopt rules authorizing a dentist licensed to practice dentistry in Oregon to administer local anesthesia for the purposes of tattooing human lips or having permanent hair removal in the lip area by a person licensed to perform tattooing or electrolysis under ORS 690.350 to 690.410. [1999 c.578 §10; 2003 c.187 §1; 2011 c.346 §32]

**679.510 Liability insurance for retired dentist; requirements; rules.** (1) For the purposes of this section, “retired dentist” means a person who is retired from active practice except for the practice of dentistry without remuneration as a volunteer.

(2) Subject to availability of funding, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall establish a program to purchase and maintain liability insurance for retired dentists. Insurance provided under the program shall be acquired through contracts with liability insurers that are authorized to offer liability malpractice insurance in this state. Insurance shall be provided under the program only if:

(a) Dental services by the retired dentist will be provided through nonprofit corporations offering community services;

(b) Dental services provided by the retired dentist will be offered to low-income patients based on ability to pay; and

(c) The retired dentist will receive no compensation for the dental services provided, except for reimbursement for laboratory fees, testing services and other out-of-pocket expenses.

(3) This section does not impose any liability on the state, or on the officers, employees and agents of the state, for any civil or criminal action against a retired dentist insured under the program established under subsections (1) to (5) of this section.

(4) The department shall monitor the claims experience of retired dentists insured through the program established under subsections (1) to (5) of this section. The department may impose any risk management requirements that the department deems appropriate as a condition of providing liability insurance under the program.

(5) The department shall provide insurance under subsection (2) of this section only to the extent that funds are appropriated to the department for the purposes of funding the program established under subsections (1) to (5) of this section.

(6) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services may by rule establish any conditions considered necessary by the department before providing liability insurance for a retired dentist under the program established by subsections (1) to (5) of this section. [1999 c.1016 §§1,2; 2001 c.104 §261]

**Note:** 679.510 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 679 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**679.520 Treatment of dental waste materials containing mercury.** (1) A dentist who places in or removes from the human oral cavity dental materials containing mercury shall:

(a) Implement and maintain best management practices of dental wastes as developed by the Oregon Dental Association to prevent amalgam waste and mercury from entering the air, sewage systems, waterways and garbage;

(b) Have an amalgam separator installed on a

wastewater drain in a dental facility where the dentist practices if dental materials containing amalgam pass through the wastewater drain. The amalgam separator must be verified by the manufacturer to remove at least 95 percent of the amalgam that passes through the drain on which it is installed;

(c) Maintain an amalgam separator installed as required by this subsection in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations; and

(d) Place all dental waste materials containing mercury in a vapor-proof container that is clearly labeled as containing mercury and dispose of the materials in accordance with best management practices of dental wastes recommended by the Oregon Dental Association. Disposal may not be by incineration that would result in the release of mercury into the air.

(2) Each dental office shall keep proof of installation of an amalgam separator and maintain an amalgam separator maintenance log that the office shall make available for inspection by the Oregon Board of Dentistry. The board may inspect maintenance logs from a period of up to three years prior to the date of inspection. [2007 c.517 §2]

**679.525 Amalgam separators required in certain dental facilities.** Each dental facility constructed on or after January 1, 2008, shall have amalgam separators that meet the requirements of ORS 679.520 (1)(b). [2007 c.517 §3]

**Note:** 679.525 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 679 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**679.530 Information about oral prosthetic devices.** Dental technicians shall, upon request by a dentist or patient, provide the dentist or patient with information about the location where oral prosthetic devices that are inserted into the human oral cavity or that come in contact with its adjacent structures and tissues were manufactured. [2009 c.147 §2]

**679.535 Requirement to test heat sterilization device; rules.** (1) A person licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry who uses an autoclave or other heat sterilization device in the person's practice shall test the autoclave or other

heat sterilization device at least once per week to ensure that the device is functioning properly.

(2) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall adopt rules to implement this section. [2014 c.16 §2; 2017 c.362 §1]

**679.540 Oral disease prevention services; reimbursement; rules.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Dental provider" means a licensed dentist, dental hygienist or other dental practitioner or a dental care team or clinic that provides the following core services:

- (A) Comprehensive dental care;
- (B) Basic preventive dental services;
- (C) Referral to dental specialists; and
- (D) Family centered dental care.

(b) "Health worker" means "traditional health worker" as defined by the Oregon Health Authority by rule.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with coordinated care organizations and dental care organizations in this state, shall adopt rules and procedures for the training and certification of health workers to provide oral disease prevention services and for the reimbursement of oral disease prevention services provided by certified health workers.

(3) The rules adopted under subsection (2) of this section must prescribe the training required for certification, including instruction on:

- (a) The performance of dental risk assessments; and
- (b) The provision of oral disease prevention services.

(4) The authority shall adopt rules requiring that a certified health worker:

- (a) Refer patients to dental providers; and
- (b) Recommend to patients, or to the parent or legal guardian of a patient, that the patient visit a dental provider at least once annually. [2015 c.542 §1]

**Note:** 679.540 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 679 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**679.543 Use of telehealth by dental care provider.** (1) As used in this section, "telehealth" means a variety of methods, through the use of electronic and telecommunications technologies, for the distance delivery of health care services, including dental care services, and clinical

information designed to improve a patient's health status and to enhance delivery of the health care services and clinical information.

(2) A dental care provider authorized by the Oregon Board of Dentistry to practice dental care services may use telehealth if:

(a) In the professional judgment of the dental care provider, the use of telehealth is an appropriate manner in which to provide a dental care service; and

(b) The dental care provider is providing a dental care service that is within the scope of practice of the dental care provider.

(3) The use of telehealth as described in subsection (2) of this section is not an expansion of the scope of practice of a dental care provider.

(4) The board shall treat a dental care service that is delivered by a dental care provider through telehealth as described in subsection (2) of this section the same as the board treats the dental care service when delivered in person. The board shall apply identical quality and practice standards to a particular dental care service regardless of the method of delivery of the dental care service. [2017 c.348 §1]

**Note:** 679.543 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 679 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**679.546 Advertising as specialist; requirements; rules.** (1) A dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry may advertise that the dentist is a specialist in one or more areas of dentistry if the dentist:

(a) Has completed a post-doctoral residency program that is at least two years in length and is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, or its successor organization, and approved by the board by rule;

(b) Is a specialist as defined by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards, or its successor organization, and adopted by the board by rule; or

(c) Has completed an advanced dental education program that is at least two years in length and is recognized by the United States Department of Education, and approved by the board by rule.

(2) The board may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section. [2019 c.379 §2]

**679.549 Expression of regret or apology.** (1) For the purposes of any civil action against a person licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry or against a dental office or clinic, health care institution, health care facility or other entity that employs or grants the person privileges, any expression of regret or apology made by or on behalf of the person, office, clinic, institution, facility or entity, including an expression of regret or apology that is made in writing or by conduct, does not constitute an admission of liability.

(2) A person licensed by the board, or any other person who makes an expression of regret or apology on behalf of a person licensed by the board, may not be examined by deposition or otherwise in any civil or administrative proceeding, including any arbitration or mediation proceeding, with respect to an expression of regret or apology made by or on behalf of the person, including expressions of regret or apology that are made in writing, orally or by conduct. [2019 c.182 §2]

**679.552 Prescription and administration of vaccines; approved training course; rules.** (1)(a) In accordance with rules adopted by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, a dentist may prescribe and administer vaccines to a person with whom the dentist has established a patient relationship.

(b) The board shall approve a training course on the prescription and administration of vaccines. The board may approve a training course offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Dental Association or its successor organization or other similar federal agency or professional organization.

(c) The board may adopt other rules as necessary to carry out this section.

(2) The board shall adopt rules relating to the prescription and administration of vaccines by dentists, including rules requiring dentists to:

(a) Report the prescription and administration of vaccines to the immunization registry created by the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to ORS 433.094;

(b) Prior to administering a vaccine, review the patient's vaccination history in the immunization registry described in this subsection;

(c) Comply with protocols established by the authority for the prescription and administration of vaccines under subsection (1) of this section;

and

(d) Comply with any applicable rules adopted by the authority related to vaccines.

(3) In consultation with the board, the authority may adopt rules related to vaccines prescribed and administered by dentists. [2019 c.58 §2]

**679.555 Rules for certification as dental assistant; examination requirements.** (1) In adopting rules related to the requirements for certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded function dental assistant, the Oregon Board of Dentistry may require an applicant for certification to pass a written examination. If passage of a written examination is required for certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded function dental assistant, the board may accept the results of any examination that is:

(a)(A) Administered by a dental education program in this state that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor organization, and approved by the board by rule;

(B) Administered by a dental education program in this state that is approved by the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition of the American Dental Association, or its successor organization, and approved by the board by rule; or

(C) An examination comparable to an examination described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph that is administered by a testing agency approved by the board by rule; and

(b) Offered in plain language in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

(2) The board may not require an applicant for certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded function dental assistant, to complete more than one written examination for certification as that type of dental assistant. [2023 c.436 §2]

**Note:** 679.555 becomes operative July 1, 2025. See section 4, chapter 436, Oregon Laws 2023.

## DENTAL THERAPY

**679.600 Definitions for ORS 679.600 to 679.630.** As used in ORS 679.600 to 679.630:

(1) “Collaborative agreement” means a

written and signed agreement entered into between a dentist and a dental therapist under ORS 679.618.

(2) “Dental pilot project” means an Oregon Health Authority dental pilot project developed and operated by the authority.

(3) “Dentist” means a person licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter. [2021 c.530 §2]

**679.603 Dental therapy license.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall issue a license to practice dental therapy to an applicant who:

(a) Is at least 18 years of age;

(b) Submits to the board a completed application form;

(c) Demonstrates the completion of a dental therapy education program;

(d) Passes an examination described in ORS 679.606; and

(e) Pays the application and licensure fees established by the board.

(2)(a) An individual who completed a dental therapy education program in another state or jurisdiction may apply for licensure under this section if the dental therapy education program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor organization.

(b) The board shall determine whether the training and education of an applicant described in this subsection is sufficient to meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) If an applicant holds a current or expired authorization to practice dental therapy issued by another state, the federal government or a tribal authority, the applicant shall include with the application a copy of the authorization and an affidavit from the dental regulatory body of the other jurisdiction that demonstrates the applicant was authorized to practice dental therapy in that jurisdiction. [2021 c.530 §3]

**Note:** The amendments to 679.603 by section 3a, chapter 530, Oregon Laws 2021, become operative January 1, 2025. See section 18, chapter 530, Oregon Laws 2021. The text that is operative on and after January 1, 2025, is set forth for the user’s convenience.

**679.603.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall issue a license to practice dental therapy to an applicant who:

(a) Is at least 18 years of age;

(b) Submits to the board a completed

application form;

(c) Demonstrates:

(A) The completion of a dental therapy education program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor organization, and approved by the board by rule; or

(B) That the applicant is or was a participant in a dental pilot project;

(d) Passes an examination described in ORS 679.606; and

(e) Pays the application and licensure fees established by the board.

(2)(a) An individual who completed a dental therapy education program in another state or jurisdiction may apply for licensure under this section if the dental therapy education program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor organization.

(b) The board shall determine whether the training and education of an applicant described in this subsection is sufficient to meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) If an applicant holds a current or expired authorization to practice dental therapy issued by another state, the federal government or a tribal authority, the applicant shall include with the application a copy of the authorization and an affidavit from the dental regulatory body of the other jurisdiction that demonstrates the applicant was authorized to practice dental therapy in that jurisdiction.

**679.606 Examinations, reexamination; acceptable results; rules.** (1)(a) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may require an applicant for a license to practice dental therapy to pass written, laboratory or clinical examinations to test the professional knowledge and skills of the applicant.

(b) The examinations may not be affiliated with or administered by a dental pilot project or a dental therapy education program described in ORS 679.603.

(c) The examinations must:

(A) Be elementary and practical in character, and sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dental therapy;

(B) Be written in English; and

(C) Include questions on subjects pertaining to dental therapy.

(2) If a test or examination was taken within

five years of the date of application and the applicant received a passing score on the test or examination, as established by the board by rule, the board:

(a) To satisfy the written examination authorized under this section, may accept the results of national standardized examinations.

(b) To satisfy the laboratory or clinical examination authorized under this section:

(A) Shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or clinical board examinations administered by other states; and

(B) May accept the results of board-recognized testing agencies.

(3) The board shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states, and may accept results of board-recognized testing agencies, in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section for applicants who have engaged in the active practice of dental therapy in Oregon, another state, the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a period of at least 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application and who meet all other requirements for licensure.

(4) The board shall establish rules related to reexamination for an applicant who fails an examination. [2021 c.530 §4]

**679.609 Grounds for refusal to issue or renew license.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry may refuse to issue or renew a license to practice dental therapy if the applicant or licensee:

(1) Subject to ORS 670.280, has been convicted of a violation of the law. A certified copy of the record of conviction is conclusive evidence of conviction.

(2) Has been disciplined by a state licensing or regulatory agency of this state or another state regarding a health care profession if, in the judgment of the board, the acts or conduct resulting in the disciplinary action bears a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the applicant or licensee to practice dental therapy in accordance with ORS 679.600 to 679.630. A certified copy of the disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.

(3) Has falsified an application for issuance or renewal of licensure.

(4) Has violated any provision of ORS 679.600 to 679.630 or a rule adopted under ORS

679.600 to 679.630. [2021 c.530 §5]

**679.612 Prohibition on unauthorized practice, use of title; exceptions.** (1) A person may not practice dental therapy or assume or use any title, words or abbreviations, including the title or designation “dental therapist,” that indicate that the person is authorized to practice dental therapy unless the person is licensed under ORS 679.603.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit:

(a) The practice of dental therapy by a health care provider performing services within the health care provider’s authorized scope of practice.

(b) The practice of dental therapy in the discharge of official duties on behalf of the United States government, including but not limited to the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Public Health Service, the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(c) The practice of dental therapy pursuant to an educational program described in ORS 679.603.

(d) A dental therapist authorized to practice in another state or jurisdiction from making a clinical presentation sponsored by a bona fide dental or dental therapy association or society or an accredited dental or dental therapy education program approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(e) Bona fide students of dental therapy from engaging in clinical studies during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in a dental therapy education program described in ORS 679.603 (1). The clinical studies may be conducted on the premises of the program or in a clinical setting located off the premises. The facility, instructional staff and course of study at an off-premises location must meet minimum requirements established by the board by rule. The clinical studies at the off-premises location must be performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the program faculty.

(f) Bona fide full-time students of dental therapy, during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in a dental therapy education program located outside of Oregon that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental

Association or its successor agency, from engaging in community-based or clinical studies as an elective or required rotation in a clinical setting located in Oregon, if the community-based or clinical studies meet minimum requirements established by the board by rule and are performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty of the Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry.

(g) The performance of duties by a federally certified dental health aide therapist or tribally authorized dental therapist in a clinic operated by the Indian Health Service, including, as described in 25 U.S.C. 1603, an Indian Health Service Direct Service Tribe clinic, a clinic operated under an Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-638) contract or a clinic operated under an urban Indian organization. [2021 c.530 §6]

**679.615 Fees; waiver of fees; license renewal.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may impose nonrefundable fees for the following:

(a) Application for licensure;

(b) Examinations;

(c) Biennial dental therapy licenses, both active and inactive;

(d) Licensure renewal fees;

(e) Permits; and

(f) Delinquency.

(2) Subject to prior approval of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the fees and charges established under ORS 679.600 to 679.630 may not exceed the cost of administering ORS 679.600 to 679.630 as authorized by the Legislative Assembly within the Oregon Board of Dentistry budget and as modified by the Emergency Board.

(3)(a) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may waive a license fee for a licensee who provides to the board satisfactory evidence that the licensee has discontinued the practice of dental therapy because of retirement.

(b) A licensee described in this subsection may apply to the board for reinstatement of the license pursuant to rules adopted by the board. An application under this paragraph must include a fee. If the licensee has been retired or inactive for more than one year from the date of application, the licensee shall include with the application satisfactory evidence of clinical competence, as determined by the board.

(4)(a) A license to practice dental therapy is valid for two years and may be renewed. A

licensee shall submit to the board an application for renewal and payment of the fee.

(b) A dental therapist issued a license in an even-numbered year must apply for renewal by September 30 of each even-numbered year thereafter. A dental therapist issued a license in an odd-numbered year must apply for renewal by September 30 of each odd-numbered year thereafter.

(c) The board may charge a reasonable fee if the application for renewal or the fee is submitted more than 10 days delinquent.

(5) A dental therapist shall inform the board of a change of the dental therapist's address within 30 days of the change. [2021 c.530 §7; 2023 c.602 §23]

**679.618 Collaborative agreement required to practice dental therapy; required provisions; duties of dentist.**

(1) A dental therapist may practice dental therapy only under the supervision of a dentist and pursuant to a collaborative agreement with the dentist that outlines the supervision logistics and requirements for the dental therapist's practice. The collaborative agreement must include at least the following information:

(a) The level of supervision required for each procedure performed by the dental therapist;

(b) Circumstances under which the prior knowledge and consent of the dentist is required to allow the dental therapist to provide a certain service or perform a certain procedure;

(c) The practice settings in which the dental therapist may provide care;

(d) Any limitation on the care the dental therapist may provide;

(e) Patient age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines and imaging frequency;

(f) Procedures for creating and maintaining dental records for patients treated by the dental therapist;

(g) Guidelines for the management of medical emergencies in each of the practice settings in which the dental therapist provides care;

(h) A quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental therapist, including chart review, patient care review and referral follow-up;

(i) Protocols for the dispensation and administration of drugs, as described in ORS 679.621, by the dental therapist, including

circumstances under which the dental therapist may dispense and administer drugs;

(j) Criteria for the provision of care to patients with specific medical conditions or complex medical histories, including any requirements for consultation with the dentist prior to the provision of care; and

(k) Protocols for when a patient requires treatment outside the dental therapist's scope of practice, including for referral of the patient for evaluation and treatment by the dentist, a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or other licensed health care provider.

(2) In addition to the information described in subsection (1) of this section, a collaborative agreement must include a provision that requires the dental therapist to consult with a dentist if the dental therapist intends to perform an irreversible surgical procedure under general supervision on a patient who has a severe systemic disease.

(3) A dentist who enters into a collaborative agreement with a dental therapist shall:

(a) Directly provide care to a patient that is outside the scope of practice of the dental therapist or arrange for the provision of care by another dentist; and

(b) Ensure that the dentist, or another dentist, is available to the dental therapist for timely communication during the dental therapist's provision of care to a patient.

(4) A dental therapist may perform and provide only those procedures and services authorized by the dentist and set out in the collaborative agreement, and shall maintain with the dentist an appropriate level of contact, as determined by the dentist.

(5) A dental therapist and a dentist who enter into a collaborative agreement together shall each maintain a physical copy of the collaborative agreement.

(6)(a) A dental therapist may enter into collaborative agreements with more than one dentist if each collaborative agreement includes the same supervision requirements and scope of practice.

(b) A dentist may supervise and enter into collaborative agreements with up to three dental therapists at any one time.

(7)(a) A collaborative agreement must be signed by the dentist and dental therapist.

(b) A dental therapist shall annually submit a signed copy of the collaborative agreement to the

Oregon Board of Dentistry. If the collaborative agreement is revised in between annual submissions, a signed copy of the revised collaborative agreement must be submitted to the board as soon as practicable after the revision is made. [2021 c.530 §8]

**679.621 Dental therapist scope of practice; duties of dentist; authority of dental therapist to supervise.** (1) A dental therapist may perform, pursuant to the dental therapist's collaborative agreement, the following procedures under the general supervision of the dentist:

- (a) Identification of conditions requiring evaluation, diagnosis or treatment by a dentist, a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or other licensed health care provider;
- (b) Comprehensive charting of the oral cavity;
- (c) Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis;
- (d) Exposing and evaluation of radiographic images;
- (e) Dental prophylaxis, including subgingival scaling and polishing procedures;
- (f) Application of topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes and pit and fissure sealants;
- (g) Administering local anesthetic;
- (h) Pulp vitality testing;
- (i) Application of desensitizing medication or resin;
- (j) Fabrication of athletic mouth guards;
- (k) Changing of periodontal dressings;
- (L) Simple extractions of erupted primary anterior teeth and coronal remnants of any primary teeth;
- (m) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain;
- (n) Preparation and placement of direct restoration in primary and permanent teeth;
- (o) Fabrication and placement of single-tooth temporary crowns;
- (p) Preparation and placement of preformed crowns on primary teeth;
- (q) Indirect pulp capping on permanent teeth;
- (r) Indirect pulp capping on primary teeth;
- (s) Suture removal;
- (t) Minor adjustments and repairs of removable prosthetic devices;
- (u) Atraumatic restorative therapy and interim restorative therapy;
- (v) Oral examination, evaluation and

diagnosis of conditions within the supervising dentist's authorization;

- (w) Removal of space maintainers;
  - (x) The dispensation and oral or topical administration of:
    - (A) Nonnarcotic analgesics;
    - (B) Anti-inflammatories; and
    - (C) Antibiotics; and
  - (y) Other services as specified by the Oregon Board of Dentistry by rule.
- (2) A dental therapist may perform, pursuant to the dental therapist's collaborative agreement, the following procedures under the indirect supervision of the dentist:
- (a) Placement of temporary restorations;
  - (b) Fabrication of soft occlusal guards;
  - (c) Tissue reconditioning and soft reline;
  - (d) Tooth reimplantation and stabilization;
  - (e) Recementing of permanent crowns;
  - (f) Pulpotomies on primary teeth;
  - (g) Simple extractions of:
    - (A) Erupted posterior primary teeth; and
    - (B) Permanent teeth that have horizontal movement of greater than two millimeters or vertical movement and that have at least 50 percent periodontal bone loss;
  - (h) Brush biopsies; and
  - (i) Direct pulp capping on permanent teeth.
- (3) The dentist described in subsection (2) of this section shall review a procedure described in subsection (2) of this section that is performed by the dental therapist and the patient chart that contains information regarding the procedure.
- (4)(a) A dental therapist may supervise a dental assistant and an expanded function dental assistant, as defined by the board by rule, if the dental therapist is authorized to perform the services provided by the dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant.
- (b) A dental therapist may supervise up to two individuals under this subsection. [2021 c.530 §9]

**679.624 Dental therapist authority to perform specified procedures; liability insurance; patient population requirement.** (1) A dental therapist may perform the procedures listed in ORS 679.621 so long as the procedures are included in an education program described in ORS 679.603 (1) or the dental therapist has received additional training in the procedure approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) A dental therapist shall purchase and maintain liability insurance as determined

sufficient by the board.

(3) A dental therapist shall dedicate at least 51 percent of the dental therapist's practice to patients who represent underserved populations, as defined by the Oregon Health Authority by rule, or patients located in dental care health professional shortage areas, as determined by the authority. [2021 c.530 §10]

**679.627 Discipline.** A person licensed under ORS 679.603 is subject to the provisions of ORS 679.140. [2021 c.530 §11]

**679.630 Rules.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall adopt rules necessary to administer ORS 679.600 to 679.630. In adopting rules under this section, the board shall consult with dental therapists and organizations that represent dental therapists in this state. [2021 c.530 §12]

**679.990** [Repealed by 1957 c.552 §6 (679.991 enacted in lieu of 679.990)]

## PENALTIES

**679.991 Penalties.** (1) Violation of any provision of ORS 679.020 or 679.025 (1) is a Class C felony.

(2) Violation of ORS 679.170 or 679.176 is a Class B misdemeanor.

(3) In the event of a second or subsequent conviction under subsection (1) of this section, the court must impose a minimum sentence of 10 days of imprisonment.

(4) In any prosecution for violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section, it is sufficient to sustain a conviction to show a single act of conduct in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter and it is not necessary to show a general course of such conduct. [1957 c.552 §7 (enacted in lieu of 679.990); 1963 c.284 §16; 1971 c.743 §407; 1973 c.390 §8; 1977 c.192 §10; 1985 c.323 §15; 2011 c.388 §1; 2011 c.597 §280]

## DENTAL HYGIENISTS

**680.010 Definitions for ORS 680.010 to 680.205.** As used in ORS 680.010 to 680.205, unless the context requires otherwise, words shall have the meanings assigned by ORS 679.010. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §1; 1983 c.169 §18]

**680.020 Practice of dental hygiene without license prohibited; applicability of dental hygiene license requirement.** (1) It is unlawful for any person not otherwise authorized by law to practice dental hygiene or purport to be a dental hygienist without a valid license to practice dental hygiene issued by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) Dental hygienists licensed in another state making a clinical presentation sponsored by a bona fide dental or dental hygiene society or association or an accredited dental or dental hygiene education program approved by the board.

(b) Bona fide students of dental hygiene who engage in clinical studies during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in an Oregon dental hygiene education program. The program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency, and approved by the board. The clinical study may be conducted on the premises of the program or in a clinical setting located off the premises. The facility, the instructional staff and the course of study at the off-premises location must meet minimum requirements prescribed by the rules of the board, and the clinical study at the off-premises location must be performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty.

(c) Bona fide students of dental hygiene who engage in community-based or clinical studies as an elective or required rotation in a clinical setting located in Oregon during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in a dental hygiene education program located outside of Oregon. The program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency. The community-based or clinical studies must:

(A) Meet minimum requirements prescribed

by the rules of the board; and

(B) Be performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty of the Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry or another Oregon institution with an accredited dental hygiene education program approved by the board.

(d) Students of dental hygiene or graduates of dental hygiene programs who engage in clinical studies as part of a course of study or continuing education course offered by an institution with a dental or dental hygiene program. The program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency.

(e) Candidates who are preparing for licensure examination to practice dental hygiene and whose application has been accepted by the board or its agent, if the clinical preparation is conducted in a clinic located on premises approved for that purpose by the board and if the procedures are limited to examination only.

(f) Dental hygienists practicing in the discharge of official duties as employees of the United States Government and any of its agencies.

(g) Instructors of dental hygiene, whether full- or part-time, while exclusively engaged in teaching activities and while employed in accredited dental hygiene educational programs.

(h) Dental hygienists who are employed by public health agencies and who are not engaged in direct delivery of clinical dental hygiene services to patients.

(i) Counselors and health assistants who have been trained in the application of fluoride varnishes to the teeth of children and who apply fluoride varnishes only to the teeth of children enrolled in or receiving services from the Women, Infants and Children Program, the Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten Program or a federal Head Start grant program.

(j) Persons acting in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education under ORS 336.213 to provide dental screenings to students.

(k) Dental hygienists licensed in another state or United States territory and practicing in this state under ORS 676.347. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §2; 1983 c.169 §19; 2003 c.310 §2; 2005 c.504 §2; 2007 c.379 §5; 2009 c.582 §1; 2012 c.80 §2; 2015 c.558 §5; 2017 c.342 §2; 2022 c.62 §6; 2023 c.547 §29]

**680.025** [1971 c.48 §3; 1975 c.323 §1; repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

**680.026 Application of fluoride varnishes to teeth of children by certain counselors and health assistants.** Counselors and health assistants who have been trained in the application of fluoride varnishes to the teeth of children may apply fluoride varnishes to the teeth of children enrolled in or receiving services or benefits from the Women, Infants and Children Program, the Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten Program or a federal Head Start grant program. [2007 c.379 §6; 2023 c.547 §30]

**Note:** 680.026 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 680 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**680.030** [Amended by 1963 c.266 §3; repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

(Licensing)

**680.040 Qualifications of applicants for dental hygiene licensure examination.** (1) An applicant for a dental hygiene license shall be entitled to take the examination to practice dental hygiene in Oregon if the applicant:

- (a) Is 18 years of age or older; and
- (b) Is a graduate of a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any, which must have been approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) Foreign trained graduates of dental hygiene programs may apply for the dental hygiene licensure examination, providing the applicant meets the board's requirements, by rule, as will reasonably assure that an applicant's training and education are sufficient for licensure. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §4; 1973 c.122 §1; 1975 c.323 §2; 1979 c.526 §1; 1983 c.169 §20]

**680.050 Application for examination; fees; grounds for refusal to issue or renew license.** (1) Any person desiring to practice dental hygiene in this state shall file an application with the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) At the time of making application, the applicant shall:

(a) Pay to the board the required application and examination fee.

(b) Furnish the board with evidence satisfactory to the board of details of any convictions recorded in any police records. Such details are subject to the findings required by ORS 670.280.

(c) Present to the board a diploma or evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program approved by the board.

(3) If an applicant has been in practice in another state or states the applicant shall furnish an affidavit from the board of dental examiners or similar body of such state or states that the applicant has been engaged in the legal practice of dental hygiene in such state or states for a period of time prescribed by the rules of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(4) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been convicted of a violation of law if the board makes the findings required by ORS 670.280. A certified copy of the record of conviction is conclusive evidence of conviction.

(5) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been disciplined by a state licensing or regulatory agency of this or another state regarding any health care profession when, in the judgment of the board, the acts or conduct resulting in the disciplinary action bears a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the licensee or applicant to practice dental hygiene in accordance with the provisions of ORS 680.010 to 680.205. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.

(6) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has falsified a license application, or any person for any cause described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.

(7) Fees paid are not refundable. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §5; 1967 c.90 §1; 1973 c.122 §2; 1983 c.169 §21; 1985 c.323 §16; 1995 c.199 §5; 2003 c.83 §9]

**680.060 Examination; acceptable results.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may administer written, laboratory or clinical examinations to test professional knowledge and skills.

(2) The examination must be sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to

practice dental hygiene. The examination must include, written in the English language, questions on any subjects pertaining to dental hygiene.

(3) If a test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application and the applicant received a passing score on the test or examination, as established by the board by rule, the board:

(a) To satisfy the written examination authorized under this section, may accept the results of national standardized examinations.

(b) To satisfy the clinical or laboratory examination authorized under this section:

(A) Shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or clinical board examinations administered by other states; and

(B) May accept the results of board-recognized testing agencies.

(4) The board may accept results of board-recognized testing agencies and shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section for applicants who have engaged in the active practice of dental hygiene in Oregon, other states, the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a period of at least 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application and who meet all other requirements for licensure. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §6; 1983 c.169 §22; 2001 c.193 §2; 2003 c.83 §10; 2005 c.229 §2; 2009 c.582 §2; 2019 c.467 §2]

**680.070 Additional requirements for certain applicants; rules.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry may adopt rules requiring additional education and examination of applicants who have failed the licensing examination three times. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §7; 1967 c.90 §2; 1971 c.34 §3; 1977 c.444 §4; 1979 c.526 §2; 1981 c.232 §3; 1983 c.169 §23; 2003 c.83 §11]

**680.072 Issuing license.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall, upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of the educational requirements and written, laboratory and clinical examinations authorized under ORS 680.060 and upon receipt of the requisite fees, issue or renew the appropriate dental hygiene license. [1983 c.169 §26]

**680.075 Fees; waiver; reinstatement of inactive status license; notice of change of address.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may impose application fees for the following:

(a) Examinations;

(b) Biennial dental hygiene license, active;

(c) Biennial dental hygiene license, inactive;

(d) Permits and certificates; and

(e) Delinquency.

(2) Subject to prior approval of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the fees and charges established under this section and ORS chapter 679 shall not exceed the costs of administering the regulatory program of the board as authorized by the Legislative Assembly within the board budget, as the budget may be modified by the Emergency Board.

(3)(a) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may waive the payment of the license fee in the case of any licensee who furnishes satisfactory evidence that the licensee has discontinued the actual practice of dental hygiene because of retirement.

(b) Application to reinstate a license retired under paragraph (a) of this subsection or to convert an inactive status license to an active status license shall be made in accordance with the rules of the board and with the submission of the license fee prescribed for such license; provided, however, that if more than one year has expired since the license was retired or inactivated, satisfactory evidence of clinical competence must be submitted to the board.

(4) Every dental hygienist shall advise the board within 30 days of any change of address.

(5) Each dental hygienist must renew the hygienist's license every two years through submitting a renewal application and paying the license fee.

(6) Dental hygienists licensed in even-numbered years must renew by September 30 of each even-numbered year. Dental hygienists licensed in odd-numbered years must renew by September 30 of each odd-numbered year.

(7) A reasonable charge may be made in the event that the license fee or renewal application is more than 10 days delinquent.

(8) Fees paid are not refundable. [1983 c.169 §25; 1985 c.323 §17; 1989 c.338 §9; 1991 c.703 §26; 2023 c.602 §24]

**680.080** [Amended by 1963 c.266 §8; 1973 c.122 §3; 1975 c.323 §3; 1979 c.526 §3; 1983 c.169 §27; 1991 c.67 §183; repealed by 1999 c.578 §6]

**680.082 Licensure of dental hygiene instructor; rules.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 680.010 to 680.205, the Oregon Board of Dentistry shall issue a dental hygiene instructor's license to any person who:

(a) Is or will be a full-time instructor of dental hygiene engaged in the practice of dental hygiene, including but not limited to participation in a faculty practice plan within the scope of the applicant's employment at Oregon Health and Science University;

(b) Is a graduate of a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any; and

(c) Is licensed to practice dental hygiene in another state or a Canadian province.

(2) The board shall by rule establish standards, procedures and fees for the issuance, suspension, revocation and renewal of a dental hygiene instructor's license.

(3) The board may refuse to issue or renew a dental hygiene instructor's license to an applicant or licensee:

(a) Who has been convicted of an offense or disciplined by a dental licensing body in a manner that bears, in the judgment of the board, a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the applicant or licensee to practice dental hygiene in accordance with the provisions of ORS 680.010 to 680.205;

(b) Who has falsified an application for licensure; or

(c) For cause as described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.

(4) A person issued a dental hygiene instructor's license is restricted to the practice of dental hygiene for or on behalf of Oregon Health and Science University.

(5) An applicant who receives a dental hygiene instructor's license is subject to the professional ethics, standards and discipline of ORS 680.010 to 680.205. [2001 c.193 §4; 2013 c.413 §2]

**Note:** 680.082 was added to and made a part of 680.010 to 680.205 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**680.090** [Repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

**680.100 Discipline of dental hygienist; grounds; method; procedure.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may discipline any dental hygienist for any of the causes for which a dentist may be disciplined under ORS 679.140 and may impose any or all of the methods of discipline, modify such methods and reinstate dental hygiene licenses as provided in ORS 679.140 for dentists.

(2) The provisions of ORS 679.160 and 679.250 apply to proceedings by the board for the revocation or suspension of or refusal to renew a license issued pursuant to ORS 680.010 to 680.205. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §9; 1975 c.323 §4; 1977 c.745 §52; 1983 c.169 §28; 1983 c. 338 §963; 1999 c.578 §5]

**680.110 Disposition of receipts.** All moneys paid by applicants to the Oregon Board of Dentistry as examination and licensing fees under ORS 680.010 to 680.205 shall be used for the same purposes and accounted for by the board in the same manner as moneys obtained as fees from applicants for license to practice dentistry in Oregon.

**680.150 Employment of dental hygienist; supervision; rules.** (1) Any dentist may employ a dental hygienist who may engage in the practice of dental hygiene in the office of such dentist under the general supervision of a dentist.

(2) Any public institution, health care facility or health maintenance organization, as those terms are defined in ORS 442.015, may employ a dental hygienist who may engage in the practice of dental hygiene under the general supervision of a dentist.

(3) A dental hygienist under the general supervision of a dentist may engage in the practice of dental hygiene in any place where limited access patients are located.

(4) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may adopt rules specifying other locations where dental hygienists may work and shall specify in its rules the degree of supervision a dentist must exercise over the procedures the hygienist performs.

(5) Notwithstanding ORS 679.010 (3), supervision by a dentist is not required when a dental hygienist determines the need for and appropriateness of sealants or fluoride, and applies sealants or fluoride at the locations and for persons described in ORS 680.205 (1). [Amended by 1963 c.266 §10; 1973 c.122 §4; 1979 c.526 §4; 1985 c.323 §9; 1991 c.476 §1; 2007 c.379

§4; 2011 c.716 §6]

**680.160** [Amended by 1973 c.122 §5; 1975 c.323 §5; 1979 c.526 §5; repealed by 1991 c.476 §2]

(Miscellaneous)

**680.165 Monitoring performance; information available to monitor; confidentiality; liability.** (1)

The Oregon Board of Dentistry may appoint a consultant or a committee or committees, each consisting of one or more licensed dental hygienists in this state, to study and report to the board the condition of and dental hygiene treatment rendered to any person or persons by any licensed dental hygienist in this state, or by any person purporting to practice dental hygiene in this state. Any person, hospital, sanitarium, professional grievance committee, nursing or rest home or other organization may, subject to the laws governing privileged or confidential communications, provide information, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda or other data relating to the condition and treatment of any person, to any such consultant, committee or the board, to be used in the course of any study for the purpose of improving the standards of dental hygiene practice, or to enable the board to assess the desirability of disciplinary action relating thereto. No liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief shall arise or be enforced against any such person or organization by reason of having provided such information or material, or arise or be enforced against any consultant or member of such committee by reason of having released or published the findings and conclusions of such consultants or committees to advance dental hygiene science and dental hygiene education, or by reason of having released or published generally a summary of such studies. Testimony given to and the proceedings, reports, statements, opinions, findings and conclusions of such consultants and committees and the board shall be confidential but this shall not preclude the use of the subpoena power with respect to the actual records of dentists, dental hygienists, patients, hospitals, sanitarium, nursing or rest homes.

(2) There shall be no monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages shall arise against, any consultant or member of a duly appointed committee for any act or

proceeding undertaken or performed within the scope of the functions of any such consultant or committee, if such consultant or committee member acts without malice, has made a reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the matter as to which the member acts, and acts in a reasonable belief that the action taken is warranted by the facts known after such reasonable effort to obtain the facts. [1985 c.323 §19]

**680.170** [Repealed by 2001 c.11 §1]

**680.172 Oral health screening by dental hygienists and dental assistants.** Oral health screenings may be performed by dental hygienists and dental assistants under written training and screening protocols adopted by the Oregon Board of Dentistry. Screening results must be provided to individuals screened or to the parents or guardians of minors needing a dental referral for diagnosis. Screening results are not a diagnosis for purposes of ORS chapter 679 or ORS 680.010 to 680.205. [2003 c.310 §5]

(Expanded Practice Dental Hygienists)

**680.200 Issuing expanded practice permit; requirements.** (1) Upon application accompanied by the fee established by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, the board shall grant a permit to practice as an expanded practice dental hygienist to an applicant who:

- (a) Holds a valid, unrestricted Oregon dental hygiene license;
- (b) Presents proof of current professional liability insurance coverage;
- (c) Presents documentation satisfactory to the board of successful completion of an emergency life support course for health professionals, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, from an agency or educational institution approved by the board; and
- (d) Presents documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has:
  - (A)(i) Completed 2,500 hours of supervised dental hygiene practice; and
  - (ii) After licensure as a dental hygienist, completed 40 hours of courses, chosen by the applicant, in clinical dental hygiene or public health sponsored by continuing education providers approved by the board; or
  - (B) Completed a course of study approved by the board that includes at least 500 hours of

dental hygiene practice, completed before or after graduation from a dental hygiene program, on patients described in ORS 680.205 while under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty of a dental program or dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency.

(2) A permit issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section expires two years following the date of issuance unless renewed on or before that date by:

(a) Payment of the renewal fee as set by the board;

(b) Submission to the board of satisfactory evidence of completion of at least 36 hours of continuing education;

(c) Presentation to the board of proof of professional liability insurance coverage; and

(d) Completion of a survey developed by the board that measures the success of the expanded practice dental hygienist program against baseline data.

(3) The board may refuse to issue or renew an expanded practice dental hygienist permit or may suspend or revoke the permit of an expanded practice dental hygienist who has been convicted of an offense or been disciplined by a dental licensing body in a manner that bears, in the judgment of the board, a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the applicant to practice expanded practice dental hygiene in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or ORS chapter 679, or who has falsified an application for permit, or any person for any cause described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170. [1997 c.251 §2; 2003 c.310 §3; 2007 c.379 §2; 2009 c.582 §3; 2011 c.716 §7; 2017 c.342 §3]

#### **680.205 Services rendered under permit. (1)**

An expanded practice dental hygienist may render all services within the scope of practice of dental hygiene, as defined in ORS 679.010, without the supervision of a dentist and as authorized by the expanded practice dental hygienist permit to:

(a) Patients or residents of the following facilities or programs who, due to age, infirmity or disability, are unable to receive regular dental hygiene treatment:

(A) Nursing homes as defined in ORS 678.710;

(B) Adult foster homes as defined in ORS 443.705;

(C) Residential care facilities as defined in ORS 443.400;

(D) Adult congregate living facilities as defined in ORS 441.525;

(E) Mental health residential programs administered by the Oregon Health Authority;

(F) Facilities for persons with mental illness, as those terms are defined in ORS 426.005;

(G) Facilities for persons with developmental disabilities, as those terms are defined in ORS 427.005;

(H) Local correctional facilities and juvenile detention facilities as those terms are defined in ORS 169.005, regional correctional facilities as defined in ORS 169.620, youth correction facilities as defined in ORS 420.005, youth care centers as defined in ORS 420.855, and Department of Corrections institutions as defined in ORS 421.005; or

(I) Public and nonprofit community health clinics.

(b) Adults who are homebound.

(c) Students or enrollees of nursery schools and day care programs and their siblings under 18 years of age, Job Corps and similar employment training facilities, primary and secondary schools, including private schools and public charter schools, and persons entitled to benefits under the Women, Infants and Children Program.

(d) Patients in hospitals, medical clinics, medical offices or offices operated or staffed by naturopathic physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants or midwives.

(e) Patients whose income is less than the federal poverty level.

(f) Other populations that the Oregon Board of Dentistry determines are underserved or lack access to dental hygiene services.

(2) Unless different criteria for referral of a patient or resident to a dentist are included in an agreement described in subsection (3) of this section, at least once each calendar year, an expanded practice dental hygienist shall refer each patient or resident to a dentist who is available to treat the patient or resident.

(3) An expanded practice dental hygienist may render the services described in paragraphs (a) to (e) of this subsection to the patients described in subsection (1) of this section if the expanded practice dental hygienist has entered into an agreement in a format approved by the board with a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679. The agreement must set forth the agreed-

upon scope of the dental hygienist's practice with regard to:

- (a) Administering local anesthesia;
- (b) Administering temporary restorations with or without excavation;
- (c) Prescribing prophylactic antibiotics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs specified in the agreement;
- (d) Performing interim therapeutic restoration after diagnosis by a dentist; and
- (e) Referral parameters.

(4) This section does not authorize an expanded practice dental hygienist to administer nitrous oxide except under the indirect supervision of a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679.

(5) An expanded practice dental hygienist may assess the need for and appropriateness of sealants, apply sealants and write prescriptions for all applications of fluoride in which fluoride is applied or supplied to patients.

(6) An expanded practice dental hygienist must also procure all other permits or certificates required by the board under ORS 679.250.

(7) As used in this section and ORS 680.213, "interim therapeutic restoration" means a direct provisional restoration placed to temporarily stabilize a tooth until a dentist subsequently diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment, and that:

(a) Consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material; and

(b) Does not require the administration of local anesthesia. [1997 c.251 §3; 2001 c.592 §1; 2005 c.52 §1; 2007 c.70 §306; 2007 c.379 §3; 2009 c.582 §4; 2009 c.595 §1062; 2011 c.658 §41; 2011 c.716 §8; 2013 c.360 §63; 2015 c.349 §2; 2017 c.356 §87; 2021 c.69 §1]

**680.210 Compilation of data on expanded practice dental hygienists; reports by health insurers; report to legislature; rules.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall compile data, including baseline data, in every odd-numbered year on the use of expanded practice dental hygienists, as defined in ORS 679.010, in this state.

(2)(a) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt rules requiring health insurers to report to the department on the reimbursement of services provided by expanded practice dental hygienists.

(b) The department shall provide the information collected under paragraph (a) of this subsection to the board.

(3) The board shall report to an interim legislative committee related to dental health on the reimbursement of services provided by expanded practice dental hygienists on or before October 1 of each even-numbered year. [2011 c.716 §12]

**Note:** 680.210 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 680 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**680.213 Interim therapeutic restoration; training requirement; exception.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall approve applications from oral health care education providers for training courses that meet the requirements established in rules adopted by the board establishing educational and instructional requirements for interim therapeutic restoration to be performed by an expanded practice dental hygienist.

(2) An expanded practice dental hygienist must successfully complete a training course approved by the board under this section before performing interim therapeutic restorations under ORS 680.205 (3)(d).

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, an expanded practice dental hygienist who is operating within the Dental Health Workforce Pilot Project No. 200 through the dental pilot project program of the Oregon Health Authority as of September 25, 2021, and who has completed training to perform interim therapeutic restorations, is exempt from completing training under subsection (2) of this section. [2021 c.69 §4]

## DENTAL PILOT PROJECTS

**Note:** Sections 1 and 17, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, provide:

**Sec. 1.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority may approve pilot projects to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care delivery systems with a focus on providing care to populations that evidence-based studies have shown have the highest disease rates and the least access to dental care. The authority may approve a pilot project that is

designed to:

(a) Operate for three to five years or a sufficient amount of time to evaluate the validity of the pilot project;

(b) Evaluate quality of care, access, cost, workforce and efficacy; and

(c) Achieve at least one of the following:

(A) Teach new skills to existing categories of dental personnel;

(B) Develop new categories of dental personnel;

(C) Accelerate the training of existing categories of dental personnel; or

(D) Teach new oral health care roles to previously untrained persons.

(2) The authority shall adopt rules:

(a) Establishing an application process for pilot projects;

(b) Establishing minimum standards, guidelines and instructions for pilot projects; and

(c) Requiring an approved pilot project to report to the authority on the progress and outcomes of the pilot project, including:

(A) The process used to evaluate the progress and outcomes of the pilot project;

(B) The baseline data and information to be collected;

(C) The nature of program data that will be collected and the methods for collecting and analyzing the data;

(D) The provisions for protecting the safety of patients seen or treated in the project; and

(E) A statement of previous experience in providing related health care services.

(3) The authority shall seek the advice of appropriate professional societies and licensing boards before adopting rules under subsection (2) of this section.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 679.020 and 680.020, a person may practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy without a license as part of a pilot project approved under this section under the general supervision of a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 and in accordance with rules adopted by the authority.

(b) A person practicing dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy without a license under this section is subject to the same standard of care and is entitled to the same immunities as a person performing the services with a license.

(5) The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any public or private source for the purpose of carrying out this section.

Funds received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Dental Pilot Projects Fund established under section 17, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011. [2011 c.716 §1; 2021 c.530 §17]

**Sec. 17.** The Dental Pilot Projects Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Dental Pilot Projects Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011. [2011 c.716 §17; 2013 c.113 §2]

**Note:** Section 2, chapter 842, Oregon Laws 2015, provides:

**Sec. 2.** A provider of dental services in a dental pilot project approved by the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, is eligible to be reimbursed for covered services provided to a recipient of medical assistance. [2015 c.842 §2]

**Note:** Section 2, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, provides:

**Sec. 2.** (1) Section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, is repealed on January 2, 2025.

(2) Section 17, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, as amended by section 2, chapter 113, Oregon Laws 2013, is repealed January 2, 2025.

(3) Section 2 of this 2015 Act [section 2, chapter 842, Oregon Laws 2015] is repealed on January 2, 2025. [2011 c.716 §2; 2015 c.842 §3]

## PENALTIES

**680.990 Criminal penalties.** (1) Violation of any of the provisions of ORS 680.010 to 680.205 is a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) Violation of any provision of ORS 680.505 and 743A.028 is a Class B misdemeanor. [Amended by 1977 c.192 §11; subsection (2) enacted as 1979 c.1 §17; 1983 c.169 §32; 2003 c.547 §19]

## DENTAL HYGIENISTS

**680.010 Definitions for ORS 680.010 to 680.205.** As used in ORS 680.010 to 680.205, unless the context requires otherwise, words shall have the meanings assigned by ORS 679.010. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §1; 1983 c.169 §18]

**680.020 Practice of dental hygiene without license prohibited; applicability of dental hygiene license requirement.** (1) It is unlawful for any person not otherwise authorized by law to practice dental hygiene or purport to be a dental hygienist without a valid license to practice dental hygiene issued by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) Dental hygienists licensed in another state making a clinical presentation sponsored by a bona fide dental or dental hygiene society or association or an accredited dental or dental hygiene education program approved by the board.

(b) Bona fide students of dental hygiene who engage in clinical studies during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in an Oregon dental hygiene education program. The program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency, and approved by the board. The clinical study may be conducted on the premises of the program or in a clinical setting located off the premises. The facility, the instructional staff and the course of study at the off-premises location must meet minimum requirements prescribed by the rules of the board, and the clinical study at the off-premises location must be performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty.

(c) Bona fide students of dental hygiene who engage in community-based or clinical studies as an elective or required rotation in a clinical setting located in Oregon during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in a dental hygiene education program located outside of Oregon. The program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency. The community-based or clinical studies must:

(A) Meet minimum requirements prescribed

by the rules of the board; and

(B) Be performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty of the Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry or another Oregon institution with an accredited dental hygiene education program approved by the board.

(d) Students of dental hygiene or graduates of dental hygiene programs who engage in clinical studies as part of a course of study or continuing education course offered by an institution with a dental or dental hygiene program. The program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency.

(e) Candidates who are preparing for licensure examination to practice dental hygiene and whose application has been accepted by the board or its agent, if the clinical preparation is conducted in a clinic located on premises approved for that purpose by the board and if the procedures are limited to examination only.

(f) Dental hygienists practicing in the discharge of official duties as employees of the United States Government and any of its agencies.

(g) Instructors of dental hygiene, whether full- or part-time, while exclusively engaged in teaching activities and while employed in accredited dental hygiene educational programs.

(h) Dental hygienists who are employed by public health agencies and who are not engaged in direct delivery of clinical dental hygiene services to patients.

(i) Counselors and health assistants who have been trained in the application of fluoride varnishes to the teeth of children and who apply fluoride varnishes only to the teeth of children enrolled in or receiving services from the Women, Infants and Children Program, the Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten Program or a federal Head Start grant program.

(j) Persons acting in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education under ORS 336.213 to provide dental screenings to students.

(k) Dental hygienists licensed in another state or United States territory and practicing in this state under ORS 676.347. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §2; 1983 c.169 §19; 2003 c.310 §2; 2005 c.504 §2; 2007 c.379 §5; 2009 c.582 §1; 2012 c.80 §2; 2015 c.558 §5; 2017 c.342 §2; 2022 c.62 §6; 2023 c.547 §29]

**680.025** [1971 c.48 §3; 1975 c.323 §1; repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

**680.026 Application of fluoride varnishes to teeth of children by certain counselors and health assistants.** Counselors and health assistants who have been trained in the application of fluoride varnishes to the teeth of children may apply fluoride varnishes to the teeth of children enrolled in or receiving services or benefits from the Women, Infants and Children Program, the Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten Program or a federal Head Start grant program. [2007 c.379 §6; 2023 c.547 §30]

**Note:** 680.026 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 680 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**680.030** [Amended by 1963 c.266 §3; repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

(Licensing)

**680.040 Qualifications of applicants for dental hygiene licensure examination.** (1) An applicant for a dental hygiene license shall be entitled to take the examination to practice dental hygiene in Oregon if the applicant:

- (a) Is 18 years of age or older; and
- (b) Is a graduate of a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any, which must have been approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) Foreign trained graduates of dental hygiene programs may apply for the dental hygiene licensure examination, providing the applicant meets the board's requirements, by rule, as will reasonably assure that an applicant's training and education are sufficient for licensure. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §4; 1973 c.122 §1; 1975 c.323 §2; 1979 c.526 §1; 1983 c.169 §20]

**680.050 Application for examination; fees; grounds for refusal to issue or renew license.** (1) Any person desiring to practice dental hygiene in this state shall file an application with the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) At the time of making application, the applicant shall:

(a) Pay to the board the required application and examination fee.

(b) Furnish the board with evidence satisfactory to the board of details of any convictions recorded in any police records. Such details are subject to the findings required by ORS 670.280.

(c) Present to the board a diploma or evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program approved by the board.

(3) If an applicant has been in practice in another state or states the applicant shall furnish an affidavit from the board of dental examiners or similar body of such state or states that the applicant has been engaged in the legal practice of dental hygiene in such state or states for a period of time prescribed by the rules of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(4) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been convicted of a violation of law if the board makes the findings required by ORS 670.280. A certified copy of the record of conviction is conclusive evidence of conviction.

(5) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been disciplined by a state licensing or regulatory agency of this or another state regarding any health care profession when, in the judgment of the board, the acts or conduct resulting in the disciplinary action bears a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the licensee or applicant to practice dental hygiene in accordance with the provisions of ORS 680.010 to 680.205. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.

(6) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has falsified a license application, or any person for any cause described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.

(7) Fees paid are not refundable. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §5; 1967 c.90 §1; 1973 c.122 §2; 1983 c.169 §21; 1985 c.323 §16; 1995 c.199 §5; 2003 c.83 §9]

**680.060 Examination; acceptable results.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may administer written, laboratory or clinical examinations to test professional knowledge and skills.

(2) The examination must be sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to

practice dental hygiene. The examination must include, written in the English language, questions on any subjects pertaining to dental hygiene.

(3) If a test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application and the applicant received a passing score on the test or examination, as established by the board by rule, the board:

(a) To satisfy the written examination authorized under this section, may accept the results of national standardized examinations.

(b) To satisfy the clinical or laboratory examination authorized under this section:

(A) Shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or clinical board examinations administered by other states; and

(B) May accept the results of board-recognized testing agencies.

(4) The board may accept results of board-recognized testing agencies and shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section for applicants who have engaged in the active practice of dental hygiene in Oregon, other states, the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a period of at least 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application and who meet all other requirements for licensure. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §6; 1983 c.169 §22; 2001 c.193 §2; 2003 c.83 §10; 2005 c.229 §2; 2009 c.582 §2; 2019 c.467 §2]

**680.070 Additional requirements for certain applicants; rules.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry may adopt rules requiring additional education and examination of applicants who have failed the licensing examination three times. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §7; 1967 c.90 §2; 1971 c.34 §3; 1977 c.444 §4; 1979 c.526 §2; 1981 c.232 §3; 1983 c.169 §23; 2003 c.83 §11]

**680.072 Issuing license.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall, upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of the educational requirements and written, laboratory and clinical examinations authorized under ORS 680.060 and upon receipt of the requisite fees, issue or renew the appropriate dental hygiene license. [1983 c.169 §26]

**680.075 Fees; waiver; reinstatement of inactive status license; notice of change of address.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may impose application fees for the following:

(a) Examinations;

(b) Biennial dental hygiene license, active;

(c) Biennial dental hygiene license, inactive;

(d) Permits and certificates; and

(e) Delinquency.

(2) Subject to prior approval of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the fees and charges established under this section and ORS chapter 679 shall not exceed the costs of administering the regulatory program of the board as authorized by the Legislative Assembly within the board budget, as the budget may be modified by the Emergency Board.

(3)(a) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may waive the payment of the license fee in the case of any licensee who furnishes satisfactory evidence that the licensee has discontinued the actual practice of dental hygiene because of retirement.

(b) Application to reinstate a license retired under paragraph (a) of this subsection or to convert an inactive status license to an active status license shall be made in accordance with the rules of the board and with the submission of the license fee prescribed for such license; provided, however, that if more than one year has expired since the license was retired or inactivated, satisfactory evidence of clinical competence must be submitted to the board.

(4) Every dental hygienist shall advise the board within 30 days of any change of address.

(5) Each dental hygienist must renew the hygienist's license every two years through submitting a renewal application and paying the license fee.

(6) Dental hygienists licensed in even-numbered years must renew by September 30 of each even-numbered year. Dental hygienists licensed in odd-numbered years must renew by September 30 of each odd-numbered year.

(7) A reasonable charge may be made in the event that the license fee or renewal application is more than 10 days delinquent.

(8) Fees paid are not refundable. [1983 c.169 §25; 1985 c.323 §17; 1989 c.338 §9; 1991 c.703 §26; 2023 c.602 §24]

**680.080** [Amended by 1963 c.266 §8; 1973 c.122 §3; 1975 c.323 §3; 1979 c.526 §3; 1983 c.169 §27; 1991 c.67 §183; repealed by 1999 c.578 §6]

**680.082 Licensure of dental hygiene instructor; rules.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 680.010 to 680.205, the Oregon Board of Dentistry shall issue a dental hygiene instructor's license to any person who:

(a) Is or will be a full-time instructor of dental hygiene engaged in the practice of dental hygiene, including but not limited to participation in a faculty practice plan within the scope of the applicant's employment at Oregon Health and Science University;

(b) Is a graduate of a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any; and

(c) Is licensed to practice dental hygiene in another state or a Canadian province.

(2) The board shall by rule establish standards, procedures and fees for the issuance, suspension, revocation and renewal of a dental hygiene instructor's license.

(3) The board may refuse to issue or renew a dental hygiene instructor's license to an applicant or licensee:

(a) Who has been convicted of an offense or disciplined by a dental licensing body in a manner that bears, in the judgment of the board, a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the applicant or licensee to practice dental hygiene in accordance with the provisions of ORS 680.010 to 680.205;

(b) Who has falsified an application for licensure; or

(c) For cause as described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.

(4) A person issued a dental hygiene instructor's license is restricted to the practice of dental hygiene for or on behalf of Oregon Health and Science University.

(5) An applicant who receives a dental hygiene instructor's license is subject to the professional ethics, standards and discipline of ORS 680.010 to 680.205. [2001 c.193 §4; 2013 c.413 §2]

**Note:** 680.082 was added to and made a part of 680.010 to 680.205 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**680.090** [Repealed by 1983 c.169 §34]

**680.100 Discipline of dental hygienist; grounds; method; procedure.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may discipline any dental hygienist for any of the causes for which a dentist may be disciplined under ORS 679.140 and may impose any or all of the methods of discipline, modify such methods and reinstate dental hygiene licenses as provided in ORS 679.140 for dentists.

(2) The provisions of ORS 679.160 and 679.250 apply to proceedings by the board for the revocation or suspension of or refusal to renew a license issued pursuant to ORS 680.010 to 680.205. [Amended by 1963 c.266 §9; 1975 c.323 §4; 1977 c.745 §52; 1983 c.169 §28; 1983 c. 338 §963; 1999 c.578 §5]

**680.110 Disposition of receipts.** All moneys paid by applicants to the Oregon Board of Dentistry as examination and licensing fees under ORS 680.010 to 680.205 shall be used for the same purposes and accounted for by the board in the same manner as moneys obtained as fees from applicants for license to practice dentistry in Oregon.

**680.150 Employment of dental hygienist; supervision; rules.** (1) Any dentist may employ a dental hygienist who may engage in the practice of dental hygiene in the office of such dentist under the general supervision of a dentist.

(2) Any public institution, health care facility or health maintenance organization, as those terms are defined in ORS 442.015, may employ a dental hygienist who may engage in the practice of dental hygiene under the general supervision of a dentist.

(3) A dental hygienist under the general supervision of a dentist may engage in the practice of dental hygiene in any place where limited access patients are located.

(4) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may adopt rules specifying other locations where dental hygienists may work and shall specify in its rules the degree of supervision a dentist must exercise over the procedures the hygienist performs.

(5) Notwithstanding ORS 679.010 (3), supervision by a dentist is not required when a dental hygienist determines the need for and appropriateness of sealants or fluoride, and applies sealants or fluoride at the locations and for persons described in ORS 680.205 (1). [Amended by 1963 c.266 §10; 1973 c.122 §4; 1979 c.526 §4; 1985 c.323 §9; 1991 c.476 §1; 2007 c.379

§4; 2011 c.716 §6]

**680.160** [Amended by 1973 c.122 §5; 1975 c.323 §5; 1979 c.526 §5; repealed by 1991 c.476 §2]

(Miscellaneous)

**680.165 Monitoring performance; information available to monitor; confidentiality; liability.** (1)

The Oregon Board of Dentistry may appoint a consultant or a committee or committees, each consisting of one or more licensed dental hygienists in this state, to study and report to the board the condition of and dental hygiene treatment rendered to any person or persons by any licensed dental hygienist in this state, or by any person purporting to practice dental hygiene in this state. Any person, hospital, sanitarium, professional grievance committee, nursing or rest home or other organization may, subject to the laws governing privileged or confidential communications, provide information, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda or other data relating to the condition and treatment of any person, to any such consultant, committee or the board, to be used in the course of any study for the purpose of improving the standards of dental hygiene practice, or to enable the board to assess the desirability of disciplinary action relating thereto. No liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief shall arise or be enforced against any such person or organization by reason of having provided such information or material, or arise or be enforced against any consultant or member of such committee by reason of having released or published the findings and conclusions of such consultants or committees to advance dental hygiene science and dental hygiene education, or by reason of having released or published generally a summary of such studies. Testimony given to and the proceedings, reports, statements, opinions, findings and conclusions of such consultants and committees and the board shall be confidential but this shall not preclude the use of the subpoena power with respect to the actual records of dentists, dental hygienists, patients, hospitals, sanitarium, nursing or rest homes.

(2) There shall be no monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages shall arise against, any consultant or member of a duly appointed committee for any act or

proceeding undertaken or performed within the scope of the functions of any such consultant or committee, if such consultant or committee member acts without malice, has made a reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the matter as to which the member acts, and acts in a reasonable belief that the action taken is warranted by the facts known after such reasonable effort to obtain the facts. [1985 c.323 §19]

**680.170** [Repealed by 2001 c.11 §1]

**680.172 Oral health screening by dental hygienists and dental assistants.** Oral health screenings may be performed by dental hygienists and dental assistants under written training and screening protocols adopted by the Oregon Board of Dentistry. Screening results must be provided to individuals screened or to the parents or guardians of minors needing a dental referral for diagnosis. Screening results are not a diagnosis for purposes of ORS chapter 679 or ORS 680.010 to 680.205. [2003 c.310 §5]

(Expanded Practice Dental Hygienists)

**680.200 Issuing expanded practice permit; requirements.** (1) Upon application accompanied by the fee established by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, the board shall grant a permit to practice as an expanded practice dental hygienist to an applicant who:

- (a) Holds a valid, unrestricted Oregon dental hygiene license;
- (b) Presents proof of current professional liability insurance coverage;
- (c) Presents documentation satisfactory to the board of successful completion of an emergency life support course for health professionals, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, from an agency or educational institution approved by the board; and
- (d) Presents documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has:
  - (A)(i) Completed 2,500 hours of supervised dental hygiene practice; and
  - (ii) After licensure as a dental hygienist, completed 40 hours of courses, chosen by the applicant, in clinical dental hygiene or public health sponsored by continuing education providers approved by the board; or
  - (B) Completed a course of study approved by the board that includes at least 500 hours of

dental hygiene practice, completed before or after graduation from a dental hygiene program, on patients described in ORS 680.205 while under the indirect supervision of a member of the faculty of a dental program or dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency.

(2) A permit issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section expires two years following the date of issuance unless renewed on or before that date by:

(a) Payment of the renewal fee as set by the board;

(b) Submission to the board of satisfactory evidence of completion of at least 36 hours of continuing education;

(c) Presentation to the board of proof of professional liability insurance coverage; and

(d) Completion of a survey developed by the board that measures the success of the expanded practice dental hygienist program against baseline data.

(3) The board may refuse to issue or renew an expanded practice dental hygienist permit or may suspend or revoke the permit of an expanded practice dental hygienist who has been convicted of an offense or been disciplined by a dental licensing body in a manner that bears, in the judgment of the board, a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the applicant to practice expanded practice dental hygiene in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or ORS chapter 679, or who has falsified an application for permit, or any person for any cause described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170. [1997 c.251 §2; 2003 c.310 §3; 2007 c.379 §2; 2009 c.582 §3; 2011 c.716 §7; 2017 c.342 §3]

#### **680.205 Services rendered under permit. (1)**

An expanded practice dental hygienist may render all services within the scope of practice of dental hygiene, as defined in ORS 679.010, without the supervision of a dentist and as authorized by the expanded practice dental hygienist permit to:

(a) Patients or residents of the following facilities or programs who, due to age, infirmity or disability, are unable to receive regular dental hygiene treatment:

(A) Nursing homes as defined in ORS 678.710;

(B) Adult foster homes as defined in ORS 443.705;

(C) Residential care facilities as defined in ORS 443.400;

(D) Adult congregate living facilities as defined in ORS 441.525;

(E) Mental health residential programs administered by the Oregon Health Authority;

(F) Facilities for persons with mental illness, as those terms are defined in ORS 426.005;

(G) Facilities for persons with developmental disabilities, as those terms are defined in ORS 427.005;

(H) Local correctional facilities and juvenile detention facilities as those terms are defined in ORS 169.005, regional correctional facilities as defined in ORS 169.620, youth correction facilities as defined in ORS 420.005, youth care centers as defined in ORS 420.855, and Department of Corrections institutions as defined in ORS 421.005; or

(I) Public and nonprofit community health clinics.

(b) Adults who are homebound.

(c) Students or enrollees of nursery schools and day care programs and their siblings under 18 years of age, Job Corps and similar employment training facilities, primary and secondary schools, including private schools and public charter schools, and persons entitled to benefits under the Women, Infants and Children Program.

(d) Patients in hospitals, medical clinics, medical offices or offices operated or staffed by naturopathic physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants or midwives.

(e) Patients whose income is less than the federal poverty level.

(f) Other populations that the Oregon Board of Dentistry determines are underserved or lack access to dental hygiene services.

(2) Unless different criteria for referral of a patient or resident to a dentist are included in an agreement described in subsection (3) of this section, at least once each calendar year, an expanded practice dental hygienist shall refer each patient or resident to a dentist who is available to treat the patient or resident.

(3) An expanded practice dental hygienist may render the services described in paragraphs (a) to (e) of this subsection to the patients described in subsection (1) of this section if the expanded practice dental hygienist has entered into an agreement in a format approved by the board with a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679. The agreement must set forth the agreed-

upon scope of the dental hygienist's practice with regard to:

- (a) Administering local anesthesia;
- (b) Administering temporary restorations with or without excavation;
- (c) Prescribing prophylactic antibiotics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs specified in the agreement;
- (d) Performing interim therapeutic restoration after diagnosis by a dentist; and
- (e) Referral parameters.

(4) This section does not authorize an expanded practice dental hygienist to administer nitrous oxide except under the indirect supervision of a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679.

(5) An expanded practice dental hygienist may assess the need for and appropriateness of sealants, apply sealants and write prescriptions for all applications of fluoride in which fluoride is applied or supplied to patients.

(6) An expanded practice dental hygienist must also procure all other permits or certificates required by the board under ORS 679.250.

(7) As used in this section and ORS 680.213, "interim therapeutic restoration" means a direct provisional restoration placed to temporarily stabilize a tooth until a dentist subsequently diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment, and that:

(a) Consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material; and

(b) Does not require the administration of local anesthesia. [1997 c.251 §3; 2001 c.592 §1; 2005 c.52 §1; 2007 c.70 §306; 2007 c.379 §3; 2009 c.582 §4; 2009 c.595 §1062; 2011 c.658 §41; 2011 c.716 §8; 2013 c.360 §63; 2015 c.349 §2; 2017 c.356 §87; 2021 c.69 §1]

**680.210 Compilation of data on expanded practice dental hygienists; reports by health insurers; report to legislature; rules.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall compile data, including baseline data, in every odd-numbered year on the use of expanded practice dental hygienists, as defined in ORS 679.010, in this state.

(2)(a) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt rules requiring health insurers to report to the department on the reimbursement of services provided by expanded practice dental hygienists.

(b) The department shall provide the information collected under paragraph (a) of this subsection to the board.

(3) The board shall report to an interim legislative committee related to dental health on the reimbursement of services provided by expanded practice dental hygienists on or before October 1 of each even-numbered year. [2011 c.716 §12]

**Note:** 680.210 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 680 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**680.213 Interim therapeutic restoration; training requirement; exception.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall approve applications from oral health care education providers for training courses that meet the requirements established in rules adopted by the board establishing educational and instructional requirements for interim therapeutic restoration to be performed by an expanded practice dental hygienist.

(2) An expanded practice dental hygienist must successfully complete a training course approved by the board under this section before performing interim therapeutic restorations under ORS 680.205 (3)(d).

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, an expanded practice dental hygienist who is operating within the Dental Health Workforce Pilot Project No. 200 through the dental pilot project program of the Oregon Health Authority as of September 25, 2021, and who has completed training to perform interim therapeutic restorations, is exempt from completing training under subsection (2) of this section. [2021 c.69 §4]

## DENTAL PILOT PROJECTS

**Note:** Sections 1 and 17, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, provide:

**Sec. 1.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority may approve pilot projects to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care delivery systems with a focus on providing care to populations that evidence-based studies have shown have the highest disease rates and the least access to dental care. The authority may approve a pilot project that is

designed to:

(a) Operate for three to five years or a sufficient amount of time to evaluate the validity of the pilot project;

(b) Evaluate quality of care, access, cost, workforce and efficacy; and

(c) Achieve at least one of the following:

(A) Teach new skills to existing categories of dental personnel;

(B) Develop new categories of dental personnel;

(C) Accelerate the training of existing categories of dental personnel; or

(D) Teach new oral health care roles to previously untrained persons.

(2) The authority shall adopt rules:

(a) Establishing an application process for pilot projects;

(b) Establishing minimum standards, guidelines and instructions for pilot projects; and

(c) Requiring an approved pilot project to report to the authority on the progress and outcomes of the pilot project, including:

(A) The process used to evaluate the progress and outcomes of the pilot project;

(B) The baseline data and information to be collected;

(C) The nature of program data that will be collected and the methods for collecting and analyzing the data;

(D) The provisions for protecting the safety of patients seen or treated in the project; and

(E) A statement of previous experience in providing related health care services.

(3) The authority shall seek the advice of appropriate professional societies and licensing boards before adopting rules under subsection (2) of this section.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 679.020 and 680.020, a person may practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy without a license as part of a pilot project approved under this section under the general supervision of a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 and in accordance with rules adopted by the authority.

(b) A person practicing dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy without a license under this section is subject to the same standard of care and is entitled to the same immunities as a person performing the services with a license.

(5) The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any public or private source for the purpose of carrying out this section.

Funds received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Dental Pilot Projects Fund established under section 17, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011. [2011 c.716 §1; 2021 c.530 §17]

**Sec. 17.** The Dental Pilot Projects Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Dental Pilot Projects Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011. [2011 c.716 §17; 2013 c.113 §2]

**Note:** Section 2, chapter 842, Oregon Laws 2015, provides:

**Sec. 2.** A provider of dental services in a dental pilot project approved by the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, is eligible to be reimbursed for covered services provided to a recipient of medical assistance. [2015 c.842 §2]

**Note:** Section 2, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, provides:

**Sec. 2.** (1) Section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, is repealed on January 2, 2025.

(2) Section 17, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, as amended by section 2, chapter 113, Oregon Laws 2013, is repealed January 2, 2025.

(3) Section 2 of this 2015 Act [section 2, chapter 842, Oregon Laws 2015] is repealed on January 2, 2025. [2011 c.716 §2; 2015 c.842 §3]

## PENALTIES

**680.990 Criminal penalties.** (1) Violation of any of the provisions of ORS 680.010 to 680.205 is a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) Violation of any provision of ORS 680.505 and 743A.028 is a Class B misdemeanor. [Amended by 1977 c.192 §11; subsection (2) enacted as 1979 c.1 §17; 1983 c.169 §32; 2003 c.547 §19]

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**12.110 Actions for certain injuries to person not arising on contract; action for overtime or premium pay; action for professional malpractice; effect of fraud or deceit; action for injuries to person arising from nuclear incident.** (1) An action for assault, battery, false imprisonment, or for any injury to the person or rights of another, not arising on contract, and not especially enumerated in this chapter, shall be commenced within two years; provided, that in an action at law based upon fraud or deceit, the limitation shall be deemed to commence only from the discovery of the fraud or deceit.

(2) An action upon a statute for a forfeiture or penalty to the state or county shall be commenced within two years.

(3) An action for overtime or premium pay or for penalties or liquidated damages for failure to pay overtime or premium pay shall be commenced within two years.

(4) An action to recover damages for injuries to the person arising from any medical, surgical or dental treatment, omission or operation shall be commenced within two years from the date when the injury is first discovered or in the exercise of reasonable care should have been discovered. However, notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 12.160, every such action shall be commenced within five years from the date of the treatment, omission or operation upon which the action is based or, if there has been no action commenced within five years because of fraud, deceit or misleading representation, then within two years from the date such fraud, deceit or misleading representation is discovered or in the exercise of reasonable care should have been discovered.

(5) An action, arising from a nuclear incident, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 2014(q), that involves the release of radioactive material, excluding releases from acts of war, that causes bodily injury, sickness or death, shall be commenced:

(a) Within two years from the time an injured person discovers or reasonably could have discovered the injury and the causal connection between the injury and the nuclear incident; or

(b) Within two years from any substantial change in the degree of injury to the person arising out of a nuclear incident. [Amended by 1957 c.374 §1; 1967 c.406 §1; 1969 c.642 §1; 1971 c.473 §1; 1975 c.796 §10a; 1981 c.149 §1; 1987 c.705 §4]

**12.115 Action for negligent injury to person or property.** (1) In no event shall any action for negligent injury to person or property of another be commenced more than 10 years from the date of the act or omission complained of.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to extend any period of limitation otherwise established by law, including but not limited to the limitations established by ORS 12.110. [1967 c.406 §2]

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### SUSPENSION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND DRIVER LICENSES

#### **25.750 Suspension of licenses, certificates, permits and registrations; when authorized; rules.**

(1) All licenses, certificates, permits or registrations that a person is required by state law to possess in order to engage in an occupation or profession or to use a particular occupational or professional title, all annual licenses issued to individuals by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, all driver licenses or permits issued by the Department of Transportation and recreational hunting and fishing licenses, as defined by rule of the Department of Justice, are subject to suspension by the respective issuing entities upon certification to the issuing entity by the administrator that a child support case record is being maintained by the Department of Justice, that the case is being enforced by the administrator under the provisions of ORS 25.080 and that one or both of the following conditions apply:

(a) That the party holding the license, certificate, permit or registration is in arrears under any child support judgment or order, in an amount equal to the greater of three months of support or \$2,500, and:

(A) Has not entered into an agreement with the administrator with respect to the child support obligation; or

(B) Is not in compliance with an agreement entered into with the administrator; or

(b) That the party holding the license, certificate, permit or registration has failed, after receiving appropriate notice, to comply with a subpoena or other procedural order relating to a parentage or child support proceeding and:

(A) Has not entered into an agreement with the administrator with respect to compliance; or

(B) Is not in compliance with such an agreement.

(2) The Department of Justice by rule shall specify the conditions and terms of agreements, compliance with which precludes the suspension of the license, certificate, permit or registration. [1993 c.365 §2; 1995 c.620 §1; 1995 c.750 §7; 1997 c.704 §37; 1999 c.80 §11; 2001 c.323 §1; 2001 c.455 §14; 2003 c.73 §43; 2009 c.209 §1; 2017 c.651 §12; 2021 c.351 §1]

**25.752 Memberships in professional organizations that are required by state law.** As used in ORS 25.750 to 25.783, “licenses, certificates, permits or registrations” includes, but is not limited to, memberships in professional organizations that are required by state law in order to engage in a profession. [1995 c.620 §12]

**25.753** [1993 c.365 §3; repealed by 1995 c.620 §13]

**25.756 Identifying persons holding licenses, certificates, permits and registrations.** The Department of Justice shall enter into agreements regarding the identification of persons who are subject to the provisions of ORS 25.750 to 25.783 and who hold licenses, certificates, permits or registrations with:

- (1) The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission;
- (2) All entities that issue licenses, certificates, permits or registrations that a person is required by state law to possess to engage in an occupation, profession or recreational hunting or fishing or to use a particular occupational or professional title; and
- (3) The Department of Transportation. [1993 c.365 §4; 1995 c.620 §2; 1995 c.750 §8; 1997 c.704 §38; 1999 c.80 §12; 2021 c.351 §2]

**25.759 Notice to persons subject to suspension; contents.** Upon identification of a person subject to suspension under ORS 25.750 to 25.783, the administrator may issue a notice, sent by regular mail to both the address of record as shown in the records of the issuing entity and the address of record as shown on the administrator’s child support file. Such notice shall contain the following information:

(1) That certain licenses, certificates, permits and registrations, which shall be specified in the notice, are subject to suspension as provided for by ORS 25.750 to 25.783.

(2) The name, final four digits of the Social Security number, if available, year of birth, if known, and child support case number or numbers of the person subject to the action.

(3) The amount of arrears and the amount of the monthly child support obligation, if any, or, if suspension is based on ORS 25.750 (1)(b), a description of the subpoena or other procedural order with which the person subject to the action has failed to comply.

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(4) The procedures available for contesting the suspension of a license, certificate, permit or registration.

(5) That the only bases for contesting the suspension are:

(a) That the arrears are not greater than three months of support or \$2,500;

(b) That there is a mistake in the identity of the obligor;

(c) That the person subject to the suspension has complied with the subpoena or other procedural order identified in subsection (3) of this section; or

(d) That the person subject to the suspension is in compliance with a previous agreement as provided for by ORS 25.750 to 25.783.

(6) That the obligor may enter into an agreement, prescribed by rule by the Department of Justice, compliance with which shall preclude the suspension under ORS 25.750 to 25.783.

(7) That the obligor has 30 days from the date of the notice to contact the administrator in order to:

(a) Contest the action in writing on a form prescribed by the administrator;

(b) Comply with the subpoena or procedural order identified in subsection (3) of this section; or

(c) Enter into an agreement authorized by ORS 25.750 and 25.762. The notice shall state that any agreement must be in writing and must be entered into within 30 days of making contact with the administrator.

(8) That failure to contact the administrator within 30 days of the date of the notice shall result in notification to the issuing entity to suspend the license, certificate, permit or registration. [1993 c.365 §5; 1995 c.620 §3; 1997 c.704 §39; 1999 c.80 §13; 2001 c.323 §2; 2001 c.455 §15; 2003 c.73 §44; 2011 c.318 §14; 2013 c.184 §3]

**25.762 Agreement between obligor and administrator; effect of failure to contest suspension or to enter into agreement.** (1) If the administrator is contacted within 30 days of the date of the notice specified in ORS 25.759, the administrator and the obligor may enter into an agreement as provided for by rule of the Department of Justice. If no contest is filed or if no agreement is entered into within the time prescribed by ORS 25.750 to 25.783, or if the obligor fails to comply with the terms of an agreement previously entered into, the administrator shall advise the issuing entity to suspend the license, certificate, permit or registration forthwith.

(2) After receipt of notice to suspend from the administrator, no further administrative review or contested case proceeding within or by the issuing entity is required. [1993 c.365 §6; 1995 c.620 §4; 1999 c.80 §14; 2001 c.323 §3; 2003 c.73 §45]

**25.765 Procedure if obligor contacts administrator within time limits; hearing.** (1) If the obligor makes the contact within 30 days of the date of the notice as provided for in ORS 25.759, the administrator shall provide the obligor with the opportunity to contest the suspension on the bases set forth in ORS 25.759 (5). The administrator shall determine whether suspension should occur. If the administrator determines that suspension should occur, the administrator shall make a written determination of such finding.

(2) The obligor may object to the determination described in subsection (1) of this section within 30 days after the date of the determination. Any hearing on the objection shall be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned from the Office of Administrative Hearings. Any suspension is stayed pending the decision of the administrative law judge. Any order of the administrative law judge that supports a suspension shall result in the notification to the issuing entity by the administrator to suspend the license, certificate, permit or registration forthwith.

(3) After receipt of notice to suspend from the administrator, no further administrative review or contested case proceeding within or by the issuing entity is required. [1993 c.365 §7; 1995 c.620 §5; 1999 c.80 §15; 1999 c.849 §§43,44; 2001 c.323 §§4,5; 2003 c.75 §26; 2005 c.560 §7]

**25.768 Judicial review of order.** The order of the administrative law judge is final and is subject to judicial review as provided in ORS 183.482. Any suspension under ORS 25.750 to 25.783 is not stayed pending judicial review. [1993 c.365 §8; 2003 c.75 §76]

**25.771 Obligor holding more than one license, certificate, permit or registration.** In the event that an obligor holds more than one license, certificate, permit or registration described in ORS 25.750, any determination regarding suspension of one license, certificate, permit or registration is sufficient to suspend any other license, certificate, permit or registration described in ORS 25.750. [1993 c.365 §9; 1995 c.620 §6]

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**25.774 Reinstatement.** When, at any time after suspension under ORS 25.750 to 25.783, the conditions resulting in the suspension no longer exist, the administrator shall so notify the issuing entity and shall confirm that the license, certificate, permit or registration may be reinstated contingent upon the requirements of the issuing entity. Until the issuing entity receives notice under this section, the issuing entity may not reinstate, reissue, renew or otherwise make the license, certificate, permit or registration available to the holder of the suspended license, certificate, permit or registration. [1993 c.365 §10; 1995 c.620 §7; 1999 c.80 §16; 2001 c.323 §6]

**25.777 Reimbursing issuing entities for costs incurred.** The Department of Justice shall enter into agreements to reimburse issuing entities for their costs of compliance with ORS 25.750 to 25.783 to the extent that those costs are eligible for Federal Financial Participation under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. [1993 c.365 §11; 1995 c.620 §8; 2001 c.323 §7]

**25.780 Other licenses, certificates, permits and registrations subject to suspension.** In addition to any other grounds for suspension provided by law:

(1) The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission and any entity that issues licenses, certificates, permits or registrations that a person is required by state law to possess to engage in an occupation, profession or recreational hunting or fishing or to use a particular occupational or professional title shall suspend without further hearing the licenses, certificates, permits or registrations of a person upon certification by the administrator that the person is subject to an order suspending the license, certificate, permit or registration. The certification must include the information specified in ORS 25.750 (1).

(2) The Department of Transportation shall suspend without further hearing the driver license or driver permit of a person upon certification by the administrator that the person is subject to an order suspending the license or permit. The certification must include the information specified in ORS 25.750 (1). [1993 c.365 §13; 1995 c.620 §9; 1995 c.750 §5; 1999 c.80 §17; 2001 c.323 §8; 2021 c.351 §3]

**25.783 Confidentiality of information.** Any entity described in ORS 25.756 that receives an inquiry as to the status of a person who has had a license, certificate, permit or registration suspended under ORS 25.750 to 25.783 shall respond only that the license,

certificate, permit or registration was suspended pursuant to ORS 25.750 to 25.783. The entity shall not release or make other use of information that it receives pursuant to ORS 25.750 to 25.783. [1993 c.365 §14; 1995 c.620 §10]

**25.785 Issuing entities to require Social Security number.** (1) Any state agency, board or commission that is authorized to issue an occupational, professional, recreational or driver license, certificate, permit or registration subject to suspension under ORS 25.750 to 25.783 shall require that an individual's Social Security number be recorded on an application for, or form for renewal of, a license, certificate, permit or registration and to the maximum extent feasible shall include the Social Security number in automated databases containing information about the individual.

(2) A state agency, board or commission described in subsection (1) of this section may accept a written statement from an individual who has not been issued a Social Security number by the United States Social Security Administration to fulfill the requirement in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) An individual may not submit to a state agency, board or commission a written statement described in subsection (2) of this section knowing the statement to be false. [1997 c.746 §117; 1999 c.80 §93; 2003 c.610 §1; 2005 c.22 §17]

**Note:** 25.785 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 25 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

## ACTIONS AND SUITS IN PARTICULAR CASES

### TORT ACTIONS AGAINST PUBLIC BODIES

**30.278 Reporting notice of claim of professional negligence to licensing board.** (1) When notice is received under ORS 30.275 of a claim of professional negligence against a physician, optometrist, dentist, dental hygienist or naturopath who is acting within the scope of employment by a public body or within the scope of duties as defined by ORS 30.267, the person receiving the notice shall report to the appropriate licensing board, in the same manner as required by ORS 742.400, the information required by ORS 742.400 to be reported by insurers or self-insured associations.

(2) This section does not apply to a notice of adverse health care incident received under section 2, chapter 5, Oregon Laws 2013. [1987 c.774 §64; 2013 c.5 §11]

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### MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

#### **30.792 Liability of health care provider or health clinic for volunteer services to charitable corporations.** (1) As used in this section:

(a)(A) “Charitable organization” means a charitable organization, as defined in ORS 128.620, that:

(i) Spends at least 65 percent of its revenues on charitable programs; and

(ii) Has a financially secure source of recovery for individuals who suffer harm as a result of actions taken by a volunteer on behalf of the organization.

(B) “Charitable organization” does not include hospitals, intermediate care facilities or long term care facilities, as those terms are defined in ORS 442.015.

(b) “Health care provider” means an individual licensed in this state as a practitioner of one or more healing arts as described in ORS 31.740.

(c) “Health clinic” means a public health clinic or a health clinic operated by a charitable organization that provides primarily primary physical health, dental or mental health services to low-income patients without charge or using a sliding fee scale based on the income of the patient.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a person may not maintain an action for damages against:

(a) A health care provider who voluntarily provides assistance, services or advice through a charitable organization if:

(A) The assistance, services or advice that caused the damages are within the scope of the license of the health care provider; and

(B) The health care provider was acting within the course and scope of the provider’s volunteer duties when the damages occurred; or

(b) A health clinic for the assistance, services or advice provided by a health care provider described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(3) The immunity provided in this section does not apply to:

(a) Any person who receives compensation other than reimbursement for expenses incurred by the person providing the assistance, services or advice described in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) A person operating a motor vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other vehicle for which the person or owner of the vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other vehicle is required to possess an operator’s license or to maintain insurance.

(c) The liability of any person for damages resulting from the person’s gross negligence or from the person’s reckless, wanton or intentional misconduct.

(d) Any activity for which a person is otherwise strictly liable without regard to fault. [1995 c.616 §2; 2005 c.362 §2; 2012 c.41 §1]

#### **30.800 Liability for emergency medical assistance.** (1) As used in this section and ORS 30.805, “emergency medical assistance” means:

(a) Medical or dental care not provided in a place where emergency medical or dental care is regularly available, including but not limited to a hospital, industrial first-aid station or the office of a physician, naturopathic physician, physician assistant or dentist, given voluntarily and without the expectation of compensation to an injured person who is in need of immediate medical or dental care and under emergency circumstances that suggest that the giving of assistance is the only alternative to death or serious physical aftereffects; or

(b) Medical care provided voluntarily in good faith and without expectation of compensation by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or a naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 and in the person’s professional capacity as a provider of health care for an athletic team at a public or private school or college athletic event or as a volunteer provider of health care at other athletic events.

(2) No person may maintain an action for damages for injury, death or loss that results from acts or omissions of a person while rendering emergency medical assistance unless it is alleged and proved by the complaining party that the person was grossly negligent in rendering the emergency medical assistance.

(3) The giving of emergency medical assistance by a person does not, of itself, establish a professional relationship between the person giving the assistance and the person receiving the assistance insofar as the relationship carries with it any duty to provide or arrange for further medical care for the injured person after the giving of emergency medical assistance.

[1967 c.266 §§1,2; 1973 c.635 §1; 1979 c.576 §1; 1979 c.731 §1; 1983 c.771 §1; 1983 c.779 §1; 1985 c.428 §1; 1989 c.782 §35; 1997 c.242 §1; 1997 c.751 §11; 2013 c.688 §8; 2014 c.45 §3; 2017 c.356 §2]

**(Punitive Damages)**

**31.740 When award of punitive damages against health practitioner prohibited.** Punitive damages may not be awarded against a health practitioner if:

- (1) The health practitioner is licensed, registered or certified as:
  - (a) A psychologist under ORS 675.030 to 675.070, 675.085 and 675.090;
  - (b) An occupational therapist under ORS 675.230 to 675.300;
  - (c) A regulated social worker under ORS 675.510 to 675.600;
  - (d) A physician under ORS 677.100 to 677.228 or 677.805 to 677.840;
  - (e) An emergency medical services provider under ORS chapter 682;
  - (f) A nurse under ORS 678.040 to 678.101;
  - (g) A nurse practitioner under ORS 678.375 to 678.390;
  - (h) A dentist under ORS chapter 679;
  - (i) A dental hygienist under ORS 680.040 to 680.100;
  - (j) A denturist under ORS 680.515 to 680.535;
  - (k) An audiologist or speech-language pathologist under ORS 681.250 to 681.350;
  - (L) An optometrist under ORS 683.040 to 683.155 and 683.170 to 683.220;
  - (m) A chiropractor under ORS 684.040 to 684.105;
  - (n) A naturopath under ORS 685.060 to 685.110, 685.125 and 685.135;
  - (o) A massage therapist under ORS 687.011 to 687.250;
  - (p) A physical therapist under ORS 688.040 to 688.145;
  - (q) A medical imaging licensee under ORS 688.445 to 688.525;
  - (r) A pharmacist under ORS 689.151 and 689.225 to 689.285;
  - (s) A physician assistant as provided by ORS 677.505 to 677.525; or
  - (t) A professional counselor or marriage and family therapist under ORS 675.715 to 675.835; and

(2) The health practitioner was engaged in conduct regulated by the license, registration or certificate issued by the appropriate governing body and was acting within the scope of practice for which the license, registration or certificate was issued and without malice. [Formerly 18.550; 2005 c.366 §4; 2009 c.442 §27; 2009 c.833 §26; 2011 c.396 §1; 2011 c.703 §20; 2013 c.129 §20; 2021 c.97 §5]

Note: Section 2, chapter 396, Oregon Laws 2011, provides:

Sec. 2. The amendments to ORS 31.740 by section 1 of this 2011 Act apply only to causes of action that arise on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act [January 1, 2012]. [2011 c.396 §2]

## EVIDENCE CODE

### PRIVILEGES

#### **40.235 Rule 504-1. Physician-patient privilege.**

(1) As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) “Confidential communication” means a communication not intended to be disclosed to third persons except:

(A) Persons present to further the interest of the patient in the consultation, examination or interview;

(B) Persons reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communication; or

(C) Persons who are participating in the diagnosis and treatment under the direction of the physician, including members of the patient’s family.

(b) “Patient” means a person who consults or is examined or interviewed by a physician.

(c)(A) “Physician” means a person authorized and licensed or certified to practice medicine, podiatry or dentistry in any state or nation, or reasonably believed by the patient so to be, while engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of a physical condition.

(B) “Physician” includes licensed or certified naturopathic and chiropractic physicians and dentists.

(2) A patient has a privilege to refuse to disclose and to prevent any other person from disclosing confidential communications in a civil action, suit or proceeding, made for the purposes of diagnosis or treatment of the patient’s physical condition, among the patient, the patient’s physician or persons who are participating in the diagnosis or treatment under the direction of the physician, including members of the patient’s family.

(3) The privilege created by this section may be claimed by:

(a) The patient;

(b) A guardian or conservator of the patient;

(c) The personal representative of a deceased patient; or

(d) The person who was the physician, but only on behalf of the patient. Such person’s authority so to do is presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

(4) The following is a nonexclusive list of limits on the privilege granted by this section:

(a) If the judge orders an examination of the physical condition of the patient, communications made in the course thereof are not privileged under this section with respect to the particular purpose for which the examination is ordered unless the judge orders otherwise.

(b) Except as provided in ORCP 44, there is no privilege under this section for communications made

in the course of a physical examination performed under ORCP 44.

(c) There is no privilege under this section with regard to any confidential communication or record of such confidential communication that would otherwise be privileged under this section when the use of the communication or record is specifically allowed under ORS 426.070, 426.074, 426.075, 426.095, 426.120 or 426.307. This paragraph only applies to the use of the communication or record to the extent and for the purposes set forth in the described statute sections. [1981 c.892 §33a; 1987 c.903 §2; 2005 c.353 §1; 2013 c.129 §3]

## DISSOLUTION, ANNULMENT AND SEPARATION

**107.154 Authority of parent when other parent granted sole custody of child.** Unless otherwise ordered by the court, an order of sole custody to one parent shall not deprive the other parent of the following authority:

(1) To inspect and receive school records and to consult with school staff concerning the child's welfare and education, to the same extent as the custodial parent may inspect and receive such records and consult with such staff;

(2) To inspect and receive governmental agency and law enforcement records concerning the child to the same extent as the custodial parent may inspect and receive such records;

(3) To consult with any person who may provide care or treatment for the child and to inspect and receive the child's medical, dental and psychological records, to the same extent as the custodial parent may consult with such person and inspect and receive such records;

(4) To authorize emergency medical, dental, psychological, psychiatric or other health care for the child if the custodial parent is, for practical purposes, unavailable; or

(5) To apply to be the child's conservator, guardian ad litem or both. [1987 c.795 §3]

## PARENT AND CHILD RIGHTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

### RIGHTS OF MINORS

**109.640 Right to medical or dental treatment without parental consent; provision of birth control information and services to any person.** (1) A physician, physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525, nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 may provide birth control information and services to any person without regard to the age of the person.

(2) A minor 15 years of age or older may give consent, without the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor, to:

(a) Hospital care, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board or a naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, and dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, except as provided by ORS 109.660.

(b) Diagnosis or treatment by a physician assistant who is licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 and who is acting pursuant to a practice agreement as defined in ORS 677.495.

(c) Diagnosis and treatment by a nurse practitioner who is licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who is acting within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner.

(d) Except when the minor is obtaining contact lenses for the first time, diagnosis and treatment by an optometrist who is licensed by the Oregon Board of Optometry under ORS 683.010 to 683.340 and who is acting within the scope of practice for an optometrist. [1971 c.381 §1; 2005 c.471 §7; 2010 c.91 §1; 2014 c.45 §11; 2017 c.356 §4]

**Note:** The amendments to 109.640 by section 14, chapter 349, Oregon Laws 2021, become operative July 15, 2022. See section 21, chapter 349, Oregon Laws 2021. The text that is operative on and after July 15, 2022, is set forth for the user's convenience.

**109.640.** (1) A physician, physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525, nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 may provide birth control information and services to any person without regard to the age of the person.

(2) A minor 15 years of age or older may give consent, without the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor, to:

(a) Hospital care, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board or a naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, and dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, except as provided by ORS 109.660.

(b) Diagnosis or treatment by a physician assistant who is licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 and who is acting pursuant to a collaboration agreement

as defined in ORS 677.495.

(c) Diagnosis and treatment by a nurse practitioner who is licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who is acting within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner.

(d) Except when the minor is obtaining contact lenses for the first time, diagnosis and treatment by an optometrist who is licensed by the Oregon Board of Optometry under ORS 683.010 to 683.340 and who is acting within the scope of practice for an optometrist.

**109.650 Disclosure without minor's consent and without liability.** A hospital or a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, naturopathic physician, dentist or optometrist described in ORS 109.640 may advise a parent or legal guardian of a minor of the care, diagnosis or treatment of the minor or the need for any treatment of the minor, without the consent of the minor, and is not liable for advising the parent or legal guardian without the consent of the minor. [1971 c.381 §2; 2005 c.471 §8; 2010 c.91 §2; 2014 c.45 §12; 2017 c.356 §5]

**109.660 Construction.** The provisions of ORS 109.640, 109.650 and this section do not amend or supersede the provisions of ORS 109.610 or 435.435. [1971 c.381 §3; 1973 c.827 §16]

**109.672 Certain persons immune from liability for providing care to minor.** (1) No person licensed, certified or registered to practice a health care profession or health care facility shall be liable for damages in any civil action arising out of the failure of the person or facility to obtain the consent of a parent to the giving of medical care or treatment to a minor child of the parent if consent to the care has been given by the other parent of the child.

(2) The immunity provided by subsection (1) of this section shall apply regardless of whether:

(a) The parents are married, unmarried or separated at the time of consent or treatment.

(b) The consenting parent is, or is not, a custodial parent of the minor.

(c) The giving of consent by only one parent is, or is not, in conformance with the terms of any agreement between the parents, any custody order or any judgment of dissolution or separation.

(3) The immunity created by subsection (1) of this section shall not apply if the parental rights of the parent who gives consent have been terminated pursuant to ORS 419B.500 to 419B.524.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "health care facility" means a facility as defined in ORS 442.015 or any other entity providing medical service. [Formerly 109.133; 1993 c.33 §296; 2003 c.576 §158]

## DEATHS, INJURIES AND MISSING PERSONS

### IDENTIFICATION OF DEAD AND MISSING PERSONS

**146.181 Missing persons; police report; supplementary report.** (1) When a person is reported as missing to any city, county or state police agency, the agency, within 12 hours thereafter, shall enter into state and federal records maintained for that purpose, a report of the missing person in a format and according to procedures established by the authorities responsible respectively for the state and federal records.

(2) The law enforcement agency to which the report is made:

(a) May request from the person making the report information or material likely to be useful in identifying the missing person or the human remains of the missing person, including, but not limited to:

(A) The name of the missing person and any alternative names the person uses;

(B) The date of birth of the missing person;

(C) A physical description of the missing person, including the height, weight, gender, race, eye color, current hair color and natural hair color of the missing person, any identifying marks on the missing person, any prosthetics used by, or surgical implants in, the missing person and any physical anomalies of the missing person;

(D) The blood type of the missing person;

(E) The driver license number of the missing person;

(F) The Social Security number of the missing person;

(G) A recent photograph of the missing person;

(H) A description of the clothing the missing person is believed to have been wearing at the time the person disappeared;

(I) A description of items that the missing person is believed to have had with the person at the time the person disappeared;

(J) Telephone numbers and electronic mail addresses of the missing person;

(K) The name and address of any school the missing person attends;

(L) The name and address of any employer of the missing person;

(M) The name and address of the physician, physician assistant, naturopathic physician, nurse practitioner or dentist who provides health care services to the missing person;

(N) A description of any vehicle that the missing person might have been driving or riding in when the person disappeared;

(O) The reasons why the person making the missing person report believes the person is missing;

(P) Any circumstances that indicate that the missing person may be at risk of injury or death;

(Q) Any circumstances that may indicate that the disappearance is not voluntary;

(R) Information about a known or possible abductor or a person who was last seen with the missing person; and

(S) The date of the last contact with the missing person.

(b) May request in writing from any dentist, denturist, physician, physician assistant, naturopathic physician, nurse practitioner, optometrist or other medical practitioner possessing it such medical, dental or other physically descriptive information as is likely to be useful in identifying the missing person or the human remains of the missing person.

(3) The law enforcement agency, upon obtaining information pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, shall make a supplementary entry of that information into the state and federal records described in subsection (1) of this section. The supplementary report shall be in a format and according to procedures established by the authorities responsible respectively for the state and federal records. [Formerly 146.525; 2014 c.45 §25; 2017 c.356 §16]

**146.184 Medical practitioners to provide information about missing persons.** (1) A dentist, denturist, physician, naturopathic physician, optometrist or other medical practitioner, upon receipt of a written request from a law enforcement agency for identifying information pursuant to ORS 146.181, shall provide to the agency any information known to the practitioner upon the request forms provided by the agency.

(2) Information obtained under this section is restricted to use for the identification of missing persons or the identification of unidentified human remains and may not be made available to the public.

(3) Compliance with a written request for information under this section by a dentist, denturist, physician, naturopathic physician, optometrist or other medical practitioner does not constitute a breach of confidentiality. [Formerly 146.535; 2017 c.356 §17]

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

### (Contested Cases)

**183.430 Hearing on refusal to renew license; exceptions.** (1) In the case of any license which must be periodically renewed, where the licensee has made timely application for renewal in accordance with the rules of the agency, such license shall not be deemed to expire, despite any stated expiration date thereon, until the agency concerned has issued a formal order of grant or denial of such renewal. In case an agency proposes to refuse to renew such license, upon demand of the licensee, the agency must grant hearing as provided by this chapter before issuance of order of refusal to renew. This subsection does not apply to any emergency or temporary permit or license.

(2) In any case where the agency finds a serious danger to the public health or safety and sets forth specific reasons for such findings, the agency may suspend or refuse to renew a license without hearing, but if the licensee demands a hearing within 90 days after the date of notice to the licensee of such suspension or refusal to renew, then a hearing must be granted to the licensee as soon as practicable after such demand, and the agency shall issue an order pursuant to such hearing as required by this chapter confirming, altering or revoking its earlier order. Such a hearing need not be held where the order of suspension or refusal to renew is accompanied by or is pursuant to, a citation for violation which is subject to judicial determination in any court of this state, and the order by its terms will terminate in case of final judgment in favor of the licensee. [1957 c.717 §8 (3), (4); 1965 c.212 §1; 1971 c.734 §11]

**183.435 Period allowed to request hearing for license refusal on grounds other than test or inspection results.** When an agency refuses to issue a license required to pursue any commercial activity, trade, occupation or profession if the refusal is based on grounds other than the results of a test or inspection that agency shall grant the person requesting the license 60 days from notification of the refusal to request a hearing. [Formerly 670.285]

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### PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

#### **192.553 Policy for protected health information.**

(1) It is the policy of the State of Oregon that an individual has:

(a) The right to have protected health information of the individual safeguarded from unlawful use or disclosure; and

(b) The right to access and review protected health information of the individual.

(2) In addition to the rights and obligations expressed in ORS 192.553 to 192.581, the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy regulations, 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, establish additional rights and obligations regarding the use and disclosure of protected health information and the rights of individuals regarding the protected health information of the individual. [Formerly 192.518]

**Note:** 192.553 to 192.581 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 192 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**192.555** [1977 c.517 §§2,8(1); 1985 c.565 §24; 1987 c.373 §25; 1987 c.438 §4; 1993 c.131 §3; 1993 c.274 §1; 1993 c.695 §1; 1997 c.142 §1; 1999 c.80 §68; 1999 c.506 §5; 2009 c.541 §8; renumbered 192.586 in 2011]

#### **192.556 Definitions for ORS 192.553 to 192.581.**

As used in ORS 192.553 to 192.581:

(1) “Authorization” means a document written in plain language that contains at least the following:

(a) A description of the information to be used or disclosed that identifies the information in a specific and meaningful way;

(b) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons authorized to make the requested use or disclosure;

(c) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons to whom the covered entity may make the requested use or disclosure;

(d) A description of each purpose of the requested use or disclosure, including but not limited to a statement that the use or disclosure is at the request of the individual;

(e) An expiration date or an expiration event that relates to the individual or the purpose of the use or disclosure;

(f) The signature of the individual or personal representative of the individual and the date;

(g) A description of the authority of the personal representative, if applicable; and

(h) Statements adequate to place the individual on notice of the following:

(A) The individual’s right to revoke the authorization in writing;

(B) The exceptions to the right to revoke the authorization;

(C) The ability or inability to condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits on whether the individual signs the authorization; and

(D) The potential for information disclosed pursuant to the authorization to be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and no longer protected.

(2) “Covered entity” means:

(a) A state health plan;

(b) A health insurer;

(c) A health care provider that transmits any health information in electronic form to carry out financial or administrative activities in connection with a transaction covered by ORS 192.553 to 192.581; or

(d) A health care clearinghouse.

(3) “Health care” means care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual.

(4) “Health care operations” includes but is not limited to:

(a) Quality assessment, accreditation, auditing and improvement activities;

(b) Case management and care coordination;

(c) Reviewing the competence, qualifications or performance of health care providers or health insurers;

(d) Underwriting activities;

(e) Arranging for legal services;

(f) Business planning;

(g) Customer services;

(h) Resolving internal grievances;

(i) Creating deidentified information; and

(j) Fundraising.

(5) “Health care provider” includes but is not limited to:

(a) A psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional counselor or marriage and family therapist licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under ORS chapter 675 or an employee of the psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional counselor or marriage and family therapist;

(b) A physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677, an acupuncturist licensed under ORS 677.759 or an employee of the physician, physician assistant or acupuncturist;

(c) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of the nurse or nursing home administrator;

(d) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist;

(e) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental hygienist or denturist;

(f) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist;

(g) An emergency medical services provider licensed under ORS chapter 682;

(h) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist;

(i) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic physician;

(j) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic physician;

(k) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage therapist;

(L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct entry midwife;

(m) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201 or an employee of the physical therapist;

(n) A medical imaging licensee under ORS 688.405 to 688.605 or an employee of the medical imaging licensee;

(o) A respiratory care practitioner licensed under ORS 688.815 or an employee of the respiratory care practitioner;

(p) A polysomnographic technologist licensed under ORS 688.819 or an employee of the polysomnographic technologist;

(q) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or an employee of the pharmacist;

(r) A dietitian licensed under ORS 691.405 to 691.485 or an employee of the dietitian;

(s) A funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 692 or an employee of the funeral service practitioner;

(t) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015;

(u) A home health agency as defined in ORS 443.014;

(v) A hospice program as defined in ORS 443.850;

(w) A clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010;

(x) A pharmacy as defined in ORS 689.005; and

(y) Any other person or entity that furnishes, bills for or is paid for health care in the normal course of business.

(6) "Health information" means any oral or written information in any form or medium that:

(a) Is created or received by a covered entity, a public health authority, an employer, a life insurer, a school, a university or a health care provider that is not a covered entity; and

(b) Relates to:

(A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

(B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

(C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

(7) "Health insurer" means an insurer as defined in ORS 731.106 who offers:

(a) A health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743B.005;

(b) A short term health insurance policy, the duration of which does not exceed three months including renewals;

(c) A student health insurance policy;

(d) A Medicare supplemental policy; or

(e) A dental only policy.

(8) "Individually identifiable health information" means any oral or written health information in any form or medium that is:

(a) Created or received by a covered entity, an employer or a health care provider that is not a covered entity; and

(b) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual, or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an individual, and that relates to:

(A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

(B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

(C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

(9) "Payment" includes but is not limited to:

(a) Efforts to obtain premiums or reimbursement;

(b) Determining eligibility or coverage;

(c) Billing activities;

(d) Claims management;

(e) Reviewing health care to determine medical necessity;

(f) Utilization review; and

(g) Disclosures to consumer reporting agencies.

(10) "Personal representative" includes but is not limited to:

(a) A person appointed as a guardian under ORS 125.305, 419B.372, 419C.481 or 419C.555 with authority to make medical and health care decisions;

(c) A person appointed as a health care representative under ORS 127.505 to 127.660 or a representative under ORS 127.700 to 127.737 to make health care decisions or mental health treatment decisions;

(c) A person appointed as a personal representative under ORS chapter 113; and

(d) A person described in ORS 192.573.

(11)(a) “Protected health information” means individually identifiable health information that is maintained or transmitted in any form of electronic or other medium by a covered entity.

(b) “Protected health information” does not mean individually identifiable health information in:

(A) Education records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g);

(B) Records described at 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4)(B)(iv); or

(C) Employment records held by a covered entity in its role as employer.

(12) “State health plan” means:

(a) Medical assistance as defined in ORS 414.025;

(b) The Health Care for All Oregon Children program; or

(c) Any medical assistance or premium assistance program operated by the Oregon Health Authority.

(13) “Treatment” includes but is not limited to:

(a) The provision, coordination or management of health care; and

(b) Consultations and referrals between health care providers.

**Note:** See note under 192.553.

**192.557** [1987 c.438 §2; 1999 c.80 §69; 2003 c.73 §59; renumbered 192.588 in 2011]

**192.558 Use or disclosure by health care provider or state health plan.** A health care provider or state health plan:

(1) May use or disclose protected health information of an individual in a manner that is consistent with an authorization provided by the individual or a personal representative of the individual.

(a) For the provider’s or plan’s own treatment, payment or health care operations; or

(b) As otherwise permitted or required by state or federal law or by order of the court.

(2) May disclose protected health information of

an individual without obtaining an authorization from the individual or a personal representative of the individual:

(a) To another covered entity for health care operations activities of the entity that receives the information if:

(A) Each entity has or had a relationship with the individual who is the subject of the protected health information; and

(B) The protected health information pertains to the relationship and the disclosure is for the purpose of:

(i) Health care operations as listed in ORS 192.556 (4)(a) or (b); or

(ii) Health care fraud and abuse detection or compliance;

(b) To another covered entity or any other health care provider for treatment activities of a health care provider;

(c) To another covered entity or any other health care provider for the payment activities of the entity that receives that information; or

(d) In accordance with ORS 192.567 or 192.577. [Formerly 192.520; 2015 c.473 §5; 2017 c.484 §4]

**192.563 Health care provider and state health plan charges.** A health care provider or state health plan that receives an authorization to disclose protected health information may charge:

(1)(a) No more than \$30 for copying 10 or fewer pages of written material, no more than 50 cents per page for pages 11 through 50 and no more than 25 cents for each additional page; and

(b) A bonus charge of \$5 if the request for records is processed and the records are mailed by first class mail to the requester within seven business days after the date of the request;

(2) Postage costs to mail copies of protected health information or an explanation or summary of protected health information, if requested by an individual or a personal representative of the individual; and

(3) Actual costs of preparing an explanation or summary of protected health information, if requested by an individual or a personal representative of the individual. [Formerly 192.521]

**Note:** See note under 192.553.

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192.565 [1977 c.517 §4; 1999 c.80 §30; renumbered 192.596 in 2011]

192.566 Authorization form. A health care provider may use an authorization that contains the following provisions in accordance with ORS 192.558:

AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

I authorize: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of person/entity disclosing information) to use and disclose a copy of the specific health information described below regarding: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of individual) consisting of: (Describe information to be used/disclosed)

to: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and address of recipient or recipients) for the purpose of: (Describe each purpose of disclosure or indicate that the disclosure is at the request of the individual)

If the information to be disclosed contains any of the types of records or information listed below, additional laws relating to the use and disclosure of the information may apply. I understand and agree that this information will be disclosed if I place my initials in the applicable space next to the type of information.

- \_\_\_\_\_ HIV/AIDS information
\_\_\_\_\_ Mental health information
\_\_\_\_\_ Genetic testing information
\_\_\_\_\_ Drug/alcohol diagnosis, treatment, or referral information.

I understand that the information used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure and no longer be protected under federal law. However, I also understand that federal or state law may restrict redisclosure of HIV/AIDS information, mental health information, genetic testing information and drug/alcohol diagnosis, treatment or referral information.

PROVIDER INFORMATION

You do not need to sign this authorization. Refusal to sign the authorization will not adversely affect your

ability to receive health care services or reimbursement for services. The only circumstance when refusal to sign means you will not receive health care services is if the health care services are solely for the purpose of providing health information to someone else and the authorization is necessary to make that disclosure.

You may revoke this authorization in writing at any time. If you revoke your authorization, the information described above may no longer be used or disclosed for the purposes described in this written authorization. The only exception is when a covered entity has taken action in reliance on the authorization or the authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage.

To revoke this authorization, please send a written statement to \_\_\_\_\_ (contact person) at \_\_\_\_\_ (address of person/entity disclosing information) and state that you are revoking this authorization.

SIGNATURE

I have read this authorization and I understand it. Unless revoked, this authorization expires \_\_\_\_\_ (insert either applicable date or event).

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (individual or personal representative)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of personal representative's authority:

\_\_\_\_\_ [Formerly 192.522]

Note: See note under 192.553.

192.568 Confidentiality; use and disclosure. A health care provider or a state health plan does not breach a confidential relationship with an individual if the health care provider or state health plan uses or discloses protected health information in accordance with ORS 192.558. [Formerly 192.523]

Note: See note under 192.553.

192.570 [1977 c.517 §5; renumbered 192.598 in 2011]

192.571 No right of action. Nothing in ORS 192.556 or 192.558 may be construed to create a new private right of action against a health care provider or a state health plan. [Formerly 192.524]

Note: See note under 192.553.

## DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

## (License Lists)

**305.380 Definitions for ORS 305.385.** As used in ORS 305.385:

(1) “Agency” means any department, board, commission, division or authority of the State of Oregon, or any political subdivision of this state which imposes a local tax administered by the Department of Revenue under ORS 305.620.

(2) “License” means any written authority required by law or ordinance as a prerequisite to the conduct of a business, trade or profession.

(3) “Provider” means any person who contracts to supply goods, services or real estate space to an agency.

(4) “Tax” means a state tax imposed by ORS 320.005 to 320.150 and 403.200 to 403.250 and ORS chapters 118, 314, 316, 317, 318, 321 and 323 and local taxes administered by the Department of Revenue under ORS 305.620. [1987 c.843 §6; 1997 c.99 §35; 1997 c.170 §16; 2005 c.94 §21; 2015 c.348 §10]

**305.385 Agencies to supply licensee and contractor lists; contents; effect of department determination on taxpayer status of licensee or contractor; rules.** (1) Upon request of the Department of Revenue, an agency issuing or renewing a license to conduct a business, trade or profession shall annually, on or before March 1, supply the department with a list of specified licenses issued or renewed by the agency during the preceding calendar year.

(2) Upon request of the department, an agency shall annually, on or before March 1, supply the department with a list of specified persons contracting with the agency to provide goods, services or real estate space to the agency during the preceding calendar year.

(3) The lists required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall contain the name, address, Social Security or federal employer identification number of each licensee or provider or such other information as the department may by rule require.

(4)(a) If the department determines that any licensee or provider has neglected or refused to file any return or to pay any tax and that such person has not filed in good faith a petition before the department contesting the tax, and the department has been unable to obtain payment of the tax through other methods of collection, the Director of the Department of Revenue may, notwithstanding ORS 118.525, 314.835 or 314.840 or any similar provision of law, notify the agency and the person in writing.

(b) Upon receipt of such notice, the agency shall refuse to reissue, renew or extend any license, contract or agreement until the agency receives a certificate issued by the department that the person is in good standing with respect to any returns due and taxes payable to the department as of the date of the certificate.

(c) Upon the written request of the director and after a hearing and notice to the licensee as required under any applicable provision of law, the agency shall suspend the person’s license if the agency finds that the returns and taxes have not been filed or paid and that the licensee has not filed in good faith a petition before the department contesting the tax and the department has been unable to obtain payment of the tax through other methods of collection. For the purpose of the agency’s findings, the written representation to that effect by the department to the agency shall constitute prima facie evidence of the person’s failure to file returns or pay the tax. The department shall have the right to intervene in any license suspension proceeding.

(d) Any license suspended under this subsection shall not be reissued or renewed until the agency receives a certificate issued by the department that the licensee is in good standing with respect to any returns due and taxes payable to the department as of the date of the certificate.

(5) The department may enter into an installment payment agreement with a licensee or provider with respect to any unpaid tax, penalty and interest. The agreement shall provide for interest on the outstanding amount at the rate prescribed by ORS 305.220. The department may issue a provisional certificate of good standing pursuant to subsection (4)(b) and (d) of this section which shall remain in effect so long as the licensee or provider fully complies with the terms of the installment agreement. Failure by the licensee or provider to fully comply with the terms of the installment agreement shall render the agreement and the provisional certificate of good standing null and void, unless the department determines that the failure was due to reasonable cause. If the department determines that the failure was not due to reasonable cause, the total amount of the tax, penalty and interest shall be immediately due and payable, and the department shall notify any affected agency that the licensee or provider is not in good standing. The agency shall then take appropriate action under subsection (4)(b) and (d) of this section.

(6) No contract or other agreement for the purpose of providing goods, services or real estate space to any agency shall be entered into, renewed or extended with

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any person, unless the person certifies in writing, under penalty of perjury, that the person is, to the best of the person's knowledge, not in violation of any tax laws described in ORS 305.380 (4).

(7) The certification under subsection (6) of this section shall be required for each contract and renewal or extension of a contract or may be provided on an annual basis. A certification shall not be required for a contract if the consideration for the goods, services or real estate space provided under the contract is no more than \$1,000.

(8)(a) The requirements of the certification under subsection (6) of this section shall be subject to the rules adopted by the department in accordance with this section.

(b) The department may by rule exempt certain contracts from the requirements of subsection (6) of this section. [1987 c.843 §7; 1989 c.656 §1; 1997 c.99 §36]

(Temporary provisions relating to pilot project requiring tax compliance as condition of occupational and professional licensing)

**Note:** Sections 2 to 4, chapter 576, Oregon Laws 2009, provide:

**Sec. 2.** (1) The Department of Revenue may, in conjunction with state agencies, boards or commissions that issue occupational licenses or licenses for the privilege of engaging in an occupation or profession within this state, develop and implement a pilot project that requires, as a condition of issuance or renewal of a license, licensees to demonstrate compliance with the following, as applicable:

(a) The personal income tax laws of this state, including the withholding laws in ORS 316.162 to 316.221.

(b) The corporate excise or income tax laws of this state.

(c) The provisions of ORS 323.005 to 323.482 or 323.500 to 323.645.

(2) Any state agency, board or commission that participates in the pilot project authorized under subsection (1) of this section may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license if the department determines that the licensee has failed to demonstrate or maintain tax compliance as provided in this section.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 314.835 and 314.840, the department may disclose to a state agency, board or commission that requires tax compliance as a condition of issuance or renewal of a license under subsection (1) of this section whether an individual or corporation is in compliance.

(4) In determining compliance for purposes of this section, the department may consider whether the individual or corporation:

(a) Has not filed required returns or reports with respect to taxes imposed by ORS chapter 316 or 317, whichever is applicable, for any of the three tax years immediately preceding a year for which a tax return or report was required to be filed;

(b) Has not filed required reports with respect to taxes imposed under ORS 323.005 to 323.482 or 323.500 to 323.645 for any of the three calendar years immediately preceding a year in which a report was required to be filed;

(c) After all appeal rights, if any, have expired, has failed to:

(A) Pay any tax within 30 days after the date of the assessment and is still delinquent on any payments due;

(B) Enter into an approved payment plan within 60 days after the date of the assessment of the tax; or

(C) Follow the terms of an approved payment plan and is still delinquent on any payments due; or

(d) Has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the personal income tax laws of this state, the corporate excise and income tax laws of this state or the provisions of ORS 323.005 to 323.482 or 323.500 to 323.645, whichever are applicable.

(5) The department may enter into agreements with any state agency, board or commission that participates in the pilot project under subsection (1) of this section in order to assist in the administration of the tax compliance requirement.

(6) Participation in the pilot project authorized under subsection (1) of this section is limited to three state agencies, boards or commissions. [2009 c.576 §2]

**Sec. 3.** The Department of Revenue shall report to the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly no later than January 31, 2011, on the operation and effectiveness of the pilot project authorized in section 2 of this 2009 Act. [2009 c.576 §3]

**Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this 2009 Act is repealed on January 2, 2016. [2009 c.576 §4]

## OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY

### PROGRAMS

#### **353.480 Pediatric dental residency program.**

Subject to the availability of funding, the Oregon Health and Science University shall establish the pediatric dental residency program only to the extent that funds are appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the Oregon Health and Science University public corporation to establish the program under section 1, chapter 1083, Oregon Laws 1999. [1999 c.1083 §2]

**Note:** 353.480 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 353 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

## MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS OF VETERANS AND SERVICE PERSONNEL

### MISCELLANEOUS VETERANS' BENEFITS

#### **408.450 Duty to pay fees during military duty.**

No person in the military or naval service of the United States, or any auxiliary corps thereof, while exercising any privilege in this state by virtue of having paid an annual license or privilege fee to any state board or commission for the right to practice a profession or engage in a trade, shall lose such privilege because of failure to pay any such fee for any subsequent year during the period the person is in such service, unless dishonorably discharged therefrom. Upon being discharged from such service under honorable conditions and upon written application within 60 days of such discharge, every such person shall be restored to former status with respect to any such privilege without the necessity of paying the then current license fee.

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### PAIN MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

**Note:** 413.570 to 413.599 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 413 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**413.572 Additional duties of commission.** (1) The Pain Management Commission shall:

(a) Develop a pain management education program curriculum for a one-hour training and update it biennially.

(b) Provide health professional regulatory boards and other health boards, committees or task forces with the curriculum.

(c) Work with health professional regulatory boards and other health boards, committees or task forces to develop approved pain management education programs as required.

(2) The curriculum must take into account the needs of Oregon Tribal communities, communities of color and other groups who have been disproportionately affected by adverse social determinants of health, such as racism, trauma, adverse childhood experiences and other factors that influence how an individual experiences chronic pain. [Formerly 409.510; 2021 c.50 §2]

**Note:** See note under 413.570.

**413.590 Pain management education required of certain licensed health care professionals; duties of Oregon Medical Board; rules.** (1) The following practitioners must complete a pain management education program described in ORS 413.572 (1)(c) or an equivalent pain management education program as described in ORS 675.110, 677.228, 677.510, 678.101, 684.092, 685.102 or 689.285 at initial licensure and every 36 months thereafter:

(a) A physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677;

(b) A nurse licensed under ORS chapter 678;

(c) A psychologist licensed under ORS 675.010 to 675.150;

(d) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684;

(e) A naturopath licensed under ORS chapter 685;

(f) An acupuncturist licensed under ORS 677.759;

(g) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689;

(h) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679;

(i) An occupational therapist licensed under ORS 675.210 to 675.340;

(j) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201; and

(k) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683.

(2) The Oregon Medical Board, in consultation with the Pain Management Commission, shall identify by rule physicians licensed under ORS chapter 677 who, on an ongoing basis, treat patients in chronic or terminal pain and who must complete a pain management education program described in ORS 413.572. The board may identify by rule circumstances under which a requirement under this section may be waived. [Formerly 409.560; 2019 c.3 §2; 2021 c.50 §3]

**Note:** See note under 413.570.

**413.599 Rules.** In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Pain Management Commission may adopt rules necessary to implement ORS 413.570 to 413.599. [Formerly 409.570]

**Note:** See note under 413.570.

**CHILD-CARING AGENCIES; PLACEMENT IN  
FOSTER HOMES BY CHILD-CARING  
AGENCIES**

**418.307 Medical or dental treatment of children without consent; conditions; immunity of treating personnel.** (1) A physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board, a naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, a dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry or a hospital licensed by the Department of Human Services is authorized to treat a child who is ward of the court or is a dependent or delinquent child in accord with the best medical judgment of the physician, naturopathic physician, dentist or responsible official of the hospital and without consent if:

(a) Because of the general state of the child's health or any particular condition, the physician, naturopathic physician, dentist or responsible official of the hospital determines that in the medical judgment of the physician, naturopathic physician, dentist or responsible official prompt action is reasonably necessary to avoid unnecessary suffering or discomfort or to effect a more expedient or effective cure; and

(b) It is impossible or highly impractical to obtain consent for treating the child from the child-caring agency, the child's parent or the child's legal guardian.

(2) No charge of assault or battery shall be made against a physician, naturopathic physician, dentist or hospital official or employee who provides medical treatment pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

(3) A minor child described in subsection (1) of this section who is 15 years of age or older may consent to medical treatment pursuant to ORS 109.640. [1975 c.580 §2; 2017 c.356 §38]

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### REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

**419B.005 Definitions. 419B.005 Definitions.** As used in ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1)(a) “Abuse” means:

(A) Any assault, as defined in ORS chapter 163, of a child and any physical injury to a child which has been caused by other than accidental means, including any injury which appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.

(B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only observable and substantial impairment of the child’s mental or psychological ability to function caused by cruelty to the child, with due regard to the culture of the child.

(C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration and incest, as those acts are described in ORS chapter 163.

(D) Sexual abuse, as described in ORS chapter 163.

(E) Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to:

(i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, as defined in ORS chapter 163, and any other conduct which allows, employs, authorizes, permits, induces or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to observe or the photographing, filming, tape recording or other exhibition which, in whole or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, as defined in ORS 167.002 or described in ORS 163.665 and 163.670, sexual abuse involving a child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct which is part of any investigation conducted pursuant to ORS 419B.020 or which is designed to serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and

(ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in prostitution as described in ORS 167.007 or a commercial sex act as defined in ORS 163.266, to purchase sex with a minor as described in ORS 163.413 or to engage in commercial sexual solicitation as described in ORS 167.008.

(F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.

(G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare.

(H) Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age as described in ORS 163.537.

(I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.

(J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in ORS 475.005, or to the unlawful manufacturing of a cannabinoid extract, as defined in

ORS 475B.015, that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or safety.

(b) “Abuse” does not include reasonable discipline unless the discipline results in one of the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2) “Child” means an unmarried person who:

(a) Is under 18 years of age; or

(b) Is under 21 years of age and residing in or receiving care or services at a child-caring agency as that term is defined in ORS 418.205.

(3) “Higher education institution” means:

(a) A community college as defined in ORS 341.005;

(b) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

(c) The Oregon Health and Science University; and

(d) A private institution of higher education located in Oregon.

(4)(a) “Investigation” means a detailed inquiry into or assessment of the safety of a child alleged to have experienced abuse.

(b) “Investigation” does not include screening activities conducted upon the receipt of a report.

(5) “Law enforcement agency” means:

(a) A city or municipal police department.

(b) A county sheriff’s office.

(c) The Oregon State Police.

(d) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.121 or 353.125.

(e) A county juvenile department.

(6) “Public or private official” means:

(a) Physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677 or naturopathic physician, including any intern or resident.

(b) Dentist.

(c) School employee, including an employee of a higher education institution.

(d) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse’s aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.

(e) Employee of the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Early Learning Division, Department of Education, Youth Development Division, Office of Child Care, the Oregon Youth Authority, a local health department, a community mental health program, a community developmental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a child-caring agency as that term is defined in ORS 418.205 or an alcohol and drug treatment program.

(f) Peace officer.

(g) Psychologist.

(h) Member of the clergy.

(i) Regulated social worker.

(j) Optometrist.

(k) Chiropractor.

(L) Certified provider of foster care, or an employee thereof.

(m) Attorney.

(n) Licensed professional counselor.

- (o) Licensed marriage and family therapist.
- (p) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider.
- (q) A court appointed special advocate, as defined in ORS 419A.004.
- (r) A child care provider registered or certified under ORS 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450.
- (s) An elected official of a branch of government of this state or a state agency, board, commission or department of a branch of government of this state or of a city, county or other political subdivision in this state.
- (t) Physical, speech or occupational therapist.
- (u) Audiologist.
- (v) Speech-language pathologist.
- (w) Employee of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission directly involved in investigations or discipline by the commission.
- (x) Pharmacist.
- (y) An operator of a preschool recorded program under ORS 329A.255.
- (z) An operator of a school-age recorded program under ORS 329A.257.
- (aa) Employee of a private agency or organization facilitating the provision of respite services, as defined in ORS 418.205, for parents pursuant to a properly executed power of attorney under ORS 109.056.
- (bb) An employee of a public or private organization providing child-related services or activities:
  - (A) Including but not limited to an employee of a:
    - (i) Youth group or center;
    - (ii) Scout group or camp;
    - (iii) Summer or day camp;
    - (iv) Survival camp; or
    - (v) Group, center or camp that is operated under the guidance, supervision or auspices of a religious, public or private educational system or a community service organization; and
  - (B) Excluding an employee of a qualified victim services program as defined in ORS 147.600 that provides confidential, direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.
- (cc) A coach, assistant coach or trainer of an amateur, semiprofessional or professional athlete, if compensated and if the athlete is a child.
- (dd) Personal support worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.
- (ee) Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.
- (ff) Animal control officer, as defined in ORS 609.500.

(gg) Member of a school district board, an education service district board or a public charter school governing body.

(hh) An individual who is paid by a public body, in accordance with ORS 430.215, to provide a service identified in an individualized written service plan of a child with a developmental disability.

(ii) Referral agent, as defined in ORS 418.351. [1993 c.546 §12; 1993 c.622 §1a; 1995 c.278 §50; 1995 c.766 §1; 1997 c.127 §1; 1997 c.561 §3; 1997 c.703 §3; 1997 c.873 §30; 1999 c.743 §22; 1999 c.954 §4; 2001 c.104 §148; 2003 c.191 §1; 2005 c.562 §26; 2005 c.708 §4; 2009 c.199 §1; 2009 c.442 §36; 2009 c.518 §1; 2009 c.570 §6; 2009 c.595 §364; 2009 c.633 §10; 2009 c.708 §3; 2010 c.60 §§4,5; 2011 c.151 §12; 2011 c.506 §38; 2011 c.703 §34; 2012 c.37 §60; 2012 c.92 §1; 2013 c.129 §26; 2013 c.180 §40; 2013 c.623 §17; 2013 c.624 §82; 2013 c.720 §11; 2015 c.98 §7; 2015 c.179 §1; 2015 c.736 §65; 2016 c.106 §39; 2017 c.21 §55; 2018 c.75 §21; 2019 c.137 §§1,2; 2019 c.176 §§1,2; 2019 c.455 §§3,4; 2019 c.618 §§16,17; 2021 c.97 §44; 2021 c.214 §1; 2021 c.251 §2; 2021 c.391 §4; 2021 c.590 §4]

**419B.007 Policy.** The Legislative Assembly finds that for the purpose of facilitating the use of protective social services to prevent further abuse, safeguard and enhance the welfare of abused children, and preserve family life when consistent with the protection of the child by stabilizing the family and improving parental capacity, it is necessary and in the public interest to require mandatory reports and investigations of abuse of children and to encourage voluntary reports. [1993 c.546 §13]

**419B.010 Duty of officials to report child abuse; exceptions; penalty.** (1) Any public or private official having reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the official comes in contact has suffered abuse or that any person with whom the official comes in contact has abused a child shall immediately report or cause a report to be made in the manner required in ORS 419B.015. Nothing contained in ORS 40.225 to 40.295 or 419B.234 (6) affects the duty to report imposed by this section, except that a psychiatrist, psychologist, member of the clergy, attorney or guardian ad litem appointed under ORS 419B.231 is not required to report such information communicated by a person if the communication is privileged under ORS 40.225 to 40.295 or 419B.234 (6). An attorney is not required to make a report under this section by reason of information communicated to the attorney in the course

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of representing a client if disclosure of the information would be detrimental to the client.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a report need not be made under this section if the public or private official acquires information relating to abuse by reason of a report made under this section, or by reason of a proceeding arising out of a report made under this section, and the public or private official reasonably believes that the information is already known by a law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services.

(3) The duty to report under this section is personal to the public or private official alone, regardless of whether the official is employed by, a volunteer of or a representative or agent for any type of entity or organization that employs persons or uses persons as volunteers who are public or private officials in its operations.

(4) The duty to report under this section exists regardless of whether the entity or organization that employs the public or private official or uses the official as a volunteer has its own procedures or policies for reporting abuse internally within the entity or organization.

(5) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a Class A violation. Prosecution under this subsection shall be commenced at any time within 18 months after commission of the offense. [1993 c.546 §14; 1999 c.1051 §180; 2001 c.104 §149; 2001 c.904 §15; 2005 c.450 §7; 2012 c.92 §11]

**419B.015 Report form and content; notice.** (1)(a) A person making a report of child abuse, whether the report is made voluntarily or is required by ORS 419B.010, shall make an oral report by telephone or otherwise to the local office of the Department of Human Services, to the designee of the department or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact. The report shall contain, if known, the names and addresses of the child and the parents of the child or other persons responsible for care of the child, the child's age, the nature and extent of the abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse, the explanation given for the abuse and any other information that the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse and the identity of the perpetrator.

(b)(A) When a report of alleged child abuse is received by the department, the department shall notify a law enforcement agency within the county where the

alleged abuse occurred or, if that county is unknown, the county where the child resides or, if that county is unknown, the county where the reporter came into contact with the child or the alleged perpetrator of the abuse.

(B) When a report of alleged child abuse is received by a designee of the department, the designee shall notify, according to the contract, either the department or a law enforcement agency within the county where the alleged abuse occurred or, if that county is unknown, the county where the child resides or, if that county is unknown, the county where the reporter came into contact with the child or the alleged perpetrator of the abuse.

(C) When a report of alleged child abuse is received by a law enforcement agency, the agency shall notify the department by making a report of the alleged child abuse to the child abuse reporting hotline.

(b) When a report of alleged child abuse is received by the department or by a law enforcement agency, the department or law enforcement agency, or both, may collect information concerning the military status of the parent or guardian of the child who is the subject of the report and may share the information with the appropriate military authorities. Disclosure of information under this paragraph is subject to ORS 419B.035 (7).

(2) When a report of alleged child abuse is received under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the entity receiving the report shall make the notification required by subsection (1)(b) of this section according to rules adopted by the department under ORS 419B.017.

(3)(a) When a report alleging that a child or ward in substitute care may have been subjected to abuse is received by the department, the department shall notify the attorney for the child or ward, the child's or ward's court appointed special advocate, the parents of the child or ward and any attorney representing a parent of the child or ward that a report has been received.

(b) The name and address of and other identifying information about the person who made the report may not be disclosed under this subsection. Any person or entity to whom notification is made under this subsection may not release any information not authorized by this subsection.

(c) The department shall make the notification required by this subsection within three business days of receiving the report of alleged child abuse.

(d) Notwithstanding the obligation imposed by this subsection, the department is not required under this subsection to notify the parent or parent's attorney that a report of alleged child abuse has been received if the

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notification may interfere with an investigation or assessment or jeopardize the child's or ward's safety.  
[1993 c.546 §15; 1993 c.734 §1a; 2005 c.250 §1; 2007 c.237 §1; 2017 c.210 §1; 2019 c.181 §1]

**PROCEDURE WHERE WORKERS EXPOSED TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

**433.407 Definitions for ORS 433.407 to 433.423.**

As used in ORS 433.407 to 433.423 unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) “Authority” means the Oregon Health Authority.

(2) “Health care facility” means a facility as defined in ORS 442.015 and a mental health facility, alcohol treatment facility or drug treatment facility licensed or operated under ORS chapter 426 or 430.

(3) “Worker” means a person who is licensed or certified to provide health care under ORS chapter 677, 678, 679, 680, 684 or 685 or ORS 682.216, an employee of a health care facility, of a licensed health care provider or of a clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010, a firefighter, a law enforcement officer as defined in ORS 414.805, a corrections officer or a parole and probation officer. [1989 c.949 §2; 1993 c.196 §8; 2005 c.264 §24; 2009 c.595 §671; 2011 c.720 §195]

**Note:** 433.407 to 433.423 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 433 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**433.410** [Amended by 1973 c.779 §5; repealed by 1981 c.198 §2]

**433.411 Legislative finding.** The Legislative Assembly finds that by reason of and in the course of their employment, health care workers and emergency response employees, are subject to exposure to infectious diseases, that this exposure is not fully preventable due to the nature of their duties and that health care workers should be informed of exposure to infectious diseases as soon as is practicable to initiate appropriate medical care and to prevent exposing other persons to infectious diseases. [1989 c.949 §1]

**Note:** See note under 433.407.

**433.415** [Amended by 1973 c.779 §6; 1979 c.590 §1; 1979 c.828 §6; repealed by 1981 c.198 §2]

**433.416 When employer to provide preventive immunization.** (1) An employer of a health care worker at risk of contracting an infectious disease in the course of employment shall provide to the worker preventive

immunization for infectious disease if such preventive immunization is available and is medically appropriate.

(2) Such preventive immunization shall be provided by the employer at no cost to the worker.

(3) A worker shall not be required as a condition of work to be immunized under this section, unless such immunization is otherwise required by federal or state law, rule or regulation. [1989 c.949 §3]

**Note:** See note under 433.407.

**433.419 Notice to employer and worker of exposure.** When a local health department or the Oregon Health Authority learns of a case or suspected case of an infectious disease which may have exposed a worker to risk of infection, the local health department or the authority shall make every reasonable effort to notify the worker and employer of the exposure as soon as medically appropriate given the urgency of the disease or suspected disease. Notification shall include recommendations to the worker and employer that are medically appropriate. [1989 c.949 §4; 2009 c.595 §672]

**Note:** See note under 433.407.

**433.420** [Amended by 1973 c.779 §7; 1979 c.828 §7; repealed by 1981 c.198 §2]

**433.423 Content of rules.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt rules implementing ORS 433.407 to 433.423. Such rules shall include, but need not be limited to:

(a) The development of curriculum dealing with the exposure of workers to infectious diseases;

(b) Development and conduct of training programs for local health department personnel to prepare them to train workers about the subject of infectious diseases;

(c) Information on the manner in which infectious diseases are transmitted; and

(d) Guidelines that can assist workers and their employers in distinguishing between conditions in which such workers are or are not at risk with respect to infectious diseases.

(2) The rules adopted by the authority shall require that implementation of ORS 433.407 to 433.423 be accomplished in such a manner as to protect the confidentiality of persons with infectious diseases and workers exposed to such persons. [1989 c.949 §5; 2009 c.595 §673]

**Note:** See note under 433.407.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**441.098 Health practitioner referral of patient to treatment or diagnostic testing facility; definitions for ORS 441.098, 441.099 and 441.991; rules.** (1) As used in this section and ORS 441.099 and 441.991:

(a) “Facility” means a hospital, outpatient clinic owned by a hospital, ambulatory surgical center, freestanding birthing center or facility that receives Medicare reimbursement as an independent diagnostic testing facility.

(b) “Financial interest” means a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest.

(c)(A) “Health practitioner” means a physician, naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, dentist, direct entry midwife, licensed physician assistant or medical imaging licensee under ORS 688.405 to 688.605 or a nurse practitioner or nurse practitioner specializing in nurse midwifery licensed under ORS chapter 678.

(B) “Health practitioner” does not include a provider in a health maintenance organization as defined in ORS 750.005.

(d) “Physician” has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.010.

(2) A health practitioner’s decision to refer a patient to a facility for a diagnostic test or health care treatment or service shall be based on the patient’s clinical needs and personal health choices.

(3) If a health practitioner refers a patient for a diagnostic test or health care treatment or service at a facility in which the health practitioner or an immediate family member of the health practitioner has a financial interest, the health practitioner or the practitioner’s designee shall inform the patient orally and in writing of that interest at the time of the referral.

(4)(a) If a health practitioner refers a patient to a facility for a diagnostic test or health care treatment or service, the health practitioner or the practitioner’s designee shall inform the patient, in the form and manner prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority by rule, that:

(A) The patient may receive the test, treatment or service at a different facility of the patient’s choice; and

(B) If the patient chooses a different facility, the patient should contact the patient’s insurer regarding the extent of coverage or the limitations on coverage for the test, treatment or service at the facility chosen by the patient.

(b) Rules concerning the form and manner for informing a patient as required by this subsection shall:

(A) Be designed to ensure that the information is conveyed in a timely and meaningful manner;

(B) Be administratively simple; and

(A) Accommodate a provider’s adoption and use of electronic health record systems.

(5) A health practitioner may not deny, limit or withdraw a referral to a facility solely for the reason that the patient chooses to obtain the test, treatment or service from a different facility.

(6) The authority may not impose additional restrictions or limitations on any referral described in this section that are in addition to the requirements specified in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

(7) In obtaining informed consent for a diagnostic test or health care treatment or service that will take place at a facility, a health practitioner shall disclose the manner in which care will be provided in the event that complications occur that require health services beyond what the facility has the capability to provide.

(8) Subsections (3) to (5) of this section do not apply to a referral for a diagnostic test or health care treatment or service:

(a) For a patient who is receiving inpatient hospital services or services in an emergency department if the referral is for a diagnostic test or health care treatment or service to be performed while the patient is in the hospital or emergency department;

(b) Made to a particular facility after the initial referral of the patient to that facility; or

(c) Made by the facility or provider to whom a patient was referred. [2009 c.792 §3; 2013 c.129 §30; 2013 c.552 §1; 2017 c.356 §69; 2019 c.233 §2; 2019 c.358 §15a]

## OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS GENERALLY

### EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**670.010 Waiver of educational requirement for admission to examination for license or certificate to practice profession, trade or calling.** Any state board or commission that examines applicants for license or certification to practice a profession or engage in a trade or calling may, in its discretion, waive the educational requirement for admission to such examination, provided that the applicant furnishes evidence satisfactory to such state board or commission that the applicant is currently enrolled in a school, college or university approved by such state board or commission and will satisfy the educational requirement for admission to such examination on satisfactory completion of courses for which the applicant is currently enrolled and that this educational requirement will be met not later than four calendar months from the first day of the month following the month in which the examination is given. [1953 c.103 §1; 1975 c.429 §5; 1977 c.47 §1]

**670.020 Filing evidence of complete educational requirement after taking examination.** (1) Evidence of completion of the educational requirement waived as provided in ORS 670.010 shall be filed with such state board or commission not later than four calendar months from the first day of the month following the month in which the examination is taken. State boards and commissions shall withhold official certification of the successful completion of the examination until such evidence is furnished. The affidavit of the registrar or administrative head of the school, college or university shall be deemed satisfactory evidence.

(2) If any candidate admitted to an examination as provided in ORS 670.010 shall fail or neglect within said period to complete the educational requirement for such examination, then the completion of the examination by such candidate shall be null and void, and of no effect. The state board or commission which examined the candidate, however, shall retain any examination fee paid by the candidate. [1953 c.103 §2; 1975 c.429 §6; 1981 c.89 §19]

**670.210** [1967 c.344 §1; 1971 c.648 §31; repealed by 1981 c.76 §1]

**670.220** [1967 c.344 §§2,3; 1971 c.648 §32; repealed by 1981 c.76 §1]

**670.230** [1967 c.344 §4; repealed by 1981 c.76 §1]

**670.240** [1967 c.344 §5; repealed by 1981 c.76 §1]

### LICENSING ADMINISTRATION (Generally)

**670.275 Policy statement.** In enacting chapter 753, Oregon Laws 1971, it is the intention of the Legislative Assembly to provide for the more effective coordination of the administrative functions of boards charged with responsibility for protecting the public through the licensing and regulating of certain professions practiced in this state. Further, it is the intention of the Legislative Assembly to retain responsibility for decisions on qualifications, standards of practice, licensing, discipline and other discretionary functions relating to professional activities in the professional licensing boards, members of which are qualified by education, training and experience to make the necessary judgments. [Formerly 184.575]

**Note:** Legislative Counsel has substituted “chapter 753, Oregon Laws 1971,” for the words “this Act” in section 1, chapter 753, Oregon Laws 1971, compiled as 670.275 [Formerly 184.575]. Specific ORS references have not been substituted pursuant to 173.160. These sections may be determined by referring to the 1971 Comparative Section Table located in Volume 20 of ORS.

**670.280 Denial, suspension or revocation of license based on criminal conviction; denial of license or imposition of discipline for conduct substantially related to fitness and ability of applicant or licensee.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) “License” includes a registration, certification or permit.

(b) “Licensee” includes a registrant or a holder of a certification or permit.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 342.143 (3) or 342.175 (3), a licensing board, commission or agency may not deny, suspend or revoke an occupational or professional license solely for the reason that the applicant or licensee has been convicted of a crime, but it may consider the relationship of the facts which support the conviction and all intervening circumstances to the specific occupational or professional standards in determining the fitness of the person to receive or hold the license.

(3) Except as provided in ORS 342.143 (3) and 342.175 (3), a licensing board, commission or agency may deny an occupational or professional license or impose discipline on a licensee based on conduct that is

not undertaken directly in the course of the licensed activity, but that is substantially related to the fitness and ability of the applicant or licensee to engage in the activity for which the license is required. In determining whether the conduct is substantially related to the fitness and ability of the applicant or licensee to engage in the activity for which the license is required, the licensing board, commission or agency shall consider the relationship of the facts with respect to the conduct and all intervening circumstances to the specific occupational or professional standards. There is a rebuttable presumption as to each individual applicant or licensee that an existing or prior conviction for conduct that has been classified or reclassified as a Class E violation is not related to the fitness and ability of the applicant or licensee to engage in the activity for which the license is required. [1973 c.359 §1; 1991 c.662 §6a; 2003 c.749 §13; 2009 c.386 §5; 2021 c.2 §21; 2021 c.591 §17]

**670.283 Power of state agency to suspend license includes power to reinstate.** If a state agency, board or commission has the power to issue any license, certification or registration necessary to practice any profession or engage in any trade or calling, any statute granting the state agency, board or commission the power to suspend the license, certification or registration includes the power to reinstate:

- (1) At a time certain; or
- (2) When the person subject to suspension fulfills conditions for reinstatement set by the agency, board or commission. [1979 c.201 §1]

**670.285** [1975 c.759 §10; renumbered 183.435]

**670.290 Prohibited uses of juvenile records in employment, licensing or admission.** It shall be unlawful for any state agency or licensing board, including the Oregon State Bar, to:

- (1) Require that an applicant for employment, licensing or admission answer any questions regarding the existence or contents of a juvenile record that has been expunged pursuant to ORS 419A.260 to 419A.271;
- (2) Bar or discharge from employment or refuse to hire or employ such individual because of the existence or contents of a juvenile record that has been expunged pursuant to ORS 419A.260 to 419A.271; or
- (3) Deny, revoke or suspend a license because of the existence or contents of a juvenile record that has been expunged pursuant to ORS 419A.260 to 419A.271. [1977 c.801 §2; 1983 c.820 §16; 1993 c.33 §360; 2021 c.585 §11]

**USE OF TITLES IMPORTING HEALTH CARE PROFESSION**

**676.110 Use of title “doctor.”** (1) An individual practicing a health care profession may not use the title “doctor” in connection with the profession, unless the individual:

(a) Has earned a doctoral degree in the individual’s field of practice; and

(b)(A) Is licensed by a health professional regulatory board to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual’s doctoral degree was earned; or

(B) Is working under a board-approved residency contract and is practicing under the license of a supervisor who is licensed by a health professional regulatory board to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual’s doctoral degree was earned.

(2) If an individual uses the title “doctor” in connection with a health care profession at any time, the individual must designate the health care profession in which the individual’s doctoral degree was earned on all written or printed matter, advertising, billboards, signs or professional notices used in connection with the health care profession, regardless of whether the individual’s name or the title “doctor” appears on the written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice. The designation must be in letters or print at least one-fourth the size of the largest letters used on the written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice, and in material, color, type or illumination to give display and legibility of at least one-fourth that of the largest letters used on the written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit:

(a) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 from using the title “chiropractic physician”;

(b) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 from using the title “naturopathic physician”;

(c) A person licensed to practice optometry under ORS chapter 683 from using the title “doctor of optometry” or “optometric physician”; or

(d) A physician licensed under ORS 677.805 to 677.840 from using the title “podiatric physician.” [Amended by 1967 c.470 §66; 1983 c.169 §29; 1983 c.486 §1a; 1983 c.769 §1; 1991 c.314 §4; 1995 c.765 §1; 2007 c.418 §1; 2009 c.142 §1; 2011 c.108 §1; 2013 c.129 §35; 2017 c.101 §16]

**676.120 Use of deceased licensee’s name.** Notwithstanding ORS 676.110 or 676.115, upon the death of any person duly licensed by a health professional regulatory board, the executors of the estate or the heirs, assigns, associates or partners may retain the use of the decedent’s name, where it appears other than as a part of an assumed name, for no more than one year after the death of such person or until the estate is settled, whichever is sooner. [Amended by 1953 c.137 §2; 1983 c.769 §2; 1991 c.314 §5; 2009 c.142 §2; 2015 c.345 §3; 2017 c.101 §18]

**676.130 Enforcement of ORS 676.110, 676.115 and 676.120.** Each health professional regulatory board shall notify the appropriate district attorney of any violation of ORS 676.110, 676.115 and 676.120 that may be brought to the attention of the board. The district attorney of the county in which a violation of ORS 676.110, 676.115 or 676.120 takes place shall prosecute the violation upon being informed of the violation by a person or by one of the boards. [Amended by 1983 c.769 §3; 2009 c.142 §3; 2015 c.345 §4; 2017 c.101 §19]

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**676.150 Duty to report prohibited or unprofessional conduct, arrests and convictions; investigation; confidentiality; immunity from liability.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Board” means the:

(A) State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;

(B) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

(C) State Board of Licensed Social Workers;

(D) Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;

(E) Oregon Board of Dentistry;

(F) Board of Licensed Dietitians;

(G) State Board of Massage Therapists;

(H) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;

(I) Oregon State Board of Nursing;

(J) Long Term Care Administrators Board;

(K) Oregon Board of Optometry;

(L) State Board of Pharmacy;

(M) Oregon Medical Board;

(N) Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;

(O) Oregon Board of Physical Therapy;

(P) Oregon Board of Psychology;

(Q) Board of Medical Imaging;

(R) State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery;

(S) State Board of Denture Technology;

(T) Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board;

(U) Oregon Health Authority, to the extent that the authority licenses emergency medical services providers;

(V) Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board; or

(W) State Mortuary and Cemetery Board.

(b) “Licensee” means a health professional licensed or certified by or registered with a board.

(c) “Prohibited conduct” means conduct by a licensee that:

(A) Constitutes a criminal act against a patient or client; or

(B) Constitutes a criminal act that creates a risk of harm to a patient or client.

(d) “Unprofessional conduct” means conduct unbecoming a licensee or detrimental to the best interests of the public, including conduct contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the licensee’s profession or conduct that endangers the health, safety or welfare of a patient or client.

(2) Unless state or federal laws relating to confidentiality or the protection of health information prohibit disclosure, a licensee who has reasonable cause to believe that another licensee has engaged in

prohibited or unprofessional conduct shall report the conduct to the board responsible for the licensee who is believed to have engaged in the conduct. The reporting licensee shall report the conduct without undue delay, but in no event later than 10 working days after the reporting licensee learns of the conduct.

(3) A licensee who is convicted of a misdemeanor or felony or who is arrested for a felony crime shall report the conviction or arrest to the licensee’s board within 10 days after the conviction or arrest.

(4) The board responsible for a licensee who is reported to have engaged in prohibited or unprofessional conduct shall investigate in accordance with the board’s rules. If the board has reasonable cause to believe that the licensee has engaged in prohibited conduct, the board shall present the facts to an appropriate law enforcement agency without undue delay, but in no event later than 10 working days after the board finds reasonable cause to believe that the licensee engaged in prohibited conduct.

(5) A licensee who fails to report prohibited or unprofessional conduct as required by subsection (2) of this section or the licensee’s conviction or arrest as required by subsection (3) of this section is subject to discipline by the board responsible for the licensee.

(6) A licensee who fails to report prohibited conduct as required by subsection (2) of this section commits a Class A violation.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a report under subsection (2) or (3) of this section is confidential under ORS 676.175.

(b) A board may disclose a report as provided in ORS 676.177.

(c) If the Health Licensing Office receives a report described in this subsection, the report is confidential and the office may only disclose the report pursuant to ORS 676.595 and 676.599.

(8) Except as part of an application for a license or for renewal of a license and except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a board may not require a licensee to report the licensee’s criminal conduct.

(9) The obligations imposed by this section are in addition to and not in lieu of other obligations to report unprofessional conduct as provided by statute.

(10) A licensee who reports to a board in good faith as required by subsection (2) of this section is immune from civil liability for making the report.

(11) A board and the members, employees and contractors of the board are immune from civil liability for actions taken in good faith as a result of a report received under subsection (2) or (3) of this section. [2009 c.536 §1; 2011 c.630 §21; 2011 c.703 §44; 2011

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c.715 §19; 2011 c.720 §213; 2017 c.6 §22; 2018 c.61 §19; 2019 c.43 §5; 2019 c.456 §13]

### PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

**676.160 Definitions for ORS 676.165 to 676.180.** As used in ORS 676.165 to 676.180, “health professional regulatory board” means the:

- (1) State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;
- (2) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- (3) State Board of Licensed Social Workers;
- (4) Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;
- (5) Oregon Board of Dentistry;
- (6) State Board of Massage Therapists;
- (7) State Mortuary and Cemetery Board;
- (8) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;
- (9) Oregon State Board of Nursing;
- (10) Oregon Board of Optometry;
- (11) State Board of Pharmacy;
- (12) Oregon Medical Board;
- (13) Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;
- (14) Oregon Board of Physical Therapy;
- (15) Oregon Board of Psychology;
- (16) Board of Medical Imaging;
- (17) Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board; and
- (18) Oregon Health Authority, to the extent that the authority licenses emergency medical services providers. [1997 c.791 §1; 1999 c.537 §4; 2001 c.274 §4; 2009 c.43 §9; 2009 c.442 §44; 2009 c.595 §1051; 2009 c.768 §33; 2009 c.833 §25; 2011 c.630 §22; 2011 c.703 §45; 2015 c.674 §7; 2017 c.6 §23; 2017 c.101 §8; 2019 c.43 §6]

**676.165 Complaint investigation.** (1) When a health professional regulatory board receives a complaint by any person against a licensee, applicant or other person alleged to be practicing in violation of law, the board shall assign one or more persons to act as investigator of the complaint.

(2) The investigator shall collect evidence and interview witnesses and shall make a report to the board. The investigator shall have all investigatory powers possessed by the board.

(3) The report to the board shall describe the evidence gathered, the results of witness interviews and any other information considered in preparing the report of the investigator. The investigator shall consider, and

include in the report, any disciplinary history with the board of the licensee, applicant or other person alleged to be practicing in violation of law.

(4) The investigator shall make the report to the board not later than 120 days after the board receives the complaint. However, the board may extend the time for making the report by up to 30 days for just cause. The board may grant more than one extension of time.

(5) Investigatory information obtained by an investigator and the report issued by the investigator shall be exempt from public disclosure.

(6) When a health professional regulatory board reviews the investigatory information and report, the public members of the board must be actively involved. [1997 c.791 §5; 2009 c.756 §5; 2013 c.568 §18; 2017 c.101 §9]

**676.170 Immunity of information providers.** A person who reports or supplies information in good faith to a health professional regulatory board or to a committee reporting to a health professional regulatory board shall be immune from an action for civil damages as a result thereof. [1997 c.791 §4]

**676.175 Complaints and investigations confidential; exceptions; fees.** (1) A health professional regulatory board shall keep confidential and not disclose to the public any information obtained by the board as part of an investigation of a licensee or applicant, including complaints concerning licensee or applicant conduct and information permitting the identification of complainants, licensees or applicants. However, the board may disclose information obtained in the course of an investigation of a licensee or applicant to the extent necessary to conduct a full and proper investigation.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if a health professional regulatory board votes not to issue a notice of intent to impose a disciplinary sanction:

(a) The board shall disclose information obtained as part of an investigation of an applicant or licensee if the person requesting the information demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the public interest in disclosure outweighs other interests in nondisclosure, including but not limited to the public interest in nondisclosure.

(b) The board may disclose to a complainant a written summary of information obtained as part of an investigation of an applicant or licensee resulting from the complaint to the extent the board determines necessary to explain the reasons for the board’s

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decision. An applicant or licensee may review and obtain a copy of any written summary of information disclosed to a complainant by the board after the board has deleted any information that could reasonably be used to identify the complainant.

(3) If a health professional regulatory board votes to issue a notice of intent to impose a disciplinary sanction, upon written request by the licensee or applicant, the board shall disclose to the licensee or applicant all information obtained by the board in the investigation of the allegations in the notice except:

(a) Information that is privileged or confidential under a law other than this section.

(b) Information that would permit the identification of any person who provided information that led to the filing of the notice and who will not provide testimony at a hearing arising out of the investigation.

(c) Information that would permit the identification of any person as a person who made a complaint to the board about a licensee or applicant.

(d) Reports of expert witnesses.

(4) Information disclosed to a licensee or applicant under subsection (3) of this section may be further disclosed by the licensee or applicant only to the extent necessary to prepare for a hearing on the notice of intent to impose a disciplinary sanction.

(5)(a) A health professional regulatory board shall disclose:

(A) A notice of intent to impose a disciplinary sanction against a licensee or applicant that has been issued by vote of the board;

(B) A final order that results from the board's notice of intent to impose a disciplinary sanction;

(C) An emergency suspension order;

(D) A consent order or stipulated agreement that involves licensee or applicant conduct; and

(E) Information to further an investigation into board conduct under ORS 192.685.

(b) A health professional regulatory board may make the information required to be disclosed under paragraph (a)(A) to (D) of this subsection available in electronic form, accessible by use of a personal computer or similar technology that provides direct electronic access to the information.

(6) If a notice of intent to impose a disciplinary sanction has been issued by vote of a health professional regulatory board, a final order that results from the board's notice of intent to impose a disciplinary sanction, an emergency suspension order or a consent order or stipulated agreement that involves licensee or applicant conduct shall summarize the factual basis for the board's disposition of the matter.

(7) A health professional regulatory board record or order, or any part thereof, obtained as part of or resulting from an investigation, contested case proceeding, consent order or stipulated agreement, is not admissible as evidence and may not preclude an issue or claim in any civil proceeding except in a proceeding between the board and the licensee or applicant as otherwise allowed by law.

(8)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, it is not disclosure to the public for a board to permit other public officials and members of the press to attend executive sessions where information obtained as part of an investigation is discussed. Public officials and members of the press attending such executive sessions shall not disclose information obtained as part of an investigation to any other member of the public.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, "public official" means a member or member-elect, or any member of the staff or an employee, of a public entity as defined by ORS 676.177.

(9) A health professional regulatory board may establish fees reasonably calculated to reimburse the actual cost of disclosing information to licensees or applicants as required by subsection (3) of this section. [1997 c.791 §2; 1999 c.751 §3; 2005 c.801 §1]

**676.177 Disclosure of confidential information to another public entity; criteria.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 676.165 to 676.180, a health professional regulatory board, upon a determination by the board that it possesses otherwise confidential information that reasonably relates to the regulatory or enforcement function of another public entity, may disclose that information to the other public entity.

(2) Any public entity that receives information pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall agree to take all reasonable steps to maintain the confidentiality of the information, except that the public entity may use or disclose the information to the extent necessary to carry out the regulatory or enforcement functions of the public entity.

(3) For purposes of this section, "public entity" means:

(a) A board or agency of this state, or a board or agency of another state with regulatory or enforcement functions similar to the functions of a health professional regulatory board of this state;

(b) A district attorney;

(c) The Department of Justice;

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(d) A state or local public body of this state that licenses, franchises or provides emergency medical services; or

(e) A law enforcement agency of this state, another state or the federal government.

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of this section, the Oregon Board of Physical Therapy may disclose information described in subsection (1) of this section to the Physical Therapy Compact Commission established in ORS 688.240. [1999 c.751 §2; 2016 c.13 §3; 2019 c.43 §7]

**676.180 Notice prior to disclosure.** If a health professional regulatory board intends to disclose a record pursuant to ORS 676.175 (2), the board shall provide the licensee or applicant seven days' prior written notice by first class mail. The notice shall describe the record that the board intends to disclose in sufficient detail to permit the licensee or applicant to know the contents of the record. In any subsequent action for injunctive or declaratory relief, the burden shall be on the person seeking disclosure to demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the public interest in disclosure outweighs other interests in nondisclosure, including but not limited to the public interest in nondisclosure. [1997 c.791 §3]

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### IMPAIRED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

#### **676.185 Definitions for ORS 676.185 to 676.200.**

As used in ORS 676.185 to 676.200:

(1) “Direct supervisor” means the individual who is responsible for:

(a) Supervising a licensee enrolled in the impaired health professional program;

(b) Monitoring the licensee’s compliance with the requirements of the program; and

(c) Periodically reporting to the program on the licensee’s compliance with the requirements of the program.

(2) “Health profession licensing board” means:

(a) A health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160; or

(b) The Health Licensing Office for a board, council or program listed in ORS 676.565.

(3) “Impaired professional” means a licensee who is unable to practice with professional skill and safety by reason of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol or other substances that impair ability or by reason of a mental health disorder.

(4) “Licensee” means a health professional licensed or certified by or registered with a health profession licensing board.

(5) “Substantial noncompliance” includes the following:

(a) Criminal behavior;

(b) Conduct that causes injury, death or harm to the public, or a patient, including sexual impropriety with a patient;

(c) Impairment in a health care setting in the course of employment;

(d) A positive toxicology test result as determined by federal regulations pertaining to drug testing;

(e) Violation of a restriction on a licensee’s practice imposed by the impaired health professional program established under ORS 676.190 or the licensee’s health profession licensing board;

(f) Civil commitment for mental illness;

(g) Failure to participate in the program after entering into a diversion agreement under ORS 676.190; or

(h) Failure to enroll in the program after being referred to the program. [2009 c.697 §1; 2013 c.314 §6; 2013 c.367 §1; 2013 c.568 §19; 2017 c.155 §12a; 2017 c.499 §8]

#### **676.190 Establishment of program; reports of noncompliance; diversion agreements; audit; rules.**

(1) The health profession licensing boards may establish or contract to establish an impaired health professional program.

(2) A program established or contracted for under this section must:

(a) Enroll licensees of participating health profession licensing boards who have been diagnosed with alcohol or substance abuse or a mental health disorder;

(b) Require that a licensee sign a written consent prior to enrollment in the program allowing disclosure and exchange of information between the program, the licensee’s board, the licensee’s employer, evaluators and treatment entities in compliance with ORS 179.505 and 42 C.F.R. part 2;

(c) Enter into diversion agreements with enrolled licensees;

(d) If the enrolled licensee has a direct supervisor, assess the ability of the direct supervisor to supervise the licensee, including an assessment of any documentation of the direct supervisor’s completion of specialized training;

(e) Report substantial noncompliance with a diversion agreement to a noncompliant licensee’s board within one business day after the program learns of the substantial noncompliance; and

(f) At least weekly, submit to licensees’ boards:

(A) A list of licensees who were referred to the program by a health profession licensing board and who are enrolled in the program; and

(B) A list of licensees who were referred to the program by a health profession licensing board and who successfully complete the program.

(3) The lists submitted under subsection (2)(f) of this section are exempt from disclosure as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

(4) When the program reports substantial noncompliance under subsection (2)(e) of this section to a licensee’s board, the report must include:

(a) A description of the substantial noncompliance;

(b) A copy of a report from the independent third party who diagnosed the licensee under ORS 676.200 (2)(a) or subsection (7)(a) of this section stating the licensee’s diagnosis;

(c) A copy of the licensee’s diversion agreement; and

(d) The licensee’s employment status.

(5) The program may not diagnose or treat licensees enrolled in the program.

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(6) The diversion agreement required by subsection (2) of this section must:

(a) Require the licensee to consent to disclosure and exchange of information between the program, the licensee's board, the licensee's employer, evaluators and treatment programs or providers, in compliance with ORS 179.505 and 42 C.F.R. part 2;

(b) Require that the licensee comply continuously with the agreement for at least two years to successfully complete the program;

(c) Require that the licensee abstain from mind-altering or intoxicating substances or potentially addictive drugs, unless the drug is:

(A) Prescribed for a documented medical condition by a person authorized by law to prescribe the drug to the licensee; and

(B) Approved by the program if the licensee's board has granted the program that authority;

(d) Require the licensee to report use of mind-altering or intoxicating substances or potentially addictive drugs within 24 hours;

(e) Require the licensee to agree to participate in a recommended treatment plan;

(f) Contain limits on the licensee's practice of the licensee's health profession;

(g) Require the licensee to submit to random drug or alcohol testing in accordance with federal regulations, unless the licensee is diagnosed with solely a mental health disorder and the licensee's board does not otherwise require the licensee to submit to random drug or alcohol testing;

(h) Require the licensee to report to the program regarding the licensee's compliance with the agreement;

(i) Require the licensee to report any arrest for or conviction of a misdemeanor or felony crime to the program within three business days after the licensee is arrested or convicted;

(j) Require the licensee to report applications for licensure in other states, changes in employment and changes in practice setting; and

(k) Provide that the licensee is responsible for the cost of evaluations, toxicology testing and treatment.

(7)(a) A health profession licensing board may establish by rule an option to permit licensees of the health profession licensing board to self-refer to the program.

(b) The program shall require a licensee who self-refers to the program to attest that the licensee is not, to the best of the licensee's knowledge, under investigation by the licensee's board. The program shall enroll the licensee on the date on which the licensee

attests that the licensee, to the best of the licensee's knowledge, is not under investigation by the licensee's board.

(c) When a licensee self-refers to the program, the program shall:

(A) Require that an independent third party approved by the licensee's board to evaluate alcohol or substance abuse or mental health disorders evaluate the licensee for alcohol or substance abuse or mental health disorders; and

(B) Investigate to determine whether the licensee's practice while impaired has presented or presents a danger to the public.

(d) When a licensee self-refers to the program, the program may not report the licensee's enrollment in or successful completion of the program to the licensee's board.

(8) The health profession licensing boards shall arrange for an independent third party to conduct an audit every four years of an impaired health professional program for the licensees of those health profession licensing boards to ensure compliance with program guidelines. The health profession licensing boards shall report the results of the audit to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 and to the Governor. The report may not contain individually identifiable information about licensees.

(9) The health profession licensing boards, in consultation with one another, may adopt rules to carry out this section. [2009 c.697 §1b; 2009 c.828 §73; 2012 c.2 §1; 2013 c.367 §2; 2016 c.5 §1]

**676.195** [2009 c.697 §1c; 2009 c.828 §74; repealed by 2012 c.2 §3]

### **676.200 Board participation in program; rules.**

(1)(a) A health profession licensing board that is authorized by law to take disciplinary action against licensees may adopt rules opting to participate in the impaired health professional program established under ORS 676.190 and may contract with or designate one or more programs to deliver therapeutic services to its licensees.

(b) A board may not establish the board's own impaired health professional program for the purpose of monitoring licensees of the board that have been referred to the program.

(c) A board may adopt rules establishing additional requirements for licensees referred to the impaired health professional program established under ORS 676.190 or a program with which the board has entered

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into a contract or designated to deliver therapeutic services under subsection (1) of this section.

(2) If a board participates in the impaired health professional program, the board shall establish by rule a procedure for referring licensees to the program. The procedure must provide that, before the board refers a licensee to the program, the board shall ensure that:

(a) An independent third party approved by the board to evaluate alcohol or substance abuse or mental health disorders has diagnosed the licensee with alcohol or substance abuse or a mental health disorder and provided the diagnosis and treatment options to the licensee and the board;

(b) The board has investigated to determine whether the licensee's professional practice while impaired has presented or presents a danger to the public; and

(c) The licensee has agreed to report any arrest for or conviction of a misdemeanor or felony crime to the board within three business days after the licensee is arrested or convicted.

(3) A board that participates in the impaired health professional program shall review reports received from the program. If the board finds that a licensee is substantially noncompliant with a diversion agreement entered into under ORS 676.190, the board may suspend, restrict, modify or revoke the licensee's license or end the licensee's participation in the impaired health professional program.

(4) A board may not discipline a licensee solely because the licensee:

(a) Self-refers to or participates in the impaired health professional program;

(b) Has been diagnosed with alcohol or substance abuse or a mental health disorder; or

(c) Used controlled substances or cannabis before entry into the impaired health professional program, if the licensee did not practice while impaired. [2009 c.697 §1a; 2012 c.2 §2; 2013 c.367 §3; 2017 c.21 §66]

### **EFFECT OF EXPIRATION, LAPSE, SURRENDER, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE**

**676.205 Continuing jurisdiction of boards; effect of expiration, lapse, surrender, suspension or revocation of license.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Health professional regulatory board" means the agencies listed in ORS 676.160 and the Health Licensing Office created in ORS 676.560.

(b) "License" means a license, registration, certification or other authorization to engage in a profession.

(2) A health professional regulatory board continues to have jurisdiction for licensing, regulatory and disciplinary purposes related to acts and omissions that occur while a person is licensed or required to be licensed, regardless of any changes in the licensing status of the person.

(3) A person who obtains, but is not required to obtain, a license to engage in a profession regulated by a health professional regulatory board, and whose license expires, lapses or is voluntarily surrendered while the person is under investigation by the board, or whose license is suspended or revoked, may not engage in that profession unless the person again obtains a license from the relevant health professional regulatory board to engage in the profession.

(4) Nothing in this section limits the jurisdictional, investigatory or other authority otherwise provided by law to a health professional regulatory board. [2009 c.756 §2; 2013 c.568 §20]

**676.210 Practice of health care profession after suspension or revocation of license prohibited.** No person whose license has been revoked or suspended by any board authorized by the statutes of the State of Oregon to issue licenses to practice a health care profession shall continue the practice of this profession after the order or decision of the board suspending or revoking the license of the person has been made. The license shall remain suspended or revoked until a final determination of an appeal from the decision or order of the board has been made by the court. [1953 c.592 §1; 1983 c.769 §4]

**676.220 Enjoining health care professional from practicing after suspension or revocation of license.** (1) If at any time the board suspending or revoking the license of any licensee of a health care profession determines that the licensee is continuing to practice the health care profession notwithstanding, the board shall in its own name bring an action to enjoin the licensee.

(2) If the court finds that the licensee has been or is continuing the practice of the health care profession for which the license has been revoked or suspended, the court shall issue an injunction restraining the licensee. The commission of a single act constituting the practice of the respective health care profession shall be prima facie evidence warranting the issuance of an injunction.

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[1953 c.592 §2; 1979 c.284 §191; 1983 c.769 §5; 2019 c.13 §64]

**676.230 Injunction as cumulative remedy.** The remedy herein provided is cumulative and shall be without prejudice to any other civil or criminal remedy. [1953 c.592 §3]

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**676.303 Purposes of health professional regulatory boards; authority of boards to require fingerprints.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Health professional regulatory board” means the agencies listed in ORS 676.160 and the Health Licensing Office created in ORS 676.560.

(b) “Impairment” means an inability to practice with reasonable competence and safety due to the habitual or excessive use of drugs or alcohol, other chemical dependency or a mental health condition.

(c) “License” means a license, registration, certification or other authorization to engage in a profession.

(d) “Licensee” means a person licensed, registered, certified or otherwise authorized by a health professional regulatory board to engage in a profession.

(2) All health professional regulatory boards shall operate with the primary purposes of promoting the quality of health services provided, protecting the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that licensees practice with professional skill and safety and addressing impairment among licensees.

(3) For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS 181A.195, a health professional regulatory board may require the fingerprints of a licensee seeking renewal of a license, an applicant for a license, a board employee or volunteer or an applicant for employment with the board. [2009 c.756 §1; 2013 c.568 §21]

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#### **676.306 Executive directors; reports; rules. (1)**

As used in this section, “health professional regulatory board” means a health professional regulatory board described in ORS 676.160 other than the Oregon Health Authority with regard to the licensure of emergency medical services providers.

(2) Subject to applicable provisions of the State Personnel Relations Law and the approval of the Governor, notwithstanding ORS 182.468, each health professional regulatory board shall appoint an executive director and prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of the executive director. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor under the direct supervision of the appointing board. The board may request that the Governor remove the executive director.

(3) In addition to any other duties imposed by law or otherwise required of state agencies, the executive director shall keep all records of the board and discharge all duties prescribed by the board.

(4) The executive director shall prepare periodic reports regarding the licensing, monitoring and investigative activities of the board. The executive director shall submit the reports to the board and the Governor. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the board, shall adopt rules specifying requirements for the report content and processes for preparing and submitting the reports. The rules may be consistent with performance management measures and processes initiated by the department. The rules shall require each board to undergo a peer review of board activities by a team of executive directors of other health professional regulatory boards and at least one public member. The department may assess the board for the cost of the peer review. [2009 c.756 §4; 2011 c.703 §46; 2011 c.720 §214]

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#### **676.340 Limitations on liability of health practitioners providing health care services without compensation; requirements; exceptions; attorney fees; applicability.**

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a health practitioner described in subsection (7) of this section who has registered under ORS 676.345 and who provides health care services without compensation is not liable for any injury, death or other loss arising out of the provision of those services, unless the injury, death or other loss results from the gross negligence of the health practitioner.

(2) A health practitioner may claim the limitation on liability provided by this section only if the patient receiving health care services, or a person who has authority under law to make health care decisions for the patient, signs a statement that notifies the patient that the health care services are provided without compensation and that the health practitioner may be held liable for death, injury or other loss only to the extent provided by this section. The statement required under this subsection must be signed before the health care services are provided.

(3) A health practitioner may claim the limitation on liability provided by this section only if the health practitioner obtains the patient's informed consent for the health care services before providing the services, or receives the informed consent of a person who has authority under law to make health care decisions for the patient.

(4) A health practitioner provides health care services without compensation for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section even though the practitioner requires payment of laboratory fees, testing services and other out-of-pocket expenses.

(5) A health practitioner provides health care services without compensation for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section even though the practitioner provides services at a health clinic that receives compensation from the patient, as long as the health practitioner does not personally receive compensation for the services.

(6) In any civil action in which a health practitioner prevails based on the limitation on liability provided by this section, the court shall award all reasonable attorney fees incurred by the health practitioner in defending the action.

(7) This section applies only to:

- (a) A physician licensed under ORS chapter 677;
- (b) A nurse licensed under ORS 678.040 to 678.101;

(c) A nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390;

(c) A nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390;

(d) A clinical nurse specialist licensed under ORS 678.370 and 678.372;

(e) A physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525;

(f) A dental hygienist licensed under ORS 680.010 to 680.205;

(g) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679;

(h) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689;

(i) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683;

(j) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685; and

(k) An acupuncturist licensed under ORS 677.757 to 677.770. [1999 c.771 §1; 1999 c.771 §3; 2005 c.462 §2; 2012 c.41 §3; 2017 c.356 §84; 2019 c.227 §1; 2019 c.358 §20; 2021 c.97 §77]

#### **676.345 Registration program for health care professionals claiming liability limitation; program requirements.**

(1) A health practitioner described in ORS 676.340 (7) may claim the liability limitation provided by ORS 676.340 only if the health practitioner has registered with a health professional regulatory board in the manner provided by this section. Registration under this section must be made:

(a) By a physician, physician assistant or acupuncturist, with the Oregon Medical Board;

(b) By a nurse, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist, with the Oregon State Board of Nursing;

(c) By a dentist or dental hygienist, with the Oregon Board of Dentistry;

(d) By a pharmacist, with the State Board of Pharmacy;

(e) By an optometrist, with the Oregon Board of Optometry; and

(f) By a naturopathic physician, with the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

(2) The health professional regulatory boards listed in subsection (1) of this section shall establish a registration program for the health practitioners who provide health care services without compensation and who wish to be subject to the liability limitation provided by ORS 676.340. All health practitioners registering under the program must provide the health professional regulatory board with:

(a) A statement that the health practitioner will provide health care services to patients without

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compensation, except for reimbursement for laboratory fees, testing services and other out-of-pocket expenses;

(b) A statement that the health practitioner will provide the notice required by ORS 676.340 (2) in the manner provided by ORS 676.340 (2) before providing the services; and

(c) A statement that the health practitioner will only provide health care services without compensation that are within the scope of the health practitioner's license.

(3) Registration under this section must be made biennially. The health professional regulatory boards listed in subsection (1) of this section may not charge a fee for registration under this section. [1999 c.771 §2; 1999 c.771 §4; 2005 c.462 §3; 2012 c.41 §4; 2017 c.356 §85; 2019 c.227 §2]

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**676.400 Racial and ethnic composition of regulated health professions; findings; duties of health professional regulatory boards.** (1) It is the intention of the Legislative Assembly to achieve the goal of universal access to adequate levels of high quality health care at an affordable cost for all Oregonians, regardless of ethnic or cultural background.

(2) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

(a) Access to health care is of value when it leads to treatment that substantially improves health outcomes;

(b) Health care is most effective when it accounts for the contribution of culture to health status and health outcomes;

(c) Ethnic and racial minorities experience more than their statistically fair share of undesirable health outcomes;

(d) The lack of licensed health care professionals from ethnic and racial minorities or who are bilingual contributes to the inadequacy of health outcomes in communities of color in this state; and

(e) The development of a partnership between health professional regulatory boards and communities of color to increase the representation of people of color and bilingual people in health care professions has significant potential to improve the health outcomes of people of color and bilingual citizens of this state.

(3) Health professional regulatory boards shall establish programs to increase the representation of people of color and bilingual people on the boards and in the professions that they regulate. Such programs must include activities to promote the education, recruitment and professional practice of members of these targeted populations in Oregon.

(4) Each health professional regulatory board shall maintain records of the racial and ethnic makeup of applicants and professionals regulated by the board. Such information shall be requested from applicants and the professionals regulated who shall be informed in writing that the provision of such information is voluntary and not required.

(5) Each health professional regulatory board shall report biennially to the Legislative Assembly in the manner required by ORS 192.245. The report shall contain:

(a) Data detailing the efforts of the board to comply with the requirements of subsection (3) of this section; and

(b) Data collected under subsection (4) of this section documenting the ethnic and racial makeup of the applicants and of the professionals regulated by the board.

(6) For purposes of this section, “health professional regulatory board” means a health professional regulatory board, as defined in ORS 676.160, the Long Term Care Administrators Board, the Board of Licensed Dietitians and the Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board. [2001 c.973 §1; 2017 c.101 §21; 2018 c.61 §21]

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**676.405 Release of personal information.** (1) As used in this section, “health professional regulatory board” means the agencies listed in ORS 676.160 and the Health Licensing Office created in ORS 676.560.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, a health professional regulatory board may, at its discretion, release or withhold the personal electronic mail address, home address and personal telephone number for a person licensed, registered or certified by the board. If the personal electronic mail address, home address or personal telephone number is requested for a public health or state health planning purpose, the board shall release the information. [2009 c.756 §3; 2013 c.568 §22]

**676.410 Information required for renewal of certain licenses; confidentiality; data collection; fees; rules.** (1) As used in this section, “health care workforce regulatory board” means the:

- (a) State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;
- (b) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- (c) State Board of Licensed Social Workers;
- (d) Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;
- (e) Oregon Board of Dentistry;
- (f) Board of Licensed Dietitians;
- (g) State Board of Massage Therapists;
- (h) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;
- (i) Oregon State Board of Nursing;
- (j) Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board;
- (k) Oregon Board of Optometry;
- (L) State Board of Pharmacy;
- (m) Oregon Medical Board;
- (n) Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;
- (o) Oregon Board of Physical Therapy;
- (p) Oregon Board of Psychology; and
- (q) Board of Medical Imaging.

(2) An individual applying to renew a license with a health care workforce regulatory board must provide the information prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to subsection (3) of this section to the health care workforce regulatory board. Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a health care workforce regulatory board may not approve an application to renew a license until the applicant provides the information.

(3) The authority shall collaborate with each health care workforce regulatory board to adopt rules establishing:

(a) The information that must be provided to a health care workforce regulatory board under subsection (2) of this section, which may include:

- (A) Demographics, including race and ethnicity.
- (B) Education and training information.
- (C) License information.
- (D) Employment information.
- (E) Primary and secondary practice information.
- (F) Anticipated changes in the practice.
- (G) Languages spoken.

(b) The manner and form of providing information under subsection (2) of this section.

(4)(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, a health care workforce regulatory board shall report health care workforce information collected under subsection (2) of this section to the authority.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, personally identifiable information collected under subsection (2) of this section is confidential and a health care workforce regulatory board and the authority may not release such information.

(c) A health care workforce regulatory board may release personally identifiable information collected under subsection (2) of this section to a law enforcement agency for investigative purposes or to the authority for state health planning purposes.

(5) A health care workforce regulatory board may adopt rules to perform the board’s duties under this section.

(6) In addition to renewal fees that may be imposed by a health care workforce regulatory board, the authority shall establish fees to be paid by individuals applying to renew a license with a health care workforce regulatory board. The amount of fees established under this subsection must be reasonably calculated to reimburse the actual cost of obtaining or reporting information as required by subsection (2) of this section.

(7) Using information collected under subsection (2) of this section, the authority shall create and maintain a health care workforce database. The authority shall provide data from the health care workforce database and may provide data from other relevant sources, including data related to the diversity of this state’s health care workforce, upon request to state agencies and to the Legislative Assembly. The authority may contract with a private or public entity to establish and maintain the database and to perform data

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analysis. [2009 c.595 §1175; 2011 c.630 §23; 2013 c.14 §9; 2015 c.318 §40; 2015 c.380 §1; 2017 c.6 §24; 2019 c.3 §3; 2019 c.43 §8]

**Note:** Section 3, chapter 380, Oregon Laws 2015, provides:

**Sec. 3.** (1) For individuals applying to renew a license to practice a regulated profession with the Oregon Board of Dentistry, Board of Licensed Dietitians, Oregon State Board of Nursing, State Board of Pharmacy, Oregon Medical Board, Occupational Therapy Licensing Board and Physical Therapist Licensing Board, the amendments to ORS 676.410 by section 1, chapter 380, Oregon Laws 2015, apply to applications to renew a license to practice a regulated profession that are submitted on or after January 1, 2016.

(2) For individuals applying to renew a license to practice a regulated profession with the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, State Board of Licensed Social Workers, Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, State Board of Massage Therapists, Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board, Oregon Board of Optometry, Oregon Board of Psychology and Board of Medical Imaging, the amendments to ORS 676.410 by section 1, chapter 380, Oregon Laws 2015, apply to applications to renew a license to practice a regulated profession that are submitted on or after the date on which rules are adopted for health care workers regulated by a health care workforce regulatory board pursuant to ORS 676.410 (3). [2015 c.380 §3; 2017 c.6 §25]

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**676.440 Duty of health professional regulatory boards to encourage multidisciplinary pain management services.** (1) Health professional regulatory boards shall encourage the development of state-of-the-art multidisciplinary pain management services and the availability of these services to the public.

(2) As used in subsection (1) of this section, “health professional regulatory boards” means the:

- (a) Oregon Medical Board;
- (b) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;
- (c) Oregon Board of Dentistry;
- (d) Oregon State Board of Nursing;
- (e) Oregon Board of Physical Therapy;
- (f) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- (g) State Board of Pharmacy; and
- (h) Oregon Board of Psychology. [2003 c.325 §1; 2009 c.43 §10; 2017 c.6 §26; 2019 c.43 §9]

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### PENALTIES

**676.990 Criminal penalties.** Violation of any of the provisions of ORS 676.110 to 676.130 is a Class C misdemeanor. [Amended by 2011 c.597 §278]

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### DENTAL PILOT PROJECTS

**Note:** Sections 1, 2 and 15 to 17, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, provide:

**Sec. 1.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority may approve pilot projects to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care delivery systems with a focus on providing care to populations that evidence-based studies have shown have the highest disease rates and the least access to dental care. The authority may approve a pilot project that is designed to:

(a) Operate for three to five years or a sufficient amount of time to evaluate the validity of the pilot project;

(b) Evaluate quality of care, access, cost, workforce and efficacy; and

(c) Achieve at least one of the following:

(A) Teach new skills to existing categories of dental personnel;

(B) Develop new categories of dental personnel;

(C) Accelerate the training of existing categories of dental personnel; or

(D) Teach new oral health care roles to previously untrained persons.

(2) The authority shall adopt rules:

(a) Establishing an application process for pilot projects;

(b) Establishing minimum standards, guidelines and instructions for pilot projects; and

(c) Requiring an approved pilot project to report to the authority on the progress and outcomes of the pilot project, including:

(A) The process used to evaluate the progress and outcomes of the pilot project;

(B) The baseline data and information to be collected;

(C) The nature of program data that will be collected and the methods for collecting and analyzing the data;

(D) The provisions for protecting the safety of patients seen or treated in the project; and

(E) A statement of previous experience in providing related health care services.

(3) The authority shall seek the advice of appropriate professional societies and licensing boards before adopting rules under subsection (2) of this section.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 679.020 and 680.020, a person may practice dentistry or dental hygiene without a license as part of a pilot project approved under this section under the general supervision of a

dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 and in accordance with rules adopted by the authority.

(b) A person practicing dentistry or dental hygiene without a license under this section is subject to the same standard of care and is entitled to the same immunities as a person performing the services with a license.

(5) The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any public or private source for the purpose of carrying out this section. Funds received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Dental Pilot Projects Fund established under section 17 of this 2011 Act. [2011 c.716 §1]

**Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2018. [2011 c.716 §2]

**Sec. 15.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority may approve pilot projects for training and certifying community dental health coordinators to educate the community on dental health.

(2) The authority shall consult with appropriate professional organizations, educational institutions and the Oregon Board of Dentistry before approving pilot projects under this section.

(3) An approved project must require community dental health coordinators to complete 18 months of training, including an internship.

(4) The authority shall adopt rules:

(a) Establishing an application process for pilot projects;

(b) Establishing minimum standards, guidelines and instructions for pilot projects; and

(c) Requiring an approved pilot project to report to the authority on the progress and outcomes of the pilot project, including:

(A) The process used to evaluate the progress and outcomes of the pilot project;

(B) The baseline data and information to be collected;

(C) The nature of program data that will be collected and the methods for collecting and analyzing the data;

(D) The provisions for protecting the safety of patients seen or treated in the project; and

(E) A statement of previous experience in providing related health care services.

(5) The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any public or private source for the purpose of carrying out this section. Funds received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Dental Pilot Projects Fund established under section 17 of this 2011 Act. [2011 c.716 §15]

**Sec. 16.** Section 15 of this 2011 Act is repealed on

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January 2, 2018. [2011 c.716 §16]

**Sec. 17.** The Dental Pilot Projects Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Dental Pilot Projects Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of sections 1 and 15 of this 2011 Act. [2011 c.716 §17]

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#### (Generally)

**680.500 Definitions for ORS 680.500 to 680.565.** As used in ORS 680.500 to 680.565:

(1) “Denture” means any removable full or partial upper or lower prosthetic dental appliance to be worn in the human mouth to replace any missing natural teeth.

(2) “Denturist” means a person licensed under ORS 680.500 to 680.565 to engage in the practice of denture technology and who is authorized within the person’s scope of practice to provide to the public full or partial upper or lower dentures or other removable nonorthodontic dental appliances intended to be worn in the human mouth.

(3) “Practice of denture technology” means:

(a) Constructing, repairing, relining, reproducing, duplicating, supplying, fitting or altering a denture or other removable nonorthodontic dental appliance intended to be worn in the human mouth in respect of which a service is performed under paragraph (b) of this subsection; and

(b) The following services when performed for a purpose listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection:

(A) The taking of impressions;

(B) The taking of bite registrations;

(C) Try-ins of dentures or other removable nonorthodontic dental appliances intended to be worn in the human mouth; and

(D) Insertions of dentures or other removable nonorthodontic dental appliances intended to be worn in the human mouth. [1979 c.1 §1; 1991 c.921 §1; 1993 c.142 §2; 1999 c.885 §26; 2003 c.1 §1; 2005 c.648 §23; 2011 c.53 §1]

**680.505 Practice of denture technology prohibited without license; use of title “denturist.”** Unless a person holds an active license issued under ORS 680.500 to 680.565, a person may not:

(1) Engage, or offer to engage, in the practice of denture technology; or

(2) Use in connection with the name of the person the word “denturist” or any other words, letters or abbreviations or insignia tending to indicate that such person is engaged in the practice of denture technology. [1979 c.1 §2; 1993 c.142 §3; 2013 c.314 §22]

**680.510 Application of ORS 680.500 to 680.565.** The prohibitions of ORS 680.500 to 680.565 do not apply to:

(1) Any activity described in ORS 680.500 (3)(a) by a person acting under the supervision of a denturist.

(2) The practice of dentistry or medicine by persons authorized to do so by this state, or any other practices allowed under ORS chapters 677 and 679.

(3) A student of denture technology in pursuit of clinical studies under an approved school program, or a person having met the formal educational requirements, who is operating, for no more than two years, under the direct supervision of a denturist or a licensed dentist in pursuit of practical clinical experience as required for licensure by ORS 680.515. [1979 c.1 §3; 1981 c.313 §1; 1989 c.694 §1; 1993 c.142 §4; 2005 c.648 §24; 2007 c.419 §1; 2011 c.53 §3]

#### (Licenses)

**680.515 Application for license; qualifications of applicants; waiver of examination requirement; temporary license; rules.** (1) Subject to the provisions of ORS 676.612, the Health Licensing Office shall issue a license to practice denture technology to an applicant who, in addition to submitting an application and paying the applicable fees established under ORS 676.576:

(a) Provides to the office official transcripts verifying completion of an associate degree program in denture technology, or the equivalent in formal, post-secondary education, approved by the office in consultation with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Department of Education.

(b) Provides to the office documentation of 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice in denture technology, completed while enrolled in or after having completed a course of study offered in a post-secondary educational institution, or through equivalent supervised experience, as determined by the office in consultation with the commission and the department.

(c) Passes a written and a practical examination prescribed, recognized or approved by the State Board of Denture Technology. An applicant who fails the practical examination must complete additional hours of clinical and laboratory training in an approved work experience program, as determined by the board, to qualify for reexamination.

(d) Meets other requirements established by the office by rule.

(2) The educational program required by subsection (1)(a) of this section must include pertinent courses in anatomy, including histology, microbiology, physiology, pharmacology, pathology emphasizing periodontology, dental materials, medical emergencies,

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geriatrics, professional ethics, clinical denture technology and denture laboratory technology.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a) of this section, the board may accept educational training obtained in any other state or country if, upon review of satisfactory evidence, the office determines that the educational program in the other state or country meets the educational standards prescribed under this section.

(4) An applicant meets the requirements of subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section if the applicant provides the office with documentation of military training or experience that the office determines is substantially equivalent to the training or experience required by subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(c) of this section, the office may adopt rules providing for waiver of the practical examination requirement.

(6) The office may adopt rules allowing for issuance of a temporary license to practice denture technology. [1979 c.1 §4; 1981 c.313 §2; 1989 c.694 §2; 1991 c.921 §2; 1993 c.142 §5; 1997 c.652 §39; 2003 c.547 §13; 2005 c.415 §3; 2005 c.648 §25; 2007 c.419 §2; 2011 c.53 §2; 2011 c.637 §285; 2012 c.43 §9; 2013 c.314 §23; 2013 c.568 §44; 2013 c.747 §173]

**680.520 Examination of applicants.** (1) Examinations of applicants for licensure under ORS 680.500 to 680.565 shall be held at least once a year at such times and places as the State Board of Denture Technology may determine. Timely and appropriate notice shall be given to each applicant.

(2) The examination shall be sufficiently thorough to determine the qualifications, fitness and ability of the applicant to practice denture technology. The examination may be in the form of written, oral or practical demonstration of skills, or a combination of any such types. The examination shall cover at least subjects listed in ORS 680.515 (2) and any additional subjects required by the Health Licensing Office by rule that are based on changes in industry technology, health care delivery systems, client safety or scientific infection control techniques. [1979 c.1 §5; 1981 c.313 §3; 1991 c.921 §3; 1993 c.142 §6; 2005 c.415 §4; 2005 c.648 §25a; 2012 c.43 §10; 2013 c.568 §45]

**680.525** [1979 c.1 §6; 1981 c.313 §8; 1991 c.921 §4; 1993 c.142 §7; 1999 c.885 §27; 2003 c.547 §14; 2005 c.648 §26; 2009 c.701 §18; repealed by 2013 c.314 §65]

**680.527 Licensure without examination; fees.** The Health Licensing Office may issue a license to

practice denture technology, without examination, to any person who:

(1) Submits an application and pays the applicable fees established under ORS 676.576;

(2) Has satisfied the educational requirements established by ORS 680.515;

(3) Is a denturist licensed under the laws of any other state, the District of Columbia, Canada or a territory of the United States, and the standards for licensing of denturists in the licensing jurisdiction are determined by the office to be substantially equivalent to those of ORS 680.500 to 680.565;

(4) Has passed a written and practical examination that the office determines to be substantially equivalent to the examination required for licensure in this state; and

(5) Has engaged in the full-time active practice of denture technology as a licensed denturist in another jurisdiction for a minimum of two years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure under this section. [2005 c.415 §2; 2005 c.648 §25b; 2007 c.419 §3; 2013 c.314 §24; 2013 c.568 §47]

**680.530** [1979 c.1 §7; 1989 c.694 §3; 1991 c.921 §5; 1993 c.142 §8; 2001 c.274 §1; 2003 c.547 §15; 2005 c.648 §27; 2009 c.701 §19; repealed by 2013 c.314 §65]

**680.535 Grounds for imposing discipline.** In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for contested cases, the Health Licensing Office may impose a form of discipline listed in ORS 676.612 against any person practicing denture technology for any of the grounds listed in ORS 676.612 and for any violation of the provisions of ORS 680.500 to 680.565, or the rules adopted thereunder. [1979 c.1 §8; 1991 c.921 §6; 1993 c.142 §9; 2003 c.547 §16; 2005 c.648 §28; 2013 c.568 §49]

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**680.540** [1979 c.1 §18; 1981 c.313 §4; 1991 c.921 §7; 1993 c.142 §10; repealed by 2003 c.547 §118]

**680.542** [1997 c.791 §29; repealed by 2001 c.274 §5]

**680.545 Statement of dentist or physician before treatment by denturist.** Denturists licensed prior to January 1, 2004, who have not received an oral pathology endorsement from the State Board of Denture Technology may not treat any person without having first received a statement, dated within 30 days of the

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date of treatment and signed by a dentist, physician, naturopathic physician, physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 or nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390, that the person's oral cavity is substantially free from disease and mechanically sufficient to receive a denture. [1979 c.1 §13; 1981 c.313 §5; 1989 c.694 §4; 1991 c.921 §8; 1993 c.142 §10a; 1997 c.652 §40; 2003 c.547 §17; 2005 c.471 §10; 2014 c.45 §73; 2017 c.356 §88]

**680.547 Business or professional association of denturist and dentist.** A dentist, as defined in ORS 679.010, and a denturist may cooperate and maintain any business or professional association that is mutually agreeable with each being responsible for their respective area of expertise. [2003 c.1 §3]

**680.550 Board to establish policies and criteria for assessment.** The State Board of Denture Technology shall establish policies and criteria for the assessment of the quality of the practice of denture technology based on practice standards subject to the approval of the Health Licensing Office. [1979 c.1 §19; 1991 c.921 §9; 1993 c.142 §11; 2005 c.648 §29; 2013 c.568 §50]

**680.555** [1979 c.1 §9; 1989 c.694 §5; repealed by 1991 c.921 §22]

### (State Board)

**680.556 State Board of Denture Technology; membership; compensation and expenses.** (1) There is established, within the Health Licensing Office, the State Board of Denture Technology. The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. All members of the board must be residents of this state. Of the members of the board:

(a) Four must be active licensed denturists;

(b) One must be an Oregon licensed dentist in active practice; and

(c) Two must be members of the public who do not possess the professional qualifications of other members and who are not a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of an active licensed denturist or dentist.

(2)(a) Board members required to be denturists may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by a professional organization representing denturists.

(b) In selecting the members of the board, the Governor shall strive to balance the representation on the board according to:

(A) Geographic areas of this state; and

(B) Ethnic group.

(3)(a) The term of office of each member is three years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The terms must be staggered so that no more than three terms end each year. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for the unexpired term. A member shall hold the member's office until the appointment and qualification of a successor. A member is eligible for reappointment.

(b) A board member shall be removed immediately from the board if, during the member's term, the member:

(A) Is not a resident of this state;

(B) Has been absent from three consecutive board meetings, unless at least one absence is excused;

(C) Is not a licensed denturist or a retired denturist who was a licensed denturist in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a denturist; or

(D) Is not a licensed dentist or a retired dentist whose license to practice dentistry was in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a dentist.

(4) Members are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. The office may provide by rule for compensation to board members for the performance of official duties at a rate that is greater than the rate provided in ORS 292.495. [1991 c.921 §11; 1993 c.142 §12; 1999 c.885 §28; 2003 c.125 §1; 2005 c.415 §5; 2005 c.648 §30a; 2009 c.535 §15; 2009 c.701 §20a; 2013 c.568 §51]

**680.560 Board meetings.** The State Board of Denture Technology shall hold a meeting at least once each year and shall annually elect a chairperson from its members. [1979 c.1 §10; 1981 c.313 §6; 1991 c.921 §13; 1993 c.142 §13; 1999 c.885 §29; 2003 c.547 §18]

**680.565 Authority of Oregon Health Licensing Agency and director; rules; issuance of license.** (1) The Health Licensing Office has such authority as is reasonably necessary to administer ORS 680.500 to 680.565 and 680.990 (2), including the authority to adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183.

(2) The Director of the Health Licensing Office shall keep a record of all proceedings of the State Board of Denture Technology including a register of all persons licensed to practice denture technology.

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(3) When the office is satisfied that the applicant for licensure under ORS 680.500 to 680.565 has complied with all the requirements, it shall issue to such applicant an appropriate license under ORS 680.500 to 680.565. [1979 c.1 §11; 1981 c.313 §7; 1991 c.921 §14; 1993 c.142 §14; 1999 c.885 §30; 2005 c.648 §31; 2013 c.568 §52]

**680.567** [1993 c.142 §17; repealed by 2003 c.547 §118]

**680.570** [1979 c.1 §12; 1999 c.885 §31; 2005 c.648 §32; repealed by 2009 c.701 §67]

### PENALTIES

**680.572** [1991 c.921 §18; repealed by 2003 c.547 §118]

**680.990 Criminal penalties.** (1) Violation of any of the provisions of ORS 680.010 to 680.205 is a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) Violation of any provision of ORS 680.505 and 743A.028 is a Class B misdemeanor. [Amended by 1977 c.192 §11; subsection (2) enacted as 1979 c.1 §17; 1983 c.169 §32; 2003 c.547 §19]

## PROPERTY AND CASUALTY POLICIES

### MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

**742.400 Duty to report claim of professional negligence to licensing board; contents of report; public disclosure and posting of reports.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Claim” means a written demand for payment from or on behalf of a covered practitioner for an injury alleged to have been caused by professional negligence that is made in a complaint filed with a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

(b) “Covered practitioner” means a chiropractic physician, physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677, nurse practitioner, optometrist, dentist, dental hygienist or naturopath.

(c) “Disposition of a claim” means:

(A) A judgment or award against the covered practitioner by a court, a jury or an arbitrator;

(B) A withdrawal or dismissal of the claim; or

(C) A settlement of the claim.

(d) “Reporter” means:

(A) A primary insurer;

(B) A public body required to defend, save harmless and indemnify an officer, employee or agent of the public body under ORS 30.260 to 30.300;

(C) An entity that self-insures or indemnifies for claims alleging professional negligence on the part of a covered practitioner; or

(D) A health maintenance organization as defined in ORS 750.005.

(2) Within 30 days after receiving notice of a claim, a reporter shall report the claim to the appropriate board, as follows:

(a) The Oregon Medical Board if the covered practitioner is a physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677;

(b) The Oregon State Board of Nursing if the covered practitioner is a nurse practitioner;

(c) The Oregon Board of Optometry if the covered practitioner is an optometrist;

(d) The Oregon Board of Dentistry if the covered practitioner is a dentist or dental hygienist;

(e) The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine if the covered practitioner is a naturopath; or

(f) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners if the covered practitioner is a chiropractic physician.

(3) The report required under subsection (2) of this section shall include:

(a) The name of the covered practitioner;

(b) The name of the person that filed the claim;

(c) The date on which the claim was filed; and

(d) The reason or reasons for the claim, except that the report may not disclose any data that is privileged under ORS 41.675.

(4) Within 30 days after the date of an action taken in disposition of a claim, a reporter shall notify the appropriate board identified in subsection (2) of this section of the disposition.

(5)(a) A board that receives a report of a claim under this section shall publicly post the report on the board’s website if the claim results in a judicial finding or admission of liability or a money judgment, award or settlement that involves a payment to the claimant. The board may not publicly post information about claims that did not result in a judicial finding or admission of liability or a money judgment, award or settlement that involves a payment to the claimant but shall make the information available to the public upon request.

(b) If a board discloses information about a claim that is the subject of a report received under this section, the board shall indicate in the disclosure whether the claim resulted in a judicial finding or an admission of liability or a money judgment, an award or a settlement that involves a payment to the claimant. A board may not publicly disclose or publish any allegations or factual assertions included in the claim unless the complaint resulted in a judicial finding or an admission of liability or a money judgment, an award or a settlement that involves a payment to the claimant.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, “judicial finding” means a finding of liability by a court, a jury or an arbitrator.

(6) A board that receives a report under this section shall provide copies of the report to each health care facility licensed under ORS 441.015 to 441.087, 441.525 to 441.595, 441.815, 441.820, 441.990, 442.342, 442.344 and 442.400 to 442.463 that employs or grants staff privileges to the covered practitioner.

(7) A person that reports in good faith concerning any matter required to be reported under this section is immune from civil liability by reason of making the report. [Formerly 743.780 and then 743.770; 1991 c.401 §7; 1997 c.131 §3; 2007 c.803 §1; 2009 c.43 §36; 2009 c.131 §1; 2009 c.581 §1; 2013 c.129 §38]

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#### **Notice of Proposed Rule Making**

Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any permanent rule, the Oregon Board of Dentistry shall give notice of the proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal:

- (1) By publishing a notice in the Secretary of State's Bulletin referred to in ORS 183.370 at least 21 days prior to the effective date.
- (2) By mailing, emailing or electronic mailing a copy of the notice to persons on the mailing list established pursuant to ORS 183.335(8) at least 28 days before the effective date of the adoption, amendment, or repeal.
- (3) By mailing, emailing or electronic mailing a copy of the notice to the following persons and publications:
  - (a) Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association;
  - (b) Oregon Dental Assistants Association;
  - (c) Oregon Association of Dental Laboratories;
  - (d) Oregon Dental Association;
  - (e) The Oregonian;
  - (f) Oregon Health & Science University, School of Dentistry;
  - (g) The United Press International;
  - (h) The Associated Press;
  - (i) The Capitol Building Press Room.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 183, 192, 670, 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 183.370, 183.335(7)

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### **818-001-0002**

#### **Definitions**

As used in OAR chapter 818:

- (1) "Board" means the Oregon Board of Dentistry, the members of the Board, its employees, its agents, and its consultants.
- (2) "Dental Practice Act" means ORS Chapter 679 and 680.010 to 680.170 and the rules adopted pursuant thereto.
- (3) "Dentist" means a person licensed pursuant to ORS Chapter 679 to practice dentistry.
- (4) "Dental Hygienist" means a person licensed pursuant to ORS 680.010 to 680.210 to practice dental hygiene.
- (5) "Dental Therapist" means a person licensed to practice dental therapy under ORS 679.603.
- (6) "Dental Therapy" means the provision of preventative dental care, restorative dental treatment and other educational, clinical and therapeutic patient services as part of a dental care team, including the services described under ORS 679.621.
- (7) "Direct Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist diagnose the condition to be treated, that a dentist authorize the procedure to be performed, and that a dentist remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.
- (8) "General Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures, but not requiring that a dentist be present when the authorized procedures are performed. The authorized procedures may also be performed at a place other than the usual place of practice of the dentist.
- (9) "Indirect Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures and that a dentist be on the premises while the procedures are performed.

(10) "Informed Consent" means the consent obtained following a thorough and easily understood explanation to the patient, or patient's guardian, of the proposed procedures, any available alternative procedures and any risks associated with the procedures. Following the explanation, the licensee shall ask the patient, or the patient's guardian, if there are any questions. The licensee shall provide thorough and easily understood answers to all questions asked.

(11) "Licensee" means a dentist, hygienist or dental therapist.

(12) "Volunteer Licensee" is a dentist, hygienist or dental therapist licensed according to rule to provide dental health care without receiving or expecting to receive compensation.

(13) "Limited Access Patient" means a patient who, due to age, infirmity, or handicap is unable to receive regular dental hygiene treatment in a dental office.

(14) "Specialty." The specialty definitions are added to more clearly define the scope of the practice as it pertains to the specialty areas of dentistry.

(a) "Dental Anesthesiology" is the specialty of dentistry that deals with the management of pain through the use of advanced local and general anesthesia techniques.

(b) "Dental Public Health" is the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts. It is that form of dental practice which serves the community as a patient rather than the individual. It is concerned with the dental health education of the public, with applied dental research, and with the administration of group dental care programs as well as the prevention and control of dental diseases on a community basis.

(c) "Endodontics" is the specialty of dentistry which is concerned with the morphology, physiology and pathology of the human dental pulp and periradicular tissues. Its study and practice encompass the basic and clinical sciences including biology of the normal pulp, the etiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions.

(d) "Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology" is the specialty of dentistry and discipline of pathology that deals with the nature, identification, and management of diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. It is a science that investigates the causes, processes, and effects of these diseases. The practice of oral pathology includes research and diagnosis of diseases using clinical, radiographic, microscopic, biochemical, or other examinations.

(e) "Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology" is the specialty of dentistry and discipline of radiology concerned with the production and interpretation of images and data produced by all modalities of radiant energy that are used for the diagnosis and management of diseases, disorders and conditions of the oral and maxillofacial region.

(f) "Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery" is the specialty of dentistry which includes the diagnosis, surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region.

(g) "Oral Medicine" is the specialty of dentistry responsible for the oral health care of medically complex patients and for the diagnosis and management of medically-related diseases, disorders and conditions affecting the oral and maxillofacial region.

(h) "Orofacial Pain" Orofacial Pain is the specialty of dentistry that encompasses the diagnosis, management and treatment of pain disorders of the jaw, mouth, face, head and neck. The specialty of Orofacial Pain is dedicated to the evidenced-based understanding of the underlying pathophysiology, etiology, prevention, and treatment of these disorders and improving access to interdisciplinary patient care.

(i) "Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics" is the specialty of dentistry concerned with the supervision, guidance and correction of the growing or mature dentofacial structures, including those conditions that require movement of teeth or correction of malrelationships and malformations of their related structures and the adjustment of relationships between and among teeth and facial bones by the application of forces and/or the stimulation and redirection of functional forces within the craniofacial complex. Major responsibilities of orthodontic practice include the diagnosis, prevention, interception and treatment of all forms of malocclusion of the teeth and associated alterations in their surrounding structures; the design, application and control of functional and corrective appliances; and the guidance of the dentition and its supporting structures to attain and maintain optimum occlusal relations in physiologic and esthetic

harmony among facial and cranial structures.

(j) "Pediatric Dentistry" is an age defined specialty that provides both primary and comprehensive preventive and therapeutic oral health care for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health care needs.

(k) "Periodontics" is the specialty of dentistry which encompasses the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth or their substitutes and the maintenance of the health, function and esthetics of these structures and tissues.

(l) "Prosthodontics" is the specialty of dentistry pertaining to the restoration and maintenance of oral functions, comfort, appearance and health of the patient by the restoration of natural teeth and/or the replacement of missing teeth and contiguous oral and maxillofacial tissues with artificial substitutes.

(15) "Full-time" as used in ORS 679.025 and 680.020 is defined by the Board as any student who is enrolled in an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency in a course of study for dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy.

(16) For purposes of ORS 679.020(4)(h) the term "dentist of record" means a dentist that either authorized treatment for, supervised treatment of or provided treatment for the patient in clinical settings of the institution described in 679.020(3).

(17) "Dental Study Group" as used in ORS 679.050, OAR 818-021-0060 and OAR 818-021-0070 is defined as a group of licensees who come together for clinical and non-clinical educational study for the purpose of maintaining or increasing their competence. This is not meant to be a replacement for residency requirements.

(18) "Physical Harm" as used in OAR 818-001-0083(2) is defined as any physical injury that caused, partial or total physical disability, incapacity or disfigurement. In no event shall physical harm include mental pain, anguish, or suffering, or fear of injury.

(19) "Teledentistry" is defined as the use of information technology and telecommunications to facilitate the providing of dental primary care, consultation, education, and public awareness in the same manner as telehealth and telemedicine.

(20) "BLS for Healthcare Providers or its Equivalent" the BLS certification standard is the American Heart Association's BLS Healthcare Providers Course or its equivalent, as determined by the Board. This initial BLS course must be a hands-on course; online BLS courses

will not be approved by the Board for initial BLS certification. After the initial BLS certification, the Board will accept a Board-approved BLS for Healthcare Providers or its equivalent Online Renewal course for license renewal. A BLS certification card with an expiration date must be received from the BLS provider as documentation of BLS certification. The Board considers the BLS expiration date to be the last day of the month that the BLS instructor indicates that the certification expires.

(21) "Study Model" means a replica of a patient's teeth and surrounding structures, typically made from either a physical impression or a scanned impression of the patient's mouth. It is used primarily for diagnostic and treatment planning purposes, allowing the dentist to study the patient's teeth and jaw alignment and plan procedures such as orthodontic treatment, restorative dentistry or prosthetic treatment. A study model is distinguished from a "working model," which is fabricated in a similar fashion as a study model and may be a more precise and accurate replica of the patient's teeth and jaw (where applicable). A working model would be used for the fabrication of dental appliances, including without limitation orthodontic aligners, retainers, crowns and bridges or removable dentures.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.010, 680.010

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## **818-001-0005**

### **Model Rules of Procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.341, the Oregon Board of Dentistry adopts the Attorney General's Model Rules of Procedure under the Administrative Procedures Act current edition; these rules of procedure shall be controlling except as otherwise required by statute or rule.

[ED. NOTE: The full text of the Attorney General's Model Rules of Procedure is available from the office of the Attorney General or the Board of Dentistry.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 183, 192, 670, 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 183.341(1)

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## **818-001-0011**

### **Time for Requesting a Contested Case Hearing**

A request for a contested case hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Board within twenty-one days from the date the contested case notice was served.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679.250, 183.341

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250 & 183.341 OL 1999, Ch. 849

History: OBD 9-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01

## **818-001-0025**

### **Confidentiality and Inadmissibility of Mediation Communications**

(1) The words and phrases used in this rule have the same meaning as given to them in ORS 36.110 and 36.234.

(2) Nothing in this rule affects any confidentiality created by other law. Nothing in this rule relieves a public body from complying with the Public Meetings Law, ORS 192.610 to 192.690. Whether or not they are confidential under this or other rules of the agency, mediation communications are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law to the extent provided in 192.410 to 192.505.

(3) This rule applies only to mediations in which the agency is a party or is mediating a dispute as to which the agency has regulatory authority. This rule does not apply when the agency is acting as the "mediator" in a matter in which the agency also is a party as defined in ORS 36.234.

(4) To the extent mediation communications would otherwise be compromised negotiations under ORS 40.190 (OEC Rule 408), those mediation communications are not admissible as provided in 40.190 (OEC Rule 408), notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in section (9) of this rule.

(5) Mediations Excluded. Sections (6)–(10) of this rule do not apply to:

(a) Mediation of workplace interpersonal disputes involving the interpersonal relationships between this agency's employees, officials or employees and officials, unless a formal grievance under a labor contract, a tort claim notice or a lawsuit has been filed; or

(b) Mediation in which the person acting as the mediator will also act as the hearings officer in a contested case involving some or all of the same matters;

(c) Mediation in which the only parties are public bodies;

(d) Mediation involving two or more public bodies and a private party if the laws, rule or policies governing mediation confidentiality for at least one of the public bodies provide that mediation communications in the mediation are not confidential; or

(e) Mediation involving 15 or more parties if the agency has designated that another mediation confidentiality rule adopted by the agency may apply to that mediation.

(6) Disclosures by Mediator. A mediator may not disclose or be compelled to disclose mediation communications in a mediation and, if disclosed, such communications may not be introduced into evidence in any subsequent administrative, judicial or arbitration proceeding unless:

(a) All the parties to the mediation and the mediator agree in writing to the disclosure; or

(b) The mediation communication may be disclosed or introduced into evidence in a subsequent proceeding as provided in subsections (c)–(d), (j)–(l) or (o)–(p) of section (9) of this rule.

(7) Confidentiality and Inadmissibility of Mediation Communications. Except as provided in sections (8)–(9) of this rule, mediation communications are confidential and may not be disclosed to any other person, are not admissible in any subsequent administrative, judicial or arbitration proceeding and may not be disclosed during testimony in, or during any discovery conducted as part of a subsequent proceeding, or introduced as evidence by the parties or the mediator in any subsequent proceeding.

(8) Written Agreement. Section (7) of this rule does not apply to a mediation unless the parties to the mediation agree in writing, as provided in this section, that the mediation communications in the mediation will be confidential and/or nondiscoverable and inadmissible. If the mediator is the employee of and acting on behalf of a state agency, the mediator or an authorized agency representative must also sign the agreement. The parties' agreement to participate in a confidential mediation must be in substantially the following form. This form may be used separately or incorporated into an "agreement to mediate." [Form not included. See ED. NOTE.]

(9) Exceptions to confidentiality and inadmissibility:

(a) Any statements, memoranda, work products, documents and other materials, otherwise subject to discovery that were not prepared specifically for use in the mediation are not confidential and may be disclosed or introduced into evidence in a subsequent proceeding;

(b) Any mediation communications that are public records, as defined in ORS 192.410(4), and were not specifically prepared for use in the mediation are not confidential and may be disclosed or introduced into evidence in a subsequent proceeding unless the substance of the communication is confidential or privileged under state or federal law;

(c) A mediation communication is not confidential and may be disclosed by any person receiving the communication to the extent that person reasonably believes that disclosing the communication is necessary to prevent the commission of a crime that is likely to result in death or bodily injury to any person. A mediation communication is not confidential and may be disclosed in a subsequent proceeding to the extent its disclosure may further the investigation or prosecution of a felony crime involving physical violence to a person;

(d) Any mediation communication related to the conduct of a licensed professional that is made to or in the presence of a person who, as a condition of his or her professional license, is obligated to report such communication by law or court rule is not confidential and may be disclosed to the extent necessary to make such a report;

(e) The parties to the mediation may agree in writing that all or part of the mediation communications are not confidential or that all or part of the mediation communications may be disclosed and may be introduced into evidence in a subsequent proceeding unless the substance of the communication is confidential, privileged or otherwise prohibited from disclosure under state or federal law;

(f) A party to the mediation may disclose confidential mediation communications to a person if the party's communication with that person is privileged under ORS Chapter 40 or other provision of law. A party to the mediation may disclose confidential mediation communications to a person for the purpose of obtaining advice concerning the

subject matter of the mediation, if all the parties agree;

(g) An employee of the agency may disclose confidential mediation communications to another agency employee so long as the disclosure is necessary to conduct authorized activities of the agency. An employee receiving a confidential mediation communication under this subsection is bound by the same confidentiality requirements as apply to the parties to the mediation;

(h) A written mediation communication may be disclosed or introduced as evidence in a subsequent proceeding at the discretion of the party who prepared the communication so long as the communication is not otherwise confidential under state or federal law and does not contain confidential information from the mediator or another party who does not agree to the disclosure;

(i) In any proceeding to enforce, modify or set aside a mediation agreement, a party to the mediation may disclose mediation communications and such communications may be introduced as evidence to the extent necessary to prosecute or defend the matter. At the request of a party, the court may seal any part of the record of the proceeding to prevent further disclosure of mediation communications or agreements to persons other than the parties to the agreement;

(j) In an action for damages or other relief between a party to the mediation and a mediator or mediation program, mediation communications are not confidential and may be disclosed and may be introduced as evidence to the extent necessary to prosecute or defend the matter. At the request of a party, the court may seal any part of the record of the proceeding to prevent further disclosure of the mediation communications or agreements;

(k) When a mediation is conducted as part of the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, the following mediation communications are not confidential and such communications may be introduced into evidence in a subsequent administrative, judicial or arbitration proceeding:

(A) A request for mediation; or

(B) A communication from the Employment Relations Board Conciliation Service establishing the time and place of mediation; or

(C) A final offer submitted by the parties to the mediator pursuant to ORS 243.712; or

(D) A strike notice submitted to the Employment Relations Board.

(l) To the extent a mediation communication contains information the substance of which is required to be disclosed by Oregon statute, other than ORS 192.410 to 192.505, that portion of the communication may be disclosed as required by statute;

(m) Written mediation communications prepared by or for the agency or its attorney are not confidential and may be disclosed and may be introduced as evidence in any subsequent administrative, judicial or arbitration proceeding to the extent the communication does not contain confidential information from the mediator or another party, except for those written mediation communications that are:

(A) Attorney-client privileged communications so long as they have been disclosed to no one other than the mediator in the course of the mediation or to persons as to whom disclosure of the communication would not waive the privilege; or

(B) Attorney work product prepared in anticipation of litigation or for trial; or

(C) Prepared exclusively for the mediator or in a caucus session and not given to another party in the mediation other than a state agency; or

(D) Prepared in response to the written request of the mediator for specific documents or information and given to another party in the mediation; or

(E) Settlement concepts or proposals, shared with the mediator or other parties.

(n) A mediation communication made to the agency may be disclosed and may be admitted into evidence to the extent the Board determines that disclosure of the communication is necessary to prevent or mitigate a serious danger to the public's health or safety, and the communication is not otherwise confidential or privileged under state or federal law;

(o) The terms of any mediation agreement are not confidential and may be introduced as evidence in a subsequent proceeding, except to the extent the terms of the agreement are exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505, a court has ordered the terms to be confidential under 30.402 or state or federal law requires the terms to be

confidential;

(p) The mediator may report the disposition of a mediation to the agency at the conclusion of the mediation so long as the report does not disclose specific confidential mediation communications. The agency or the mediator may use or disclose confidential mediation communications for research, training or educational purposes, subject to the provisions of ORS 36.232(4).

(10) When a mediation is subject to section (7) of this rule, the agency will provide to all parties to the mediation and the mediator a copy of this rule or a citation to the rule and an explanation of where a copy of the rule may be obtained.

Violation of this provision does not waive confidentiality or inadmissibility.

[ED. NOTE: Forms referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 36.224

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 36.224, 36.228, 36.230, 36.232

History: OBD 4-2000, f. 6-22-00, cert. ef. 7-1-00

### **818-001-0030**

#### **Award of Hearings Costs**

The Board may assess the following costs against a licensee disciplined by the Board:

- (1) Fee for service of complaint.
- (2) Fee for service of subpoenas.
- (3) Reporter fee for depositions and hearing including transcriptions.
- (4) Hearing officer's fee.
- (5) Witness fees and mileage or other costs incurred in insuring the attendance of any witness.
- (6) Cost of Board counsel.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 183, 192, 670, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(5)(h)

History: OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 3-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89; DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89; DE 3-1986, f. & ef. 3-31-86; DE 11-1984, f. & ef. 5-17-84

### **818-001-0082**

#### **Access to Public Records**

- (1) Public records not exempt from disclosure may be inspected during office hours at the Board office upon reasonable notice.
- (2) Copies of public records not exempt from disclosure may be purchased upon receipt of a written request. The Board may withhold copies of public records until the requestor pays for the copies.
- (3) The Board follows the Department of Administrative Service's statewide policy (107-001-030) for fees in regards to public records request; in addition, the Board establishes the following fees:
  - (a) \$0.10 per name and address for computer-generated lists on paper; \$0.20 per name and address for computer-generated lists on paper sorted by specific zip code;
  - (b) Data files submitted electronically or on a device:
    - (A) All Licensed Dentists – \$50;
    - (B) All Licensed Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists – \$50;
    - (C) All Licensees – \$100.
  - (c) Written verification of licensure – \$2.50 per name; and
  - (d) Certificate of Standing – \$20.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 183, 192, 670, 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 192.420, 192.430, 192.440

History: OBD 1-2022, amend filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022; OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17;

OBD 3-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99<br>  
DE 2-1991, f. & cert. ef. 12-31-91<br>  
DE 1-1991(Temp), f. 8-5-91, cert. ef. 8-15-91<br>  
DE 1-1990, f. 3-19-90, cert. ef. 4-2-90<br>  
DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89, Renumbered from 818-001-0080<br>  
DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89<br>  
DE 11-1984, f. & ef. 5-17-84

### **818-001-0083**

#### **Relief from Public Disclosure**

Upon the receipt of a written request of an individual who has been disciplined by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, the Board shall remove from its website, and other publicly accessible print and electronic publications under the Board's control, all information related to disciplining the individual under ORS 679.140 and any findings and conclusions made by the Board during the disciplinary proceeding, if:

- (1) The request is made 10 years or more after the date on which any disciplinary sanction ended;
- (2) The individual was not disciplined for financially or physically harming a patient as determined by the Board;
- (3) The individual informed the Board of the matter for which the individual was disciplined before the Board received information about the matter or otherwise had knowledge of the matter;
- (4) The individual making the request, if the individual is or was a licensee, has not been subjected to other disciplinary action by the Board following the imposition of the disciplinary sanction; and
- (5) The individual fully complied with all disciplinary sanctions imposed by the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: HB 4095 (2016)

Statutes/Other Implemented:

History: OBD 1-2016, f. 10-25-16, cert. ef. 11-1-16

### **818-001-0087**

#### **Fees**

(1) The Board adopts the following fees:

(a) Biennial License Fees:

- (A) Dental – \$490;
- (B) Dental – retired – \$0;
- (C) Dental Faculty – \$435;
- (D) Volunteer Dentist – \$0;
- (E) Dental Hygiene – \$279;
- (F) Dental Hygiene – retired – \$0;
- (G) Volunteer Dental Hygienist – \$0;
- (H) Dental Therapy - \$279;
- (I) Dental Therapy - retired - \$0;

(b) Biennial Permits, Endorsements or Certificates:

- (A) Nitrous Oxide Permit – \$40;
- (B) Minimal Sedation Permit – \$75;
- (C) Moderate Sedation Permit – \$200;
- (D) Deep Sedation Permit – \$400;
- (E) General Anesthesia Permit – \$400;
- (F) Radiology – \$75;
- (G) Expanded Function Dental Assistant – \$50;
- (H) Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant – \$50;
- (I) Instructor Permits – \$40;

- (J) Dental Hygiene Restorative Functions Endorsement – \$50;
- (K) Restorative Functions Dental Assistant – \$50;
- (L) Anesthesia Dental Assistant – \$50;
- (M) Dental Hygiene, Expanded Practice Permit – \$75;
- (N) Non-Resident Dental Background Check - \$100.00;
- (c) Applications for Licensure:
  - (A) Dental – General and Specialty – \$445;
  - (B) Dental Faculty – \$405;
  - (C) Dental Hygiene – \$210;
  - (D) Dental Therapy - \$210;
  - (E) Licensure Without Further Examination – Dental – \$890.
  - (F) Licensure Without Further Examination – Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy – \$820
- (d) Examinations:
  - (e) Jurisprudence – \$0;
  - (f) Duplicate Wall Certificates – \$50.
- (2) Fees must be paid at the time of application and are not refundable.
- (3) The Board shall not refund moneys under \$5.01 received in excess of amounts due or to which the Board has no legal interest unless the person who made the payment or the person's legal representative requests a refund in writing within one year of payment to the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 293.445, 679.060, 679.115, 679.120, 679.250, 680.050, 680.075, 680.200, 680.205, 679.615

History: OBD 2-2025, amend filed 10/27/2025, effective 12/01/2025; OBD 1-2025, temporary amend filed 06/16/2025, effective 07/01/2025 through 12/27/2025; OBD 4-2023, amend filed 11/01/2023, effective 01/01/2024; OBD 2-2023, temporary amend filed 07/10/2023, effective 08/01/2023 through 01/05/2024; OBD 1-2022, amend filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 3-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 10-1-15<br>

OBD 2-2015(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 6-26-15 thru 12-22-15<br>

OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14<br>

OBD 1-2013, f. 5-15-13, cert. ef. 7-1-13<br>

OBD 1-2012, f. & cert. ef. 1-27-12<br>

OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11<br>

OBD 3-2011(Temp), f. 6-30-11, cert. ef. 7-1-11 thru 12-27-11<br>

OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10<br>

OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09<br>

OBD 1-2009(Temp), f. 6-11-09, cert. e. 7-1-09 thru 11-1-09<br>

OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07<br>

OBD 2-2007, f. 4-26-07, cert. ef. 5-1-07<br>

OBD 2-2005, f. 1-31-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05<br>

OBD 8-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01<br>

OBD 5-2000, f. 6-22-00, cert. ef. 7-1-00<br>

OBD 3-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99<br>

OBD 1-1998, f. & cert. ef. 6-8-98<br>

DE 2-1993, f. & cert. ef. 7-13-93<br>

DE 1-1992(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 6-24-92<br>

DE 2-1991, f. & cert. ef. 12-31-91<br>

DE 1-1991(Temp), f. 8-5-91, cert. ef. 8-15-91<br>  
DE 1-1990, f. 3-19-90, cert. ef. 4-2-90<br>  
DE 2-1989(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 11-30-89<br>  
DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89, Renumbered from 818-001-0085<br>  
DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89<br>  
DE 1-1987, f. & cert. ef. 10-7-87<br>  
DE 3-1986, f. & cert. ef. 3-31-86<br>  
DE 6-1985(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 9-20-85

## **818-001-0090**

### **Board Member Compensation**

(1) Board members of the Oregon Board of Dentistry, who are authorized by law to receive compensation for time spent in performance of their official duties, shall receive compensation based on the amount fixed for the standard per diem allowance for the Continental United States which has been authorized by the United States Internal Revenue Service for each day or portion of each day during which the Board member is actually engaged in the performance of official duties. This compensation amount shall be in addition to the reimbursement of travel expenses per Oregon Statewide Travel Policy OAM 40.10.00 PO.

(2) No Board member shall be required to accept compensation or reimbursement of travel expenses while performing their official duties as a Board member.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679.230

Statutes/Other Implemented: HB 2058, OL Ch. 535 (2009 Laws)

History: OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09

## **DIVISION 5**

### **CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK AND FITNESS DETERMINATION RULES**

## **818-005-0035**

### **Contesting a Fitness Determination**

(1) This rule sets forth a contested case hearing process by which a subject individual may appeal a fitness determination made under OAR 818-005-0050 that he or she is fit or not fit to be a Board employee, volunteer, contractor, or vendor.

(2) The Attorney General's Model Rules of Procedure, OAR 137-003-0001 through 137-003-0092, apply unless the Board refers the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings to assign an Administrative Law Judge. If the Board refers the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 137-003-0501 through 137-003-0700 shall apply.

(3) Process.

(a) To request a contested case hearing, the employee applicant/employee or the employee applicant/employee individual's legal representative must submit a written request to the Executive Director of the Board. To be timely, the request must be received by the Executive Director of the Board within 21 business days of the postmark of the fitness determination notification letter.

(b) A contested case hearing shall be conducted by an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the Office of Administrative Hearings once a timely request has been received by the Board as outlined in section (3)(a).

(4) The Administrative Law Judge will establish the time and place of the hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be served on the Board or designee and participants at least ten working days in advance of the hearing date.

(5) No Public Attendance. Contested case hearings on fitness determinations are closed to non-participants.

(6) A fitness determination made under OAR 818-005-0050 becomes final when:

(a) A timely request for hearing is not filed; or

(b) A party withdraws a hearing request, notifies the Board or the Administrative Law Judge that the party will not appear, or fails to appear for the hearing.

(7) The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed order following a hearing. Exceptions, if any, must be received by

the Board within 10 working days after the service of the proposed order.

(8) An employee applicant/employee currently employed by the Board who is denied as unfit pursuant to a final fitness determination may appeal the fitness determination either under the contested case process made available by this rule or through a process available under applicable personnel rules, policies and collective bargaining agreements. An employee applicant's/employee's decision to appeal a fitness determination through applicable personnel rules, policies, and collective bargaining agreements is an election of remedies as to the rights of the individual with respect to the fitness determination and is a waiver of the contested case process made available by this rule.

(9) The only remedy that may be awarded is a determination that the employee applicant/employee is fit or not fit. Under no circumstances shall the Board be required to place an employee applicant/employee in any position, nor shall the Board be required to accept services or enter into a contractual agreement with an employee applicant/employee.

(10) An employee applicant/employee may not use the appeals process established by this rule to challenge the accuracy or completeness of information provided by the Oregon State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or agencies reporting information to the Oregon State Police or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. To challenge the accuracy or completeness of information identified in this section, an employee applicant/employee may use any process made available by the agency that provided the information.

(11) Appealing a fitness determination, challenging criminal offender information with the agency that provided the information, or requesting a new criminal records check and re-evaluation of the original fitness determination will not delay or postpone the Board's hiring process or employment decisions.

(12) Alternative Process. An employee currently employed by the Board may choose to appeal a fitness determination either under the process made available by this rule or through a process made available by applicable personnel rules, policies and collective bargaining provision. A subject individual's decision to appeal a fitness determination through applicable personnel rules, polices and collective bargaining provisions is an election of remedies as to the rights of the individual with respect to the fitness determination and is a waiver of the contested case process made available by this rule.

(13) The only remedy that may be awarded is a determination that the employee is fit or not fit. Under no circumstances shall the Board be required to place an employee in any position, or shall the Board be required to accept services or enter into a contractual agreement with an employee.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 181.534, 676.303, 679.253

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.303, 181.534

History: OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11

## **818-005-0040**

### **Agency Representation**

(1) Subject to the approval of the Attorney General, an officer or employee of the Board, designated by the Executive Director, is authorized to appear on behalf of the Board in contested case hearings conducted pursuant to these rules.

(2) Board officers, employees, or other authorized personnel may not present legal argument as defined under OAR 137-003-0008 on behalf of the Board in contested case hearings conducted pursuant to these rules.

(3) When the Board determines it is necessary to consult with the Attorney General's office, the Administrative Law Judge will provide a reasonable period of time for a Board's representative to consult with the Attorney General's office and to obtain either written or oral legal argument or advice, if necessary.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 181.534, 676.303, 679.253

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.303, 181.534

History: OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11

## **818-005-0050**

### **Criminal Records Check for Employees, Volunteers and Applicants**

(1) The Board may require a criminal records check and fitness determination for Board employees, volunteers or applicants for employment with the Board.

(2) Criminal records checks and fitness determinations are conducted pursuant to ORS 181A.170 to 181A.215 and OAR 125-007-0200 to 125-007-0310.

(a) To complete the criminal records check and fitness determination, the Board may require additional information from the employee, volunteer or applicant, such as, but not limited to, proof of identity or additional criminal, judicial or other background information.

(b) If the employee, volunteer or applicant has potentially disqualifying criminal offender information, the Board will consider factors listed in ORS 181A.195 before making a fitness determination.

(c) An approved fitness determination does not guarantee employment.

(d) An incomplete fitness determination does not entitle the employee, volunteer or applicant the right to appeal under OAR 125-007-0300.

(3) Pursuant to ORS 181A.195, 676.175, and OAR 125-007-0310, information obtained in the criminal records check is confidential and will not be disseminated by the Board except to persons with a demonstrated and legitimate need to know the information.

(4) The Board may charge a fee to the employee, volunteer or applicant for the criminal records check. The fee will not exceed the fee charged the Board by the OSP and the FBI to obtain such information.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 181A.195, 676.303

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 181A.170, 181A.195, 181A215, 676.175, 676.303, 679.250

History: OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17

## **DIVISION 12**

### **STANDARDS OF PRACTICE**

#### **818-012-0005**

##### **Scope of Practice**

(1) No dentist may perform any of the procedures listed below:

(a) Rhinoplasty;

(b) Blepharoplasty;

(c) Rhytidectomy;

(d) Submental liposuction;

(e) Laser resurfacing;

(f) Browlift, either open or endoscopic technique;

(g) Platysmal muscle plication;

(h) Otoplasty;

(i) Dermabrasion;

(j) Hair transplantation, not as an isolated procedure for male pattern baldness; and

(k) Harvesting bone extra orally for dental procedures, including oral and maxillofacial procedures.

(2) Unless the dentist:

(a) Has successfully completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), or

(b) Holds privileges either:

(A) Issued by a credentialing committee of a hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) to perform these procedures in a hospital setting; or

(B) Issued by a credentialing committee for an ambulatory surgical center licensed by the State of Oregon and accredited by either the JCAHO or the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

(3) A dentist may utilize Botulinum Toxin Type A to treat conditions that are within the oral and maxillofacial region after completing a minimum of 10 hours in a hands on clinical course(s), in Botulinum Toxin Type A, and the provider is approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE) or by the American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP). Alternatively, a dentist may meet

the requirements of subsection (3) by successfully completing training in Botulinum Toxin Type A as part of a CODA accredited program.

(4) A dentist may utilize dermal fillers to treat conditions that are within the oral and maxillofacial region after completing a minimum of 10 hours in a hands on clinical course(s), in dermal fillers, and the provider is approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE) or by the American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP). Alternatively, a dentist may meet the requirements of subsection (4) by successfully completing training in dermal fillers as part of a CODA accredited program.

(5) A dentist may place dental implants to replace natural teeth after completing a minimum of 56 hours of hands on clinical dental implant course(s), which includes treatment planning, appropriate case selection, potential complications and the surgical placement of the implants under direct supervision, and the provider is a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited postdoctoral dental education program, or a provider that has been approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE) or by the American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP).

(6) A dentist placing dental implants must complete at least seven (7) hours of continuing education related to the placement and or restoration of dental implants every licensure renewal period. (Effective January 1, 2024).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.010(2), 679.140(1)(c), 679.140(2), 679.170(6), 680.100

History: OBD 1-2024, amend filed 03/08/2024, effective 05/01/2024; OBD 1-2023, amend filed 06/20/2023, effective 07/01/2023; OBD 2-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 07/01/2022; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 4-2018, minor correction filed 12/10/2018, effective 12/10/2018; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14; OBD 3-2013, f. 10-24-13, cert. ef. 1-1-14; OBD 1-2013, f. 5-15-13, cert. ef. 7-1-13; OBD 6-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01

## **818-012-0006**

### **Qualifications - Administration of Vaccines**

(1) A dentist may administer vaccines to a patient of record.

(2) A dentist may administer vaccines under Section (1) of this rule only if:

(a) The dentist has completed a course of training approved by the Board; and

(b) The vaccines are administered in accordance with the "Model Standing Orders" approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

(3) The dentist may not delegate the administration of vaccines to another person.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented:

History: OBD 2-2019, adopt filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020

## **818-012-0007**

### **Procedures, Record Keeping and Reporting of Vaccines**

(1) Prior to administering a vaccine to a patient of record, the dentist must follow the "Model Standing Orders" approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for administration of vaccines and the treatment of severe adverse events following administration of a vaccine.

(2) The dentist must maintain written policies and procedures for handling and disposal of used or contaminated equipment and supplies.

(3) The dentist or designated staff must give the appropriate Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) to the patient or legal representative with each dose of vaccine covered by these forms. The dentist or designated staff must ensure that the patient or legal representative is available and has read, or has had read to them, the information provided and has had

their questions answered prior to the dentist administering the vaccine. The VIS given to the patient must be the most current statement.

(4) The dentist or designated staff must document in the patient record:

(a) The date and site of the administration of the vaccine;

(b) The brand name, or NDC number, or other acceptable standardized vaccine code set, dose, manufacturer, lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine;

(c) The name or identifiable initials of the administering dentist;

(d) The address of the office where the vaccine(s) was administered unless automatically embedded in the electronic report provided to the OHA ALERT Immunization System;

(e) The date of publication of the VIS; and

(f) The date the VIS was provided and the date when the VIS was published.

(5) If providing state or federal vaccines, the vaccine eligibility code as specified by the OHA must be reported to the ALERT system.

(6) A dentist who administers any vaccine must report, the elements of Section (3), and Section (4) of this rule if applicable, to the OHA ALERT Immunization System within 14 days of administration.

(7) The dentist must report adverse events as required by the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), to the Oregon Board of Dentistry within 10 business days and to the primary care provider as identified by the patient.

(8) A dentist who administers any vaccine will follow storage and handling guidance from the vaccine manufacturer and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

(9) Dentists who do not follow this rule can be subject to discipline for failure to adhere to these requirements.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679

History: OBD 1-2023, amend filed 06/20/2023, effective 07/01/2023; OBD 2-2019, adopt filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020

## **818-012-0010**

### **Unacceptable Patient Care**

The Board finds, using the criteria set forth in ORS 679.140(4), that a licensee engages in or permits the performance of unacceptable patient care if the licensee does or permits any person to:

(1) Provide treatment which exposes a patient to risk of harm when equivalent or better treatment with less risk to the patient is available.

(2) Fail to seek consultation whenever the welfare of a patient would be safeguarded or advanced by having recourse to those who have special skills, knowledge and experience; provided, however, that it is not a violation of this section to omit to seek consultation if other competent licensees in the same locality and in similar circumstances would not have sought such consultation.

(3) Fail to provide or arrange for emergency treatment for a patient currently receiving treatment.

(4) Fail to exercise supervision required by the Dental Practice Act over any person or permit any person to perform duties for which the person is not licensed or certified.

(5) Fail to ensure radiographic and other imaging are of diagnostic quality.

(6) Render services which the licensee is not licensed to provide.

(7) Fail to comply with ORS 453.605 to 453.755 or rules adopted pursuant thereto relating to the use of x-ray machines.

(8) Fail to maintain patient records in accordance with OAR 818-012-0070.

(9) Fail to provide goods or services in a reasonable period of time which are due to a patient pursuant to a contract with the patient or a third party.

(10) Attempt to perform procedures which the licensee is not capable of performing due to physical or mental disability.

(11) Perform any procedure for which the patient or patient's guardian has not previously given informed consent

provided, however, that in an emergency situation, if the patient is a minor whose guardian is unavailable or the patient is unable to respond, a licensee may render treatment in a reasonable manner according to community standards.

(12) Use the behavior management technique of Hand Over Mouth (HOM) without first obtaining informed consent for the use of the technique.

(13) Use the behavior management technique of Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient.

(14) Fail to determine and document a dental justification prior to ordering a Cone Beam CT series with field greater than 10x10 cm for patients under 20 years of age where pathology, anatomical variation or potential treatment complications would not be otherwise visible with a Full Mouth Series, Panoramic or Cephalometric radiographs.

(15) Fail to advise a patient of any recognized treatment complications.

(16) Fail to maintain proper storage or handling of medications, including injectables, according to federal regulations, guidelines, standards, and manufacturer recommendations.

(17) Fail to obtain and maintain a written informed consent prior to administering Botulinum Toxin Type A or dermal fillers.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(1)(e), 679.140(4), 680.100

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DE 2-1982, f. & cert. ef. 3-19-82<br>

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DE 6-1963, f. 8-9-63, cert. ef. 9-11-63

### **818-012-0015**

#### **Licensee to Notify Board of Certain Events**

Licensees shall report to the Board incidents of mortality that occur in the course of the licensee's practice.

(1) The licensee performing the dental procedure must submit a written detailed report to the Board within five working days of the incident along with the patient's complete original dental records. The detailed report(s) must include:

(a) Name, age and address of patient;

(b) Name of the licensee and other persons present during the incident;

(c) Address where the incident took place;

(d) Type of anesthesia and dosages of drugs administered to the patient; and

(e) A narrative description of the incident including approximate times and evolution of symptoms.

(2) Reports filed with the Board under this rule are confidential and are only subject to public disclosure pursuant to ORS 192.502(2).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7)

History: OBD 10-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01

### **818-012-0020**

#### **Additional Methods of Discipline for Unacceptable Patient Care**

In addition to other discipline, the Board may order a licensee who engaged in or permitted unacceptable patient care to:

- (1) Make restitution to the patient in an amount to cover actual costs in correcting the unacceptable care.
- (2) Refund fees paid by the patient with interest.
- (3) Complete a Board-approved course of remedial education.
- (4) Discontinue practicing in specific areas of dentistry, dental therapy or hygiene.
- (5) Practice under the supervision of another licensee.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(5)(h), 680.100

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### **818-012-0030**

#### **Unprofessional Conduct**

The Board finds that in addition to the conduct set forth in ORS 679.140(2), unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following in which a licensee does or knowingly permits any person to:

- (1) Attempt to obtain a fee by fraud, or misrepresentation.
- (2) Obtain a fee by fraud, or misrepresentation.
  - (a) A licensee obtains a fee by fraud if the licensee knowingly makes, or permits any person to make, a material, false statement intending that a recipient, who is unaware of the truth, rely upon the statement.
  - (b) A licensee obtains a fee by misrepresentation if the licensee obtains a fee through making or permitting any person to make a material, false statement.
  - (c) Giving cash discounts and not disclosing them to third party payers is not fraud or misrepresentation.
- (3) Offer rebates, split fees, or commissions for services rendered to a patient to any person other than a partner, employee, or employer.
- (4) Accept rebates, split fees, or commissions for services rendered to a patient from any person other than a partner, employee, or employer.
- (5) Initiate, or engage in, with a patient, any behavior with sexual connotations. The behavior can include but is not limited to, inappropriate physical touching; kissing of a sexual nature; gestures or expressions, any of which are sexualized or sexually demeaning to a patient; inappropriate procedures, including, but not limited to, disrobing and draping practices that reflect a lack of respect for the patient's privacy; or initiating inappropriate communication, verbal or written, including, but not limited to, references to a patient's body or clothing that are sexualized or sexually demeaning to a patient; and inappropriate comments or queries about the professional's or patient's sexual orientation, sexual performance, sexual fantasies, sexual problems, or sexual preferences.
- (6) Engage in an unlawful trade practice as defined in ORS 646.605 to 646.608.
- (7) Fail to present a treatment plan with estimated costs to a patient upon request of the patient or to a patient's guardian upon request of the patient's guardian.
- (8) Misrepresent any facts to a patient concerning treatment or fees.
- (9) Fail to release patient records pursuant to OAR 818-012-0032.
- (10) Fail to identify to a patient, patient's guardian, or the Board the name of an employee, employer, contractor, or agent who renders services.
- (11) Use prescription forms pre-printed with any Drug Enforcement Administration number, name of controlled substances, or facsimile of a signature.
- (12) Use a rubber stamp or like device to reproduce a signature on a prescription form or sign a blank prescription form.
- (13) Order drugs listed on Schedule II of the Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 812, for office use on

a prescription form.

(14) Violate any Federal or State law regarding controlled substances.

(15) Becomes addicted to, or dependent upon, or abuses alcohol, illegal or controlled drugs, or mind altering substances, or practice with an untreated substance use disorder diagnosis that renders the licensee unable to safely conduct the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy.

(16) Practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy in a dental office or clinic not owned by an Oregon licensed dentist(s), except for an entity described under ORS 679.020(3) and dental hygienists practicing pursuant to ORS 680.205(1)(2).

(17) Make an agreement with a patient or person, or any person or entity representing patients or persons, or provide any form of consideration that would prohibit, restrict, discourage or otherwise limit a person's ability to file a complaint with the Oregon Board of Dentistry; to truthfully and fully answer any questions posed by an agent or representative of the Board; or to participate as a witness in a Board proceeding.

(18) Fail to maintain at a minimum a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent.

(19) Conduct unbecoming a licensee or detrimental to the best interests of the public, including conduct contrary to the recognized standards of ethics of the licensee's profession or conduct that endangers the health, safety or welfare of a patient or the public.

(20) Knowingly deceiving or attempting to deceive the Board, an employee of the Board, or an agent of the Board in any application or renewal, or in reference to any matter under investigation by the Board. This includes but is not limited to the omission, alteration or destruction of any record in order to obstruct or delay an investigation by the Board, or to omit, alter or falsify any information in patient or business records.

(21) Knowingly practicing with a physical or mental impairment that renders the Licensee unable to safely conduct the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy.

(22) Take any action which could reasonably be interpreted to constitute harassment or retaliation towards a person whom the licensee believes to be a complainant or witness.

(23) Fail to register with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in order to have access to the Program's electronic system if the Licensee holds a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration.

(24) Fail to comply with ORS 413.550-413.558, regarding health care interpreters.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(1)(c), 679.140(2), 679.170(6), 680.100

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OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08<br>

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DE 2-1997, f. & cert. ef. 2-20-97<br>

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DE 5-1982, f. & cert. ef. 5-26-82<br>  
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DE 6-1963, f. 8-9-63, cert. ef. 9-11-63

### **818-012-0032**

#### **Diagnostic Records**

(1) Licensees shall provide duplicates of physical diagnostic records to patient or patient's guardian within 14 calendar days of receipt of written request.

(a) Physical records include:

(A) Legible copies of paper charting and chart notes, and;

(B) Duplicates of silver emulsion radiographs of the same quality as the originals, duplicates of physical study models, and photographs if they have been paid for.

(b) Licensees may require the patient or patient's guardian to pay in advance the fee reasonably calculated to cover costs of making the copies or duplicates.

(2) Licensee may charge a fee not to exceed \$30 for copying 10 or fewer pages of written material and no more than \$0.50 per page for 11-50 and no more than \$0.25 for each additional page, including cost of microfilm plus any postage costs to mail copies requested and actual costs of preparing an explanation or summary of information, if requested. The actual costs of duplicating radiographs may also be charged to the patient.

(3) Licensees shall provide duplicates of digital patient records within 14 calendar days of receipt of written request by the patient or patient's guardian.

(a) Digital records include any patient diagnostic image, study model, test result or chart record in digital form.

(b) Licensees may require the patient or patient's guardian to pay for the typical retail cost of the digital storage device, such as a CD, thumb drive, or DVD as well as associated postage.

(c) Licensees shall not charge any patient or patient's guardian to transmit requested digital records over email if total records do not exceed 25 Mb.

(d) Licensees may charge up to \$5 for duplication of digital records up to 25Mb and up to \$30 for more than 25Mb.

(e) Any transmission of patient records shall be in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA Act) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act).

(f) Duplicated digital records shall be of the same quality as the original digital file.

(4) If a records summary is requested by patient or patient's guardian, the actual cost of creating this summary and its transmittal may be billed to the patient or patient's guardian.

(5) Patient records or summaries may not be withheld from the patient because of any prior unpaid bills, except as provided in (1)(a)(B) of this rule.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679

History: OBD 1-2023, amend filed 06/20/2023, effective 07/01/2023; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17

### **818-012-0040**

#### **Infection Control Guidelines**

In determining what constitutes unacceptable patient care with respect to infection control, the Board may consider current infection control guidelines such as those of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Dental Association.

(1) Additionally, licensees must comply with the following requirements:

(a) Disposable gloves shall be worn whenever placing fingers into the mouth of a patient or when handling blood or saliva contaminated instruments or equipment. Appropriate hand hygiene shall be performed prior to gloving.

- (b) Masks and protective eyewear or chin-length shields shall be worn by licensees and other dental care workers when spattering of blood or other body fluids is likely.
  - (c) Between each patient use, instruments or other equipment that come in contact with body fluids shall be sterilized.
  - (d) Environmental surfaces that are contaminated by blood or saliva shall be disinfected with a chemical germicide which is mycobactericidal at use.
  - (e) Impervious backed paper, aluminum foil, or plastic wrap may be used to cover surfaces that may be contaminated by blood or saliva and are difficult or impossible to disinfect. The cover shall be replaced between patients.
  - (f) All contaminated wastes and sharps shall be disposed of according to any governmental requirements.
- (2) Licensees must comply with the requirement that heat sterilizing devices shall be tested for proper function by means of a biological monitoring system that indicates micro-organisms kill each calendar week in which scheduled patients are treated. Testing results shall be retained by the licensee for the current calendar year and the two preceding calendar years.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679.120, 679.250(7), 680.075, 680.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140, 679.140(4), 680.100

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## **818-012-0060**

### **Failure to Cooperate with Board**

- (1) No licensee shall:
- (a) Fail to report to the Board violations of the Dental Practice Act.
  - (b) Use threats or harassment to delay or obstruct any person in providing evidence in any investigation, contested case, or other legal action instituted by the Board.
  - (c) Discharge an employee based primarily on the employee's attempt to comply with or aid in the compliance with the Dental Practice Act.
  - (d) Use threats or harassment to obstruct or delay the Board in carrying out its functions under the Dental Practice Act.
  - (e) Deceive or attempt to deceive the Board with respect to any matter under investigation including altering or destroying any records.
  - (f) Make an untrue statement on any document, letter, or application submitted to the Board.
  - (g) Fail to temporarily surrender custody of original patient records to the Board when the Board makes a written request for the records. For purposes of this rule, the term records includes, but is not limited to, the jacket, treatment charts, models, radiographs, photographs, health histories, billing documents, correspondence and memoranda.
  - (h) Fail to cooperate with the Board during the course of an investigation.
- (2) No applicant shall:
- (a) Deceive or attempt to deceive the Board with respect to any matter under investigation including altering or destroying any records.
  - (b) Make an untrue statement on any document, letter, or application submitted to the Board.
  - (c) Fail to cooperate with the Board during the course of an investigation.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.060(4), 679.170(5), 679.250(8), 679.290, 679.310(1), 680.050(4), 680.100

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## **818-012-0070**

### **Patient Records**

(1) Each licensee shall have prepared and maintained an accurate and legible record for each person receiving dental services, regardless of whether any fee is charged. The record shall contain the name of the licensee rendering the service and include:

- (a) Name and address and, if a minor, name of guardian;
- (b) Date description of examination and diagnosis;
- (c) An entry that informed consent has been obtained and the date the informed consent was obtained. Documentation may be in the form of an acronym such as "PARQ" (Procedure, Alternatives, Risks and Questions) or its equivalent.
- (d) Date and description of treatment or services rendered;
- (e) Date, description and documentation of informing the patient of any recognized treatment complications;
- (f) Date and description of all radiographs, study models, and periodontal charting;
- (g) Current health history; and
- (h) Date, name of, quantity of, and strength of all drugs dispensed, administered, or prescribed.

(2) Each licensee shall have prepared and maintained an accurate record of all charges and payments for services including source of payments.

(3) Each licensee shall maintain patient records and radiographs for at least seven years from the date of last entry unless:

- (a) The patient requests the records, radiographs, and models be transferred to another licensee who shall maintain the records and radiographs;
- (b) The licensee gives the records, radiographs, or models to the patient; or
- (c) The licensee transfers the licensee's practice to another licensee who shall maintain the records and radiographs.

(4) When a dental implant is placed the following information must be given to the patient in writing and maintained in the patient record:

- (a) Manufacture brand;
- (b) Design name of implant;
- (c) Diameter and length;
- (d) Lot number;
- (e) Reference number;
- (f) Expiration date;
- (g) Product labeling containing the above information may be used in satisfying this requirement.

(5) When changing practice locations, closing a practice location or retiring, each licensee must retain patient records for the required amount of time or transfer the custody of patient records to another licensee licensed and practicing dentistry in Oregon. Transfer of patient records pursuant to this section of this rule must be reported to the Board in writing within 14 days of transfer, but not later than the effective date of the change in practice location, closure of the practice location or retirement. Failure to transfer the custody of patient records as required in this rule is unprofessional conduct.

(6) Upon the death or permanent disability of a licensee, the administrator, executor, personal representative, guardian, conservator or receiver of the former licensee must notify the Board in writing of the management arrangement for the custody and transfer of patient records. This individual must ensure the security of and access to patient records by the patient or other authorized party, and must report arrangements for permanent custody of patient records to the Board in writing within 90 days of the death of the licensee.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(1)(e), 679.140(4)

History: OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01<br>

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DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89<br>

DE 9-1984, f. & cert. ef. 5-17-84

### **818-012-0075**

#### **Administration of Local Anesthesia — Lip Color Procedures**

A dentist licensed in Oregon may administer local anesthesia to a person who proposes to receive permanent lip color and/or permanent hair removal in the lip area from a permanent color technician/tattoo artist or an electrologist licensed under ORS 690.350 to 690.430. Prior to the administration of local anesthesia for this purpose, the licensed dentist shall:

- (1) Receive a written order from a licensed permanent color technician/tattoo artist or a licensed electrologist, which shall be maintained in the patient record;
- (2) Obtain a current health history;
- (3) Perform an oral examination; and
- (4) Create and maintain a patient record as required by OAR 818-012-0070.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.500

History: OBD 1-2004, f. 5-27-04, cert. ef. 6-1-04; OBD 6-2000, f. 6-22-00, cert. ef. 7-1-00

### **818-012-0080**

#### **Improper Prescription Practices**

- (1) In conjunction with dental treatment, a dentist may prescribe, dispense, or administer medications relevant to the care being provided.
- (2) It is improper to prescribe or dispense drugs outside the scope of the practice of dentistry or in a manner that impairs the health and safety of an individual including:
  - (a) Prescribing or dispensing drugs in such amounts as to constitute a departure from the prevailing standards of acceptable dental practice; and
  - (b) Prescribing or dispensing controlled substances for persons who are not patients of record in the dentist's practice unless the dentist is acting on behalf of the dentist of record.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(2)(h), 680.100

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DE 9-1984, f. & cert. ef. 5-17-84

### **818-012-0090**

#### **Obtaining Controlled Substances**

- (1) No licensee shall obtain or attempt to obtain any controlled substance by any misrepresentation or subterfuge.
- (2) No licensee shall prescribe any controlled substance for the licensee's personal consumption.
- (3) No licensee shall purchase any controlled substance for the licensee's personal consumption other than by prescription from a licensed practitioner in conjunction with treatment to the licensee.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(2)(g), 680.100

History: DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89; DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89

### **818-012-0100**

#### **Controlled Substances Record Keeping Requirements**

- (1) Each dentist shall have a current and constant inventory of all controlled substances.
- (2) Each time a dentist dispenses any drug listed on Schedule II of the Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, 21 U.S.C., Sec 812, the dentist shall record the following information on a readily retrievable record of dispensing maintained separate from patient records:
  - (a) Name of each patient;
  - (b) Name, strength, and quantity of the drug dispensed; and
  - (c) Date the drug was dispensed.
- (3) Each dentist shall:
  - (a) Maintain a record of any controlled substance lost, destroyed, or stolen which shall include the name and quantity of the controlled substance and the date of such loss, destruction or theft; and
  - (b) Report the loss, destruction, or theft to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration regional office.

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(2)(g), 679.140(2)(h)

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### **818-012-0110**

#### **Extension of Authority to Operate a Dental Practice**

- (1) Upon the death or disability of a shareholder dentist, the administrator, executor, personal representative, guardian, conservator or receiver of the former dentist shareholder shall notify the Board in writing of the management arrangement for the dental practice.
- (2) At least 30 days prior to the expiration of an initial 12-month period following the creation of an ownership interest described in ORS 679.020(7), the administrator, executor, personal representative, guardian, conservator or receiver of the former dentist shareholder shall submit to the Board a written request for extension of authority to continue maintaining and operating a dental practice. One 12-month extension (for a total of 24 months) shall be automatically granted.
- (3) Any request for extension beyond 24 months shall be submitted in writing to the Board at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the 24-month period. The Board on a case-by-case basis shall review such requests.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020

History: OBD 1-2004, f. 5-27-04, cert. ef. 6-1-04

### **818-012-0120**

#### **Compliance with Governor's Executive Orders**

- (1) During a declared emergency, unprofessional conduct includes failing to comply with any applicable provision of a Governor's Executive Order or any provision of this rule.
- (2) Failing to comply as described in subsection (1) includes, but is not limited to:
  - (a) Operating a business required by an Executive Order to be closed under any current Executive Order.
  - (b) Providing services at a business required by an Executive Order to be closed under any current Executive Order.
  - (c) Failing to comply with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidance implementing an Executive Order, including but not limited to:
    - (A) Failing to satisfy required criteria in OHA guidance prior to resuming elective and non-emergent procedures;
    - (B) Failing to implement a measured approach when resuming elective and non-emergent procedures in accordance with

OHA guidance;

(d) Failing to comply with any Board of Dentistry guidance implementing an Executive Order;

(3) No disciplinary action or penalty action shall be taken under this rule if the Executive Order alleged to have been violated is not in effect at the time of the alleged violation.

(4) Penalties for violating this rule include: up to \$5,000 per violation pursuant to ORS 679.140(10). Any such penalties shall be imposed in accordance with ORS 679.140.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679

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## **DIVISION 13**

### **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' SERVICES PROGRAM**

#### **818-013-0001**

##### **Definitions**

For the purpose of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Confidential" means that, to the highest degree possible, the identities of the licensees investigated for alleged addiction to, dependence upon, or abuse of alcohol, drugs, and mind altering substances, or mental health disorders, and who have a diagnosed substance abuse disorder or mental health disorder, will be kept confidential by the Board and not be a matter of public record.

(2) "Diagnosis" means the principal mental health or substance use diagnosis listed in the DSM. The diagnosis is determined through the evaluation and any examinations, tests, or consultations suggested by the evaluation, and is the medically appropriate reason for services.

(3) "Direct Observe" means that a collection taker is in the restroom with donor and observes the providing of the sample throughout the entire process.

(4) "Diversion Coordinator" means the individual(s) authorized by the Board and the Executive Director to know the identities of the licensees who are candidates for or who are enrolled in HPSP.

(5) "Division" means the Oregon Health Authority, Addictions and Mental Health Division.

(6) "DSM" means the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association.

(7) "Evaluation" means the process a Board approved, independent evaluator uses to diagnose the licensee's symptoms and to recommend treatment options for the licensee.

(8) "Health Professionals' Services Program" (HPSP) means the consolidated, statewide health professionals program for licensees diagnosed with a substance use disorder, a mental health disorder, or both types of disorders, as established by ORS 676.190.

(9) "Independent evaluator" means a Board approved individual or entity qualified to evaluate, diagnose, and recommend treatment regimens for substance abuse disorders, mental health disorders, or co-occurring disorders.

(10) "Mental health disorder" means a clinically significant behavioral or psychological syndrome or pattern that occurs in an individual and that is associated with present distress or disability or with a significantly increased risk of suffering death, pain, disability, or an important loss of freedom that is identified in the DSM. "Mental health disorder" includes gambling disorders.

(11) "Monitoring agreement" means an individualized agreement between a licensee and the HPSP vendor that meets the requirements for a diversion agreement set by ORS 676.190.

(12) "Monitoring Entity" means an independent third-party that monitors licensees' program enrollment statuses and monitoring agreement compliance.

(13) "Non-disciplinary" means the Board will not take disciplinary action or enter disciplinary orders against a licensee who agrees to enter into the HPSP and remains compliant with that program.

(14) “Non-identifying” means a system where the licensee is referred to by number rather than name and the licensee’s identity remains confidential to the Board.

(15) “Program” means the process whereby allegations of addiction to, dependence upon, or abuse of alcohol, drugs, or mind altering substances or mental health disorders are investigated, evaluated, and reported to the Board for action.

(16) “Substance Use Disorders” means disorders related to the taking of a drug of abuse including alcohol, to the side effects of a medication, and to a toxin exposure. The disorders include substance use disorders such as substance dependence and substance abuse, and substance-induced disorders, including substance intoxication, withdrawal, delirium, and dementia, as well as substance induced psychotic disorder, mood disorder, etc., as defined in DSM criteria.

(17) “Substantial non-compliance” means that a licensee is in violation of the terms of his or her monitoring agreement in a way that gives rise to concerns about the licensee’s ability or willingness to participate in the program. Substantial non-compliance and non-compliance include, but are not limited to, the factors listed in ORS 676.190(1)(f). Conduct that occurred before a licensee entered into a monitoring agreement does not violate the terms of that monitoring agreement.

(18) “Successful completion” means the licensee has complied with the licensee’s monitoring agreement to the satisfaction of the Board.

(19) “Toxicology testing” means urine testing or alternative chemical monitoring including, but not limited to blood, saliva, or breath as conducted by a laboratory certified, accredited or licensed and approved for toxicology testing.

(20) “Treatment” means the planned, specific, individualized health and behavioral-health procedures, activities, services and supports that a treatment provider uses to remediate symptoms of a substance use disorder, mental health disorder or both types of disorders.

(21) “Vendor” means the entity that has contracted with the Division to conduct the program.

(22) “Voluntary” means that the Board cannot compel a licensee to enter the HPSP.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676, 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: 676.185, 676.190, 676.195, 676.200, 676.140(e)

History: OBD 3-2013, f. 10-24-13, cert. ef. 1-1-14; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 1-2011, f. 1-11-11, cert. ef. 2-1-11; OBD 2-2010(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 8-6-10 thru 2-1-11

## **818-013-0005**

### **Participation in Health Professionals’ Services Program**

(1) Effective July 1, 2010, the Board participates in the Health Professionals’ Services Program (HPSP).

(a) The Board establishes procedures to process cases of licensees preparatory to transfer to HPSP.

(b) The procedures will be confidential, non-disciplinary, and voluntary.

(c) The Executive Director will have overall management responsibilities for the procedures. The Executive Director will designate Board staff to serve as Diversion Coordinator(s) who will manage and conduct investigations and report to the Board.

(d) The Diversion Coordinator(s) will investigate information related to addiction to, dependence upon, or abuse of alcohol, drugs, or mind altering substances or mental health disorders, by licensees and provide licensees with resources for evaluations, if appropriate.

(2) Only licensees of the Board who meet the referral criteria may be referred by the Board to the HPSP.

(a) The Board may refer a licensee to the HPSP in lieu of public discipline.

(b) In the event a licensee declines to submit to an evaluation or declines referral to HPSP, the Diversion Coordinator(s) will present the matter to the Board for decision and the Board’s action may jeopardize the confidential nature of licensee’s status as a candidate for, or enrollment in, HPSP.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676, 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.185, 676.190, 676.195, 676.200, 676.140(e)

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## **818-013-0010**

### **Procedures for Board Referrals**

(1) When the Board receives information involving a licensee who may have a substance related disorder, mental disorder, or both types of disorders, the Board staff will investigate and complete a non-identifying confidential report to be presented at a Board meeting.

(2) The Board will consider all relevant factors before determining whether to refer a licensee to the HPSP, including but not limited to licensee's disciplinary history; the severity and duration of the licensee's impairment; the extent to which licensee's practice can be limited or managed to eliminate danger to the public; and the likelihood that licensee's impairment can be managed with treatment.

(3) If a licensee meets referral criteria and the Board approves entry into the HPSP, the Board will provide a written referral to HPSP.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676, 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.185, 676.190, 676.195, 676.200, 676.140(e)

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## **818-013-0015**

### **Referral of Licensees to the HPSP**

(1) A Board referral to HPSP will include, at a minimum:

(a) Copies of documents from a Board approved independent evaluator which provide a diagnosis of a substance related disorder or a mental health disorder or both disorders, and provide treatment options;

(b) A written statement from the Board as to whether the licensee's impairment presents, or presented, a danger to the public;

(c) A written statement from the licensee agreeing to enter the HPSP in lieu of discipline and agreeing to abide by all of the terms and conditions established by the vendor;

(d) A written statement that the licensee has agreed to report any arrest for or conviction of a misdemeanor or felony crime to the Board within three (3) business days after the licensee is arrested or convicted; and

(e) A letter of instruction to the vendor detailing the additional agreement provisions required by the Board.

(2) For referral to HPSP, the licensee shall:

(a) Sign an Agreement to Enter the Health Professionals' Services Program.

(b) Provide written authorization allowing for the release of documents by the Board to the HPSP vendor, and permit the verbal exchange of information between the Board and the HPSP vendor.

(c) Within one (1) business day of the effective date of the Agreement to Enter the Health Professionals' Services Program, licensee will make contact with the HPSP vendor to initiate procedures to enter HPSP.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676, 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.185, 676.190, 676.195, 676.200, 676.140(e)

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## **818-013-0020**

### **Additional Required Provisions**

(1) Prior to referral to HPSP, the licensee shall agree, by written statement, to waive any privilege with respect to any physical, psychiatric, psychological, or substance use treatment, in favor of the Board; and to execute waivers or releases with any and all health care providers to permit exchange of information between the health care providers and the Board.

(2) Monitoring agreement will be for a minimum of five (5) years, or as determined by the Board.

(3) Urinalysis testing shall be directly observed.

(4) Licensee shall assure that at all times the Board has the most current information regarding licensee's address and telephone numbers for both residences and employments.

(5) Licensee will be responsible for all costs for treatment including, but not limited to, evaluations, residential treatment,

after care regimens, group therapy programs, counseling, and toxicology testing. Failure to meet those financial obligations may constitute substantial non-compliance.

(6) As warranted, the Board shall add any additional agreement provisions and will convey those to the vendor by letter of instruction.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676, 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.185, 676.190, 676.195, 676.200, 676.140(e)

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### **818-013-0025**

#### **Approval of Independent Evaluators**

(1) To be approved by the Board as an independent evaluator, an evaluator must be:

(a) Licensed as required by the jurisdiction in which the evaluator works; and

(b) Able to provide a comprehensive assessment of and written report describing a licensee's diagnosis, degree of impairment, and treatment options.

(2) The Board will not accept an independent evaluator in a particular case if, in the Board's judgment, the evaluator's judgment is likely to be influenced by a personal or professional relationship with a licensee.

(3) The Board will maintain a list of approved independent evaluators on the Board's Web site at [www.oregon.gov/Dentistry](http://www.oregon.gov/Dentistry).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676, 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.185, 676.190, 676.195, 676.200, 676.140(e)

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### **818-013-0030**

#### **Approval of Treatment Providers**

(1) To be approved by the Board as a treatment provider, a provider must be:

(a) Licensed as required by the jurisdiction in which the provider works; and

(b) Able to provide appropriate treatment considering licensee's diagnosis, degree of impairment, and treatment options proposed by the independent evaluator.

(2) The Board will not accept a provider as a treatment provider in a particular case if, in the Board's judgment, the treatment provider's judgment is likely to be influenced by a personal or professional relationship with a licensee.

(3) The Board will maintain a list of approved treatment providers on the Board's Web site at [www.oregon.gov/Dentistry](http://www.oregon.gov/Dentistry).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676, 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.185, 676.190, 676.195, 676.200, 676.140(e)

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### **818-013-0035**

#### **Non-Compliance Action**

The Board, upon being notified of a licensee's substantial non-compliance, will investigate and determine the appropriate sanction which may include, but is not limited to, a limitation of licensee's practice and any other sanction, up to and including termination from HPSP and formal discipline. In the event the HPSP vendor or the monitoring entity reports a matter of non-compliance to the Diversion Coordinator(s), the matter, following an investigation, will be brought to the Board for decision and the Board's action may jeopardize the confidential nature of licensee's enrollment in HPSP.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676, 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.185, 676.190, 676.195, 676.200, 676.140(e)

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## **DIVISION 15**

### **ADVERTISING**

## 818-015-0005

### General Provisions

- (1) "To advertise" means to publicly communicate information about a licensee's professional services or qualifications for the purpose of soliciting business.
- (2) Advertising shall not be false, deceptive, misleading or not readily subject to verification and shall not make claims of professional superiority which cannot be substantiated by the licensee, who shall have the burden of proof.
- (3) Advertising shall not make a representation that is misleading as to the credentials, education, or the licensing status of a licensee. Licensee may not claim a degree, credential, or distinction granted by a professional organization or institution of higher learning that has not been earned.
- (4) A licensee who authorizes another to disseminate information about the licensee's professional services to the public is responsible for the content of that information unless the licensee can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the content of the advertisement is contrary to the licensee's specific directions.
- (5) A dentist shall adhere to the Doctors' Title Act, ORS 676.110 (Use of title "doctor").

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(2)(e)

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DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89

## DIVISION 21

### EXAMINATION AND LICENSING

## 818-021-0010

### Application for License to Practice Dentistry

- (1) An applicant to practice general dentistry, in addition to the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:
  - (a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
  - (b) Having graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada, completion of a predoctoral dental education program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and proficiency in the English language; and
  - (c) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination.
- (2) An applicant who has not met the educational requirements for licensure may apply for examination if the Dean of an accredited school certifies the applicant will graduate.
- (3) An applicant must pass a Board examination consisting of a clinical portion administered by the Board, or any clinical Board examination administered by any state, or regional testing agency, national testing agency or other Board-recognized testing agency and a jurisprudence portion administered by the Board. Clinical examination results will be recognized by the Board for five years.
- (4) A person who fails any Board approved clinical examination three times must successfully complete the remedial training recommended by the testing agency. Such remedial training must be conducted by a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.
- (5) Prior to initial licensure, an applicant must complete a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 670, 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.060, 679.065, 679.070, 679.080

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OBD 4-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01<br>

DE 5-1997, f. & cert. ef. 12-31-97<br>

DE 1-1997, f. & cert. ef. 1-2-97<br>

DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89, Renumbered from 818-20-053 & 818-20-055<br>

DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89<br>

DE 7-1985, f. & cert. ef. 11-1-85<br>

DE 10-1984, f. & cert. ef. 5-17-84

## **818-021-0011**

### **Application for License to Practice Dentistry Without Further Examination**

(1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may grant a license without further examination to a dentist who holds a license to practice dentistry in another state or states if the dentist meets the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065 and submits to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

(a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or

(b) Having graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada, completion of a predoctoral dental education program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or completion of a postdoctoral General Dentistry Residency program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and proficiency in the English language; and

(c) Having passed the dental clinical examination conducted by a regional testing agency, by a state dental licensing authority, by a national testing agency or other Board-recognized testing agency; and

(d) Holding an active license to practice dentistry, without restrictions, in any state; including documentation from the state dental board(s) or equivalent authority, that the applicant was issued a license to practice dentistry, without restrictions, and whether or not the licensee is, or has been, the subject of any final or pending disciplinary action; and

(e) Having conducted licensed clinical practice in Oregon, other states or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a minimum of 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application. Licensed clinical practice could include hours devoted to teaching by dentists employed by a dental education program in a CODA accredited dental school, with verification from the dean or appropriate administration of the institution documenting the length and terms of employment, the applicant's duties and responsibilities, the actual hours involved in teaching clinical dentistry, and any adverse actions or restrictions; and

(f) Having completed 40 hours of continuing education in accordance with the Board's continuing education requirements contained in these rules within the two years immediately preceding application.

(2) Applicants must pass the Board's Jurisprudence Examination.

(3) Prior to initial licensure, an applicant must complete a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).

(4) A dental license granted under this rule will be the same as the license held in another state; i.e., if the dentist holds a general dentistry license, the Oregon Board will issue a general (unlimited) dentistry license. If the dentist holds a license limited to the practice of a specialty, the Oregon Board will issue a license limited to the practice of that specialty. If the dentist holds more than one license, the Oregon Board will issue a dental license which is least restrictive.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.060, 679.065, 679.070, 679.080, 679.090

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01/01/2020; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 1-2017, f. 2-13-17, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 1-2006, f. 3-17-06, cert. ef. 4-1-06; OBD 3-2004, f. 11-23-04 cert. ef. 12-1-04; OBD 1-2004, f. 5-27-04, cert. ef. 6-1-04; OBD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 4-18-03; Reverted to OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 1-2002(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 7-17-02 thru 1-12-03; OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 14-2001(Temp), f. 8-2-01, cert. ef. 8-15-01 thru 2-10-02; Reverted to OBD 4-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; OBD 12-2001(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 1-9-01 thru 7-7-01; OBD 4-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; OBD 4-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99

### **818-021-0012**

#### **Specialties Recognized**

The Board recognizes the following specialties:

- (1) Dental Anesthesiology;
- (2) Dental Public Health;
- (3) Endodontics;
- (4) Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology;
- (5) Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology;
- (6) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery;
- (7) Oral Medicine;
- (8) Orofacial Pain;
- (9) Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics;
- (10) Pediatric Dentistry;
- (11) Periodontics;
- (12) Prosthodontics.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140

History: OBD 1-2023, amend filed 06/20/2023, effective 07/01/2023; OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09; OBD 1-2006, f. 3-17-06, cert. ef. 4-1-06; DE 5-1997, f. & cert. ef. 12-31-97

### **818-021-0015**

#### **Certification as a Specialist**

The Board may certify a dentist as a specialist if the dentist:

- (1) Holds a current Oregon dental license;
- (2) Is a diplomate of or a fellow in a specialty board accredited or recognized by the American Dental Association; or
- (3) Has completed a post-graduate program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140(2)(d)

History: OBD 1-2023, amend filed 06/20/2023, effective 07/01/2023; OBD 5-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; DE 3-1997, f. & cert. ef. 8-27-97

### **818-021-0017**

#### **Application to Practice as a Specialist**

- (1) A dentist who wishes to practice as a specialist in Oregon, who does not have a current Oregon license, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:
  - (a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and active licensure as a general dentist in another state. Licensure as a general dentist must have

been obtained as a result of the passage of any clinical Board examination administered by any state or regional testing agency;

(b) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination; and

(c) Proof of satisfactory completion of a post-graduate specialty program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

(d) Passing the Board's jurisprudence examination.

(e) Completion of a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).

(2) A dentist who graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada who wishes to practice as a specialist in Oregon, who does not have a current Oregon license, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

(a) Completion of a post-graduate specialty program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, proficiency in the English language, and evidence of active licensure as a general dentist in another state obtained as a result of the passage of any clinical Board examination administered by any state or regional testing agency; or

(b) Completion of a post-graduate specialty program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, proficiency in the English language and certification of having successfully passed the clinical examination administered by any state or regional testing agency within the five years immediately preceding application; and

(c) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination; and

(d) Passing the Board's jurisprudence examination; and

(e) Completion of a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).

(3) An applicant who meets the above requirements shall be issued a specialty license upon:

(a) Passing a specialty examination approved by the Board within the five years immediately preceding application; or

(b) Passing a specialty examination approved by the Board greater than five years prior to application; and

(A) Having conducted licensed clinical practice in the applicant's postdoctoral dental specialty in Oregon, other states or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a minimum of 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application. Licensed clinical practice could include hours devoted to teaching the applicant's dental specialty by dentists employed by a dental education program in a CODA-accredited dental school, with verification from the dean or appropriate administration of the institution documenting the length and terms of employment, the applicant's duties and responsibilities, the actual hours involved in teaching clinical dentistry in the specialty applicant is applying for, and any adverse actions or restrictions; and;

(B) Having completed 40 hours of continuing education in accordance with the Board's continuing education requirements contained in these rules within the two years immediately preceding application.

(4) Any applicant who does not pass the first examination for a specialty license may apply for a second and third regularly scheduled specialty examination. If the applicant fails to pass the third examination for the practice of a recognized specialty, the applicant will not be permitted to retake the particular specialty examination until he/she has attended and successfully passed a remedial program prescribed by a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and approved by the Board.

(5) Licenses issued under this rule shall be limited to the practice of the specialty only.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140, 679.060, 679.065, 679.070, 679.080 679.090

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OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10<br>

OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08<br>

OBD 3-2005, f. 10-26-05, cert. ef. 11-1-05<br>

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OBD 5-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99<br>

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DE 4-1997, f. & cert. ef. 12-31-97

## **818-021-0018**

### **License for Active-Duty Members of the Uniformed Services and their Spouses or Domestic Partners Stationed in Oregon**

(1) A license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental therapy shall be issued to Active-Duty Members of the Uniformed Services or their spouse or domestic partner when the following requirements are met:

- (a) A completed application and payment of fee is received by the Board; and
  - (b) Submission of a copy of the military orders assigning the active-duty member to an assignment in Oregon; and
  - (c) The spouse holds a current license in another state to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental therapy at the level of application; and
  - (d) The license is in good standing and verified as active and current through processes defined by the Board; and
- The license shall remain active for the duration of the above-mentioned military orders.

(2) Each biennium, the licensee shall submit to the Board a Biennial Military Status Confirmation Form. The confirmation form shall include the following:

- (a) Licensee's full name;
- (b) Licensee's mailing address;
- (c) Licensee's business address including street and number. If the licensee has no business address, licensee's home address including street and number;
- (d) Licensee's business telephone number. If the licensee has no business telephone number, licensee's home telephone number;
- (e) Licensee's employer or person with whom the licensee is on contract;
- (f) Licensee's assumed business name;
- (g) Licensee's type of practice or employment;
- (h) A statement that the licensee has met the continuing educational requirements for their specific license renewal set forth in OAR 818-021-0060 or OAR 818-021-0070 or OAR 818-021-0076;
- (i) Identity of all jurisdictions in which the licensee has practiced during the two past years;
- (j) A statement that the licensee has not been disciplined by any licensing board of any other jurisdiction or convicted of a crime; and
- (k) Confirmation of current active-duty status of service member.

Statutory/Other Authority: Oregon Laws 2019, Chapter 142, Section 1, ORS 679.600

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.600

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## 818-021-0020

### Application for License to Practice Dental Hygiene

(1) An applicant to practice dental hygiene, in addition to the requirements set forth in ORS 680.040 and 680.050, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

- (a) Having graduated from a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
- (b) Having graduated from a dental hygiene program located outside the United States or Canada, completion of not less than one year in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and proficiency in the English language; and
- (c) Certification of having passed the dental hygiene examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or the Canadian National Dental Hygiene Certificate Examination.

(2) An applicant who has not met the educational requirements for licensure may apply if the Director of an accredited program certifies the applicant will graduate.

(3) An applicant must pass a Board examination consisting of a clinical portion administered by the Board, or any clinical Board examination administered by any state, regional testing agency, national testing agency or other Board-recognized testing agency and a jurisprudence portion administered by the Board. Clinical examination results will be recognized by the Board for five years.

(4) A person who fails any Board approved clinical examination three times must successfully complete the remedial training recommended by the testing agency. Such remedial training must be conducted by a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.010, 680.040, 680.050, 680.060, 680.070

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OBD 4-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01<br>

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DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89<br>

DE 7-1985, f. & cert. ef. 11-1-85<br>

DE 29-1977, f. & cert. ef. 3-2-77<br>

DE 15-1972, f. 1-20-72, cert. ef. 2-10-72

## 818-021-0025

### Application for License to Practice Dental Hygiene Without Further Examination

(1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may grant a license without further examination to a dental hygienist who holds a license to practice dental hygiene in another state or states if the dental hygienist meets the requirements set forth in ORS 680.040 and 680.050 and submits to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

- (a) Having graduated from a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
- (b) Having graduated from a dental hygiene program located outside the United States or Canada, completion of not less than one year in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and proficiency in the English language; and
- (c) Having passed the clinical dental hygiene examination conducted by a regional testing agency, by a state dental or dental hygiene licensing authority, by a national testing or other Board-recognized testing agency; and
- (d) Holding an active license to practice dental hygiene, without restrictions, in any state; including documentation from the state dental board(s) or equivalent authority, that the applicant was issued a license to practice dental hygiene,

without restrictions, and whether or not the licensee is, or has been, the subject of any final or pending disciplinary action; and

(e) Having conducted licensed clinical practice in Oregon, in other states or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a minimum of 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application. Licensed clinical practice could include hours devoted to teaching by dental hygienists employed by a CODA accredited dental hygiene program with verification from the dean or appropriate administration of the institution documenting the length and terms of employment, the applicant's duties and responsibilities, the actual hours involved in teaching clinical dental hygiene, and any adverse actions or restrictions; and

(f) Having completed 24 hours of continuing education in accordance with the Board's continuing education requirements contained in these rules within the two years immediately preceding application.

(2) Applicants must pass the Board's Jurisprudence Examination.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 680.040, 680.050, 680.060, 680.070, 680.072

History: OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 1-2017, f. 2-13-17, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09; OBD 1-2006, f. 3-17-06, cert. ef. 4-1-06; OBD 3-2004, f. 11-23-04 cert. ef. 12-1-04; OBD 1-2004, f. 5-27-04, cert. ef. 6-1-04; OBD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 4-18-03; Reverted to OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 1-2002(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 7-17-02 thru 1-12-03; OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 14-2001(Temp), f. 8-2-01, cert. ef. 8-15-01 thru 2-10-02; Reverted to OBD 4-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; OBD 12-2001(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 1-9-01 thru 7-7-01; OBD 4-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; OBD 4-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99

## **818-021-0026**

### **State and Nationwide Criminal Background Checks, Fitness Determinations**

(1) The Board requires fingerprints of all applicants for a dental, dental therapy or dental hygiene license to determine the fitness of an applicant. The purpose of this rule is to provide for the reasonable screening of dental and dental hygiene applicants and licensees in order to determine if they have a history of criminal behavior such that they are not fit to be granted or hold a license that is issued by the Board.

(2) These rules are to be applied when evaluating the criminal history of all licensees and applicants for a dental, dental therapy or dental hygiene license and for conducting fitness determinations consistent with the outcomes provided in OAR 125-007-0260.

(3) Criminal records checks and fitness determinations are conducted according to ORS 181A.170 to 181A.215, ORS 670.280 and OAR 125-007-0200 to 127-007-0310.

(a) The Board will request the Oregon Department of State Police to conduct a state and nationwide criminal records check. Any original fingerprint cards will subsequently be destroyed.

(b) All background checks must include available state and national data, unless obtaining one or the other is an acceptable alternative.

(c) The applicant or licensee must disclose all arrests, charges, and convictions regardless of the outcome or date of occurrence. Disclosure includes but is not limited to military, dismissed or set aside criminal records.

(4) If the applicant or licensee has potentially disqualifying criminal offender information, the Board will consider the following factors in making a fitness determination:

(a) The nature of the crime;

(b) The facts that support the conviction or pending indictment or that indicate the making of the false statement;

(c) The relevancy, if any, of the crime or the false statement to the specific requirements of the subject individual's present or proposed position, services, employment, license, or permit; and

(d) Intervening circumstances relevant to the responsibilities and circumstances of the position, services, employment,

license, or permit. Intervening circumstances include but are not limited to:

- (A) The passage of time since the commission of the crime;
  - (B) The age of the subject individual at the time of the crime;
  - (C) The likelihood of a repetition of offenses or of the commission of another crime;
  - (D) The subsequent commission of another relevant crime;
  - (E) Whether the conviction was set aside and the legal effect of setting aside the conviction; and
  - (F) A recommendation of an employer.
- (e) Any false statements or omissions made by the applicant or licensee; and
  - (f) Any other pertinent information obtained as part of an investigation.
- (5) The Board will make a fitness determination consistent with the outcomes provided in OAR 125-007-0260.
- (a) A fitness determination approval does not guarantee the granting or renewal of a license.
  - (b) An incomplete fitness determination results if the applicant or licensee refuses to consent to the criminal history check, refuses to be fingerprinted or respond to written correspondence, or discontinues the criminal records process for any reason. Incomplete fitness determinations may not be appealed.
- (6) The Board may require fingerprints of any licensed Oregon dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist, who is the subject of a complaint or investigation for the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records background check.
- (7) All background checks shall be requested to include available state and national data, unless obtaining one or the other is an acceptable alternative.
- (8) Additional information required. In order to conduct the Oregon and National Criminal History Check and fitness determination, the Board may require additional information from the licensee/applicant as necessary, such but not limited to, proof of identity; residential history; names used while living at each residence; or additional criminal, judicial or other background information.
- (9) Criminal offender information is confidential. Dissemination of information received may be disseminated only to people with a demonstrated and legitimate need to know the information. The information is part of the investigation of an applicant or licensee and as such is confidential pursuant to ORS 676.175(1).
- (10) The Board will permit the individual for whom a fingerprint-based criminal records check was conducted, to inspect the individual's own state and national criminal offender records and, if requested by the individual, provide the individual with a copy of the individual's own state and national criminal offender records.
- (11) The Board shall determine whether an individual is fit to be granted a license or permit, based on fitness determinations, on any false statements made by the individual regarding criminal history of the individual, or any refusal to submit or consent to a criminal records check including fingerprint identification, and any other pertinent information obtained as a part of an investigation. If an individual is determined to be unfit, then the individual may not be granted a license or permit. The Board may make fitness determinations conditional upon applicant's acceptance of probation, conditions, or limitations, or other restrictions upon licensure.
- (12) An applicant or licensee may appeal a final fitness determination pursuant to OAR 125-007-0300. Challenges to the accuracy of completeness of criminal history information must be made in accordance with OAR 125-007-0030(7).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 181, 183, 670.280, 679.060, 679.115, 679.140, 679.160, 680.050, 680.082, 680.100

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## **818-021-0050**

### **Community Health Experience for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students**

Dental hygiene students or full-time students of dentistry may participate in clinical studies off the premises of the school the student is attending if the clinical studies are part of the approved curriculum.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(b), 680.020(2)(b)

History: OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09; DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89; DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89

### **818-021-0052**

#### **Application for License to Practice Dental Therapy**

(1) An applicant to practice dental therapy, in addition to the requirements set forth in ORS 679.603 and 679.606, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

(a) Having graduated from a dental therapy program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or

(b) Having successfully completed or graduated from a Board-approved dental therapy education program that includes the procedures outlined in OAR 818-038-0020, and includes at least 500 hours of didactic and hands-on clinical dental therapy practice.

(2) An applicant who has not met the educational requirements for licensure may apply if the Director of an accredited program certifies the applicant will graduate.

(3) An applicant must pass a Board examination consisting of a clinical portion administered by the Board, or any clinical Board examination administered by any state, regional testing agency, national testing agency or other Board-recognized testing agency and a jurisprudence portion administered by the Board. Clinical examination results will be recognized by the Board for five years.

(4) A person who fails any Board approved clinical examination three times must successfully complete the remedial training recommended by the testing agency. Such remedial training must be conducted by a dental therapy program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.603, ORS 679.606

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.603, ORS 679.606

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

### **818-021-0054**

#### **Application for License to Practice Dental Therapy Without Further Examination**

(1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may grant a license without further examination to a dental therapist who holds a license to practice dental therapy in another state or states if the dental therapist meets the requirements set forth in ORS 679.603 and 679.606 and submits to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

(a) Having graduated from a dental therapy program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or

(b) Having successfully completed or graduated from a Board-approved dental therapy education program that includes the procedures outlined in OAR 818-038-0020, and includes at least 500 hours of didactic and hands-on clinical dental therapy practice; and

(c) Having passed the clinical dental therapy examination conducted by a regional testing agency, by a state dental or dental therapy licensing authority, by a national testing agency or other Board-recognized testing agency; and

(d) Holding an active license to practice dental therapy, without restrictions, in any state; including documentation from the state dental board(s) or equivalent authority, that the applicant was issued a license to practice dental therapy, without restrictions, and whether or not the licensee is, or has been, the subject of any final or pending disciplinary action; and

(e) Having conducted licensed clinical practice in Oregon, in other states or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a minimum of 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application. Licensed clinical practice could include hours devoted to teaching by dental therapists employed by a CODA accredited dental therapy program with verification from the dean or

appropriate administration of the institution documenting the length and terms of employment, the applicant's duties and responsibilities, the actual hours involved in teaching clinical dental therapy, and any adverse actions or restrictions; and

(f) Having completed 36 hours of continuing education in accordance with the Board's continuing education requirements contained in these rules within the two years immediately preceding application.

(2) Applicants must pass the Board's Jurisprudence Examination.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.603, ORS 679.606

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.603, ORS 679.606

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

## **818-021-0060**

### **Continuing Education – Dentists**

(1) Each dentist must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years. Continuing education (C.E.) must be directly related to clinical patient care or the practice of dental public health.

(2) Dentists must maintain records of successful completion of continuing education for at least four licensure years consistent with the licensee's licensure cycle. (A licensure year for dentists is April 1 through March 31.) The licensee, upon request by the Board, shall provide proof of successful completion of continuing education courses.

(3) Continuing education includes:

(a) Attendance at lectures, dental study groups, college post-graduate courses, or scientific sessions at conventions.

(b) Research, graduate study, teaching or preparation and presentation of scientific sessions. No more than 12 hours may be in teaching or scientific sessions. (Scientific sessions are defined as scientific presentations, table clinics, poster sessions and lectures.)

(c) Correspondence courses, videotapes, distance learning courses or similar self-study course, provided that the course provides a certificate of completion to the dentist. The certificate of completion should list the dentist's name, course title, course completion date, course provider name, and continuing education hours completed.

(d) Continuing education credit can be given for volunteer pro bono dental services provided in the state of Oregon; community oral health instruction at a public health facility located in the state of Oregon; authorship of a publication, book, chapter of a book, article or paper published in a professional journal; participation on a state dental board, peer review, or quality of care review procedures; successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations taken after initial licensure; a recognized specialty examination taken after initial licensure; or test development for clinical dental, dental hygiene or specialty examinations. No more than 6 hours of credit may be in these areas.

(4) At least three hours of continuing education must be related to medical emergencies in a dental office. No more than four hours of Practice Management and Patient Relations may be counted toward the C.E. requirement in any renewal period.

(5) At each renewal, all dentists licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry will complete a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).

(6) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to infection control.

(7) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to cultural competency (Effective January 1, 2021).

(8) A dentist placing dental implants must complete at least seven (7) hours of continuing education related to the placement and/or restoration of dental implants every licensure renewal period (Effective January 1, 2024).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(9)

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OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11<br>  
OBD 3-2011(Temp), f. 6-30-11, cert. ef. 7-1-11 thru 12-27-11<br>  
OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09<br>  
OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07<br>  
OBD 16-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 4-1-02<br>  
OBD 9-2000, f. & cert. ef. 7-28-00<br>  
DE 1-1990, f. 3-19-90, cert. ef. 4-2-90<br>  
DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89, Renumbered from 818-020-0072<br>  
DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89<br>  
DE 4-1987(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 11-25-87<br>  
DE 3-1987, f. & cert. ef. 10-15-87

## **818-021-0070**

### **Continuing Education – Dental Hygienists**

- (1) Each dental hygienist must complete 24 hours of continuing education every two years. An Expanded Practice Permit Dental Hygienist shall complete a total of 36 hours of continuing education every two years. Continuing education (C.E.) must be directly related to clinical patient care or the practice of dental public health.
- (2) Dental hygienists must maintain records of successful completion of continuing education for at least four licensure years consistent with the licensee's licensure cycle. (A licensure year for dental hygienists is October 1 through September 30.) The licensee, upon request by the Board, shall provide proof of successful completion of continuing education courses.
- (3) Continuing education includes:
- (a) Attendance at lectures, dental study groups, college post-graduate courses, or scientific sessions at conventions.
  - (b) Research, graduate study, teaching or preparation and presentation of scientific sessions. No more than six hours may be in teaching or scientific sessions. (Scientific sessions are defined as scientific presentations, table clinics, poster sessions and lectures.)
  - (c) Correspondence courses, videotapes, distance learning courses or similar self-study course, provided that the course provides a certificate of completion to the dental hygienist. The certificate of completion should list the dental hygienist's name, course title, course completion date, course provider name, and continuing education hours completed.
  - (d) Continuing education credit can be given for volunteer pro bono dental hygiene services provided in the state of Oregon; community oral health instruction at a public health facility located in the state of Oregon; authorship of a publication, book, chapter of a book, article or paper published in a professional journal; participation on a state dental board, peer review, or quality of care review procedures; successful completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, taken after initial licensure; or test development for clinical dental hygiene examinations. No more than 6 hours of credit may be in these areas.
- (4) At least three hours of continuing education must be related to medical emergencies in a dental office. No more than two hours of Practice Management and Patient Relations may be counted toward the C.E. requirement in any renewal period.
- (5) Dental hygienists who hold a Nitrous Oxide Permit must meet the requirements contained in OAR 818-026-0040(11) for renewal of the Nitrous Oxide Permit.
- (6) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to infection control.
- (7) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to cultural competency (Effective January 1, 2021).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(9)

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OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14<br>  
OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11<br>  
OBD 3-2011(Temp), f. 6-30-11, cert. ef. 7-1-11 thru 12-27-11<br>  
OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10<br>  
OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09<br>  
OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07<br>  
OBD 2-2004, f. 7-12-04, cert. ef. 7-15-04<br>  
OBD 2-2002, f. 7-31-02, cert. ef. 10-1-02<br>  
OBD 9-2000, f. & cert. ef. 7-28-00<br>  
DE 1-1990, f. 3-19-90, cert. ef. 4-2-90<br>  
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### **818-021-0076**

#### **Continuing Education - Dental Therapists**

- (1) Each dental therapist must complete 36 hours of continuing education every two years. Continuing education (C.E.) must be directly related to clinical patient care or the practice of dental public health.
- (2) Dental therapists must maintain records of successful completion of continuing education for at least four licensure years consistent with the licensee's licensure cycle. (A licensure year for dental therapists is October 1 through September 30.) The licensee, upon request by the Board, shall provide proof of successful completion of continuing education courses.
- (3) Continuing education includes:
  - (a) Attendance at lectures, dental study groups, college post-graduate courses, or scientific sessions at conventions.
  - (b) Research, graduate study, teaching or preparation and presentation of scientific sessions. No more than six hours may be in teaching or scientific sessions. (Scientific sessions are defined as scientific presentations, table clinics, poster sessions and lectures.)
  - (c) Correspondence courses, videotapes, distance learning courses or similar self-study course, provided that the course provides a certificate of completion to the dental therapist. The certificate of completion should list the dental therapist's name, course title, course completion date, course provider name, and continuing education hours completed.
  - (d) Continuing education credit can be given for volunteer pro bono dental therapy services provided in the state of Oregon; community oral health instruction at a public health facility located in the state of Oregon; authorship of a publication, book, chapter of a book, article or paper published in a professional journal; participation on a state dental board, peer review, or quality of care review procedures; successful completion of the National Board Dental Therapy Examination, taken after initial licensure; or test development for clinical dental therapy examinations. No more than 6 hours of credit may be in these areas.
- (4) At least three hours of continuing education must be related to medical emergencies in a dental office. No more than two hours of Practice Management and Patient Relations may be counted toward the C.E. requirement in any renewal period.
- (5) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to infection control.
- (6) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to cultural competency.
- (7) At least one (1) hour of continuing education must be related to pain management.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.603, ORS 679.609

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.603, ORS 679.609

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## **818-021-0080**

### **Renewal of License**

Before the expiration date of a license, the Board will, as a courtesy, mail notice for renewal of license to the last mailing address on file in the Board's records to every licensee holding a current license. The licensee must complete the online renewal application and pay the current renewal fees prior to the expiration of said license. Licensees who fail to renew their license prior to the expiration date may not practice dentistry, dental therapy or dental hygiene until the license is reinstated and are subject to the provisions of OAR 818-021-0085, "Reinstatement of Expired Licenses."

- (1) Each dentist shall submit the renewal fee and completed online renewal application by March 31 every other year. Dentists licensed in odd numbered years shall apply for renewal in odd numbered years and dentists licensed in even numbered years shall apply for renewal in even numbered years.
- (2) Each dental hygienist must submit the renewal fee and completed online renewal application by September 30 every other year. Dental hygienists licensed in odd numbered years shall apply for renewal in odd numbered years and dental hygienists licensed in even numbered years shall apply for renewal in even numbered years.
- (3) Each dental therapist must submit the renewal fee and completed and signed renewal application form by September 30 every other year. Dental Therapists licensed in odd numbered years shall apply for renewal in odd numbered years and dental therapists licensed in even numbered years shall apply for renewal in even numbered years.
- (4) The renewal application shall contain:
  - (a) Licensee's full name;
  - (b) Licensee's mailing address;
  - (c) Licensees business address including street and number or if the licensee has no business address, licensee's home address including street and number;
  - (d) Licensee's business telephone number or if the licensee has no business telephone number, licensee's home telephone number;
  - (e) Licensee's employer or person with whom the licensee is on contract;
  - (f) Licensee's assumed business name;
  - (g) Licensee's type of practice or employment;
  - (h) A statement that the licensee has met the continuing educational requirements for their specific license renewal set forth in OAR 818-021-0060 or OAR 818-021-0070 or OAR 818-021-0076;
  - (i) Identity of all jurisdictions in which the licensee has practiced during the two past years; and
  - (j) A statement that the licensee has not been disciplined by the licensing board of any other jurisdiction or convicted of a crime.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.090, 679.120, 680.072, 680.075

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## **818-021-0084**

### **Temporary Voluntary Practice Approval**

- (1) A dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist may practice, without compensation and in connection with a coordinating organization or other entity, the health care profession that the health care practitioner is authorized to practice for a maximum of 30 days each calendar year without licensure requirement. Compensation is defined as something given or received as payment including but not limited to bartering, tips, monies, donations, or services.
- (2) A dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist is not required to apply for licensure or other authorization from the

Board in order to practice under this rule.

(3) To practice under this rule, a dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist shall submit, at least 10 days prior to commencing practice in this state, to the Board:

- (a) Out-of State volunteer application;
- (b) Proof that the practitioner is in good standing and is not the subject of an active disciplinary action;
- (c) An acknowledgement that the practitioner may provide services only within the scope of practice of the health care profession that the practitioner is authorized to practice and will provide services pursuant to the scope of practice of Oregon or the health care practitioner's licensing agency, whichever is more restrictive;
- (d) An attestation from dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist that the practitioner will not receive compensation for practice in this state;
- (e) The name and contact information of the dental director of the coordinating organization or other entity through which the practitioner will practice; and
- (f) The dates on which the practitioner will practice in this state.

Failure to submit (a)-(e) above will result in non-approval.

(4) Misrepresentation as to information provided in the application for the temporary practice approval may be grounds to open a disciplinary investigation that may result in discipline under OAR 818-012-0060.

(5) Practitioner acknowledges they are subject to the laws and rules governing the health care profession in Oregon and that the practitioner is authorized to practice and are subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

(6) A practitioner who is authorized to practice in more than one other jurisdiction shall provide to the Board proof from the National Practitioner Data Bank and their other state licensing Board that the practitioner is in good standing and not subject to any active disciplinary actions in any jurisdiction in which the practitioner is authorized to practice.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679

History: OBD 1-2023, adopt filed 06/20/2023, effective 07/01/2023

## **818-021-0085**

### **Renewal or Reinstatement of Expired License**

Any licensee whose license to practice as a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist has expired, may apply for reinstatement under the following circumstances:

(1) If the license has been expired 30 days or less, the applicant shall:

- (a) Pay a penalty fee of \$50;
- (b) Pay the biennial renewal fee; and
- (c) Submit a completed renewal application and certification of having completed the Board's continuing education requirements.

(2) If the license has been expired more than 30 days but less than 60 days, the applicant shall:

- (a) Pay a penalty fee of \$100;
- (b) Pay the biennial renewal fee; and
- (c) Submit a completed renewal application and certification of having completed the continuing education requirements.

(3) If the license has been expired more than 60 days, but less than one year, the applicant shall:

- (a) Pay a penalty fee of \$150;
- (b) Pay a fee equal to the renewal fees that would have been due during the period the license was expired;
- (c) Pay a reinstatement fee of \$500; and
- (d) Submit a completed application for reinstatement provided by the Board, including certification of having completed continuing education credits as required by the Board during the period the license was expired. The Board may request

evidence of satisfactory completion of continuing education courses.

(4) If the license has been expired for more than one year but less than four years, the applicant shall:

- (a) Pay a penalty fee of \$250;
- (b) Pay a fee of equal to the renewal fees that would have been due during the period the license was expired;
- (c) Pay a reinstatement fee of \$500;
- (d) Pass the Board's Jurisprudence Examination;
- (e) Pass any other qualifying examination as may be determined necessary by the Board after assessing the applicant's professional background and credentials;
- (f) Submit evidence of good standing from all states in which the applicant is currently licensed; and
- (g) Submit a completed application for reinstatement provided by the Board including certification of having completed continuing education credits as required by the Board during the period the license was expired. The Board may request evidence of satisfactory completion of continuing education courses.

(5) If a Licensee fails to renew or reinstate their license within four years from expiration, the Licensee must apply for licensure under the current statute and rules of the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.090, 679.120, 680.072, 680.075

History: OBD 1-2022, amend filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022; OBD 2-2012, f. 6-14-12, cert. ef. 7-1-12; OBD 7-2000, f. 6-22-00, cert. ef. 7-1-00

### **818-021-0088**

#### **Volunteer License**

(1) An Oregon licensed dentist or dental hygienist who will be practicing for a supervised volunteer dental clinic, as defined in ORS 679.020(3)(f) and (g), may be granted a volunteer license provided licensee completes the following:

- (a) Licensee must register with the Board as a health care professional and provide a statement as required by ORS 676.345.
- (b) Licensee will be responsible to meet all the requirements set forth in ORS 676.345.
- (c) Licensee must provide the health care service without compensation.
- (d) Licensee shall not practice dentistry or dental hygiene for remuneration in any capacity under the volunteer license.
- (e) Licensee must comply with all continuing education requirements for active licensed dentist or dental hygienist.
- (f) Licensee must agree to volunteer for a minimum of 80 hours in Oregon per renewal cycle.

(2) Licensee may surrender the volunteer license designation at anytime and request a return to an active license. The Board will grant an active license as long as all active license requirements have been met.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.345, 679.010, 679.020, 679.025, 679.090, 680.010, 680.020, 680.050, 680.072

History: OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 2-2005, f. 1-31-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05

### **818-021-0090**

#### **Retirement of License**

(1) A Licensee who no longer practices in any jurisdiction may retire their license by submitting a request to retire such license on a form provided by the Board.

(2) A license that has been retired may be reinstated if the applicant:

- (a) Pays a reinstatement fee of \$500;
- (b) Passes the Board's Jurisprudence Examination;
- (c) Passes any other qualifying examination as may be determined necessary by the Board after assessing the applicant's professional background and credentials;

- (d) Submits evidence of good standing from all states in which the applicant is currently licensed; and
- (e) Submits a completed application for reinstatement provided by the Board including certification of having completed continuing education credits as required by the Board during the period the license was expired. The Board may request evidence of satisfactory completion of continuing education courses.
- (3) If the Licensee fails to reinstate their license within four years from retiring the license, the Licensee must apply for licensure under the current statute and rules of the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.090, 679.120, 680.072, 680.075

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DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89, Renumbered from 818-020-0045<br>

DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89<br>

DE 10-1984, f. & cert. ef. 5-17-84<br>

DE 22, f. 6-12-74, cert. ef. 7-11-74<br>

DE 14, f. 1-20-72, cert. ef. 2-10-72

### **818-021-0095**

#### **Resignation of License**

- (1) The Board may allow a licensee who no longer practices in Oregon to resign their license, unless the Board determines the license should be revoked.
- (2) Licenses that are resigned under this rule may not be reinstated.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.090, 679.120, 680.072, 680.075

History: OBD 1-2022, amend filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022; OBD 7-2000, f. 6-22-00, cert. ef. 7-1-00

### **818-021-0100**

#### **Competency Examination**

- (1) The Board may require any licensee to pass the Board examination or require any licensee to participate in a practice review as set forth in section (2) of this rule.
- (2) One or more consultants will review the licensee's treatment of patients selected at random and report observations to the Board.
- (3) If the results of the examination or practice review provide evidence that the licensee lacks competency, the Board may refuse to renew the licensee's license or take disciplinary action against the licensee.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(9)

History: DE 1-1990, f. 3-19-90, cert. ef. 4-2-90; DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89, Renumbered from 818-010-0050 & 818-010-0060<br>

DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89<br>

DE 11-1984, f. & cert. ef. 5-17-84, Renumbered from 818-010-0095<br>

DE 3-1979, f. & cert. ef. 8-16-79

### **818-021-0110**

#### **Reinstatement Following Revocation**

- (1) Any person whose license has been revoked for a reason other than failure to pay the renewal fee may petition the Board for reinstatement after five years from the date of revocation.

- (2) The Board shall hold a hearing on the petition and, if the petitioner demonstrates that reinstatement of the license will not be detrimental to the health or welfare of the public, the Board may allow the petitioner to retake the Board examination.
- (3) If the license was revoked for unacceptable patient care, the petitioner shall provide the Board with satisfactory evidence that the petitioner has completed a course of study sufficient to remedy the petitioner's deficiencies in the practice of dentistry, dental therapy or dental hygiene.
- (4) If the petitioner passes the Board examination, the Board may reinstate the license, place the petitioner on probation for not less than two years, and impose appropriate conditions of probation.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140, ORS 679.600

History: OBD 1-2022, amend filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022; DE 1-1989, f. 1-27-89, cert. ef. 2-1-89, Renumbered from 818-010-0070; DE 1-1988, f. 12-28-88, cert. ef. 2-1-89; DE 11-1984, f. & ef. 5-17-84; Repealed by DE 1-1981, f. & ef. 8-21-81; DE 5, f. 11-19-62, ef. 12-11-62

### **818-021-0115**

#### **Display of Licenses**

Every licensee of the Board shall have conspicuously displayed their current license in every office where that licensee practices in plain sight of the licensee's patients.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679.120, 679.250(7), 680.075, 680.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020, 679.025, 680.020

History: DE 1-1993, f. & cert. ef. 1-29-93

### **818-021-0120**

#### **Application Valid for 180 Days**

- (1) If all information and documentation necessary for the Board to act on an application is not provided to the Board by the applicant within 180 days from the date the application is received by the Board, the Board shall reject the application as incomplete.
- (2) An applicant whose application has been rejected as incomplete must file a new application and must pay a new application fee.
- (3) An applicant who fails the examination or who does not take the examination during the 180-day period following the date the Board receives the application, must file a new application and must pay a new application fee.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.060, 679.065, 679.070, 679.080, 680.040, 680.050, 680.060, 680.070, 680.072

History: OBD 4-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01

### **818-021-0125**

#### **Reapplication Following Denial of Licensure**

A person whose application for licensure has been denied on grounds other than failure of the licensure examination may not reapply for five years from the date of the Board's Final Order denying licensure.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.060, 679.065, 679.070, 679.080, 680.040, 680.050, 680.060, 680.070, 680.072

History: OBD 4-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01

## **DIVISION 26**

### **ANESTHESIA**

#### **818-026-0000**

##### **Purpose**

(1) These rules apply to the administration of substances that produce general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation or nitrous oxide sedation in patients being treated by licensees. These regulations are not intended to prohibit training programs for licensees or to prevent persons from taking necessary action in case of an emergency.

(2) Nothing in this Division relieves a licensee from the standards imposed by ORS 679.140(1)(e) and 679.140(4).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7), 679.250(10)

History: OBD 1-2013, f. 5-15-13, cert. ef. 7-1-13; OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 6-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

## **818-026-0010**

### **Definitions**

As used in these rules:

(1) "Anesthesia Monitor" means a person trained in monitoring patients under sedation and capable of assisting with procedures, problems and emergency incidents that may occur as a result of the sedation or secondary to an unexpected medical complication.

(2) "Anxiolysis" means the diminution or elimination of anxiety.

(3) "General Anesthesia" means a drug-induced loss of consciousness during which patients are not arousable, even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function is often impaired. Patients often require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiovascular function may be impaired.

(4) "Deep Sedation" means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients cannot be easily aroused but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function may be impaired. Patients may require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

(5) "Moderate Sedation" means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

(6) "Minimal Sedation" means minimally depressed level of consciousness, produced by non-intravenous and/or non-intramuscular pharmacological methods, that retains the patient's ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond normally to tactile stimulation and verbal command. When the intent is minimal sedation for adults, the appropriate initial dosing of a single non-intravenous and/or non-intramuscular pharmacological method is no more than the maximum recommended dose (MRD) of a drug that can be prescribed for unmonitored home use. Nitrous oxide/oxygen may be used in combination with a single non-intravenous and/or non-intramuscular pharmacological method in minimal sedation.

(7) "Nitrous Oxide Sedation" means an induced, controlled state of minimal sedation, produced solely by the inhalation of a combination of nitrous oxide and oxygen in which the patient retains the ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and to respond purposefully to physical stimulation and to verbal command.

(8) "Maximum recommended dose" (MRD) means maximum Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended dose of a drug, as printed in FDA approved labeling for unmonitored use.

(9) "Incremental Dosing" means during minimal sedation, administration of multiple doses of a drug until a desired effect is reached, but not to exceed the maximum recommended dose (MRD).

(10) "Supplemental Dosing" means during minimal sedation, supplemental dosing is a single additional dose of the initial drug that is necessary for prolonged procedures. The supplemental dose should not exceed one-half of the initial dose and should not be administered until the dentist has determined the clinical half-life of the initial dosing has passed. The

total aggregate dose must not exceed 1.5x the MRD on the day of treatment.

(11) "Enteral Route" means administration of medication via the gastrointestinal tract. Administration by mouth, sublingual (dissolving under the tongue), intranasal and rectal administration are included.

(12) "Parenteral Route" means administration of medication via a route other than enteral. Administration by intravenous, intramuscular, and subcutaneous routes are included.

(13) American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Patient Physical Status Classification System.

(a) ASA I "A normal healthy patient".

(b) ASA II "A patient with mild systemic disease".

(c) ASA III "A patient with severe systemic disease".

(d) ASA IV "A patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life".

(e) ASA V "A moribund patient who is not expected to survive without the operation".

(f) ASA VI "A declared brain-dead patient whose organs are being removed for donor purposes".

(14) "Recovery" means the patient is easily arousable and can independently and continuously maintain their airway with stable vital signs. Once this has occurred, the patient can be monitored by a qualified anesthesia monitor until discharge criteria is met.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7), 679.250(10)

History: OBD 1-2024, amend filed 03/08/2024, effective 05/01/2024; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 6-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

## **818-026-0020**

### **Presumption of Degree of Central Nervous System Depression**

(1) In any hearing where a question exists as to the degree of central nervous system depression a licensee has induced (i.e., general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation or nitrous oxide sedation), the Board may base its findings on, among other things, the types, dosages and routes of administration of drugs administered to the patient and what result can reasonably be expected from those drugs in those dosages and routes administered in a patient of that physical and psychological status.

(2) The following drugs are conclusively presumed to produce general anesthesia and may only be used by a licensee holding a General Anesthesia Permit:

(a) Ultra short acting barbiturates including, but not limited to, sodium methohexital, thiopental, thiamylal;

(b) Alkylphenols – propofol (Diprivan) including precursors or derivatives;

(c) Neuroleptic agents;

(d) Dissociative agents – ketamine;

(e) Etomidate; and

(f) Volatile inhalational agents.

(3) No permit holder shall have more than one person under any form of sedation or general anesthesia at the same time exclusive of recovery.

(4) A licensee that does not hold a Moderate, Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit may not administer, for purpose of anxiolysis or sedation, Benzodiazepines or narcotics in children under 6 years of age.

(5) A licensee must ensure a written emergency response protocol is in place for all patients undergoing nitrous oxide, minimal sedation, moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7), 679.250(10)

History: OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 4-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 1-1-16; OBD 1-2013, f. 5-15-13, cert. ef. 7-1-13; OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 6-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

### **818-026-0030**

#### **Requirements for Anesthesia Permits**

- (1) A permit holder who administers sedation shall assure that drugs, drug dosages, and/or techniques used to produce sedation shall carry a margin of safety wide enough to prevent unintended deeper levels of sedation.
- (2) No licensee shall induce central nervous system sedation or general anesthesia without first having obtained a permit under these rules for the level of anesthesia being induced.
- (3) A licensee may be granted a permit to administer sedation or general anesthesia with documentation of training/education and/or competency in the permit category for which the licensee is applying by any one the following:
  - (a) Initial training/education in the permit category for which the applicant is applying shall be completed no more than two years immediately prior to application for sedation or general anesthesia permit; or
  - (b) If greater than two years but less than five years since completion of initial training/education, an applicant must document completion of all continuing education that would have been required for that anesthesia/permit category during that five year period following initial training; or
  - (c) If greater than two years but less than five years since completion of initial training/education, immediately prior to application for sedation or general anesthesia permit, current competency or experience must be documented by completion of a comprehensive review course approved by the Board in the permit category to which the applicant is applying and must consist of at least one-half (50%) of the hours required by rule for Nitrous Oxide, Minimal Sedation, Moderate Sedation and General Anesthesia Permits. Deep Sedation and General Anesthesia Permits will require at least 120 hours of general anesthesia training.
  - (d) An applicant for sedation or general anesthesia permit whose completion of initial training/education is greater than five years immediately prior to application, may be granted a sedation or general anesthesia permit by submitting documentation of the requested permit level from another state or jurisdiction where the applicant is also licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene, and provides documentation of the completion of at least 25 cases in the requested level of sedation or general anesthesia in the 12 months immediately preceding application; or
  - (e) Demonstration of current competency to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant possesses adequate sedation or general anesthesia skill to safely deliver sedation or general anesthesia services to the public.
- (4) A licensee holding a nitrous or minimal sedation permit, shall at all times maintain a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent.
- (5) A licensee holding an anesthesia permit for moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia at all times maintains a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent, and a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certificate or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Certificate, whichever is appropriate for the patient being sedated. If a licensee permit holder sedates only patients under the age of 12, only PALS is required. If a licensee permit holder sedates only patients age 12 and older, only ACLS is required. If a licensee permit holder sedates patients younger than 12 years of age as well as older than 12 years of age, both ACLS and PALS are required. For licensees with a moderate sedation permit only, successful completion of the American Dental Association's course "Recognition and Management of Complications during Minimal and Moderate Sedation" at least every two years may be substituted for ACLS, but not for PALS.
- (6) Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) do not serve as a substitute for Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support (BLS).
- (7) When a dentist utilizes a single oral agent to achieve anxiolysis only, no anesthesia permit is required.
- (8) The applicant for an anesthesia permit must pay the appropriate permit fee, submit a completed Board-approved application and consent to an office evaluation.

(9) Permits shall be issued to coincide with the applicant's licensing period.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250

History: OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 2-2012, f. 6-14-12, cert. ef. 7-1-12; OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08; OBD 3-2005, f. 10-26-05, cert. ef. 11-1-05; OBD 2-2005, f. 1-31-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

### **818-026-0035**

#### **Classes of Anesthesia Permit**

The Board shall issue the following classes of permits:

- (1) A Nitrous Oxide Permit authorizes a dental hygienist or a dentist to induce nitrous oxide sedation.
- (2) A Minimal Sedation Permit authorizes a dentist to induce minimal sedation and nitrous oxide sedation.
- (3) A Moderate Sedation Permit authorizes a dentist to induce moderate sedation, minimal sedation and nitrous oxide sedation.
- (4) A Deep Sedation Permit authorizes a dentist to induce deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation, and nitrous oxide sedation. The Board shall issue a Deep Sedation Permit to a licensee who holds a Class 3 Permit on or before July 1, 2010.
- (5) A General Anesthesia Permit authorizes a dentist to induce general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation and nitrous oxide sedation.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7), 679.250(10)

History: OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 6-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

### **818-026-0040**

#### **Qualifications, Standards Applicable, and Continuing Education Requirements for Anesthesia Permits: Nitrous Oxide Permit**

Nitrous Oxide Sedation.

- (1) The Board shall issue a Nitrous Oxide Permit to an applicant who:
  - (a) Is either a licensed dentist or licensed hygienist in the State of Oregon;
  - (b) Maintains a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent; and
  - (c) Has completed a training course of at least 14 hours of instruction in the use of nitrous oxide from a dental school or dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or as a postgraduate.
- (2) The following facilities, equipment and drugs shall be on site and available for immediate use during the procedure and during recovery:
  - (a) An operating room large enough to adequately accommodate the patient on an operating table or in an operating chair and to allow delivery of appropriate care in an emergency situation;
  - (b) An operating table or chair which permits the patient to be positioned so that the patient's airway can be maintained, quickly alter the patient's position in an emergency, and provide a firm platform for the administration of basic life support;
  - (c) A lighting system which permits evaluation of the patient's skin and mucosal color and a backup lighting system of sufficient intensity to permit completion of any operation underway in the event of a general power failure;
  - (d) Suction equipment which permits aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavities and a backup suction device which will function in the event of a general power failure;

- (e) An oxygen delivery system with adequate full face masks and appropriate connectors that is capable of delivering high flow oxygen to the patient under positive pressure, together with an adequate backup system;
  - (f) A nitrous oxide delivery system with a fail-safe mechanism that will insure appropriate continuous oxygen delivery and a scavenger system; and
  - (g) Sphygmomanometer and stethoscope and/or automatic blood pressure cuff.
- (3) Before inducing nitrous oxide sedation, a permit holder shall:
- (a) Evaluate the patient and document, using the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Patient Physical Status Classifications, that the patient is an appropriate candidate for nitrous oxide sedation;
  - (b) Give instruction to the patient or, when appropriate due to age or psychological status of the patient, the patient's guardian;
  - (c) Certify that the patient is an appropriate candidate for nitrous oxide sedation; and
  - (d) Obtain informed consent from the patient or patient's guardian for the anesthesia. The obtaining of the informed consent shall be documented in the patient's record.
- (4) If a patient chronically takes a medication which can have sedative side effects, including, but not limited to, a narcotic or benzodiazepine, the practitioner shall determine if the additive sedative effect of nitrous oxide would put the patient into a level of sedation deeper than nitrous oxide. If the practitioner determines it is possible that providing nitrous oxide to such a patient would result in minimal sedation, a minimal sedation permit would be required.
- (5) A patient under nitrous oxide sedation shall be visually monitored by the permit holder or by an anesthesia monitor at all times. The patient shall be monitored as to response to verbal stimulation, oral mucosal color and preoperative and postoperative vital signs.
- (6) The permit holder or anesthesia monitor shall record the patient's condition. The record must include documentation of preoperative and postoperative vital signs, and all medications administered with dosages, time intervals and route of administration.
- (7) Persons serving as anesthesia monitors in a dental office shall maintain current certification in BLS for Healthcare Providers Basic Life Support (BLS), or its equivalent, shall be trained and competent in monitoring patient vital signs, in the use of monitoring and emergency equipment appropriate for the level of sedation utilized. ("competent" means displaying special skill or knowledge derived from training and experience.)
- (8) The person administering the nitrous oxide sedation may leave the immediate area after initiating the administration of nitrous oxide sedation only if a qualified anesthesia monitor is continuously observing the patient.
- (9) The permit holder shall assess the patient's responsiveness using preoperative values as normal guidelines and discharge the patient only when the following criteria are met:
- (a) The patient is alert and oriented to person, place and time as appropriate to age and preoperative psychological status;
  - (b) The patient can talk and respond coherently to verbal questioning;
  - (c) The patient can sit up unaided or without assistance;
  - (d) The patient can ambulate with minimal assistance; and
  - (e) The patient does not have nausea, vomiting or dizziness.
- (10) The permit holder shall make a discharge entry in the patient's record indicating the patient's condition upon discharge.
- (11) Permit renewal. In order to renew a Nitrous Oxide Permit, the permit holder must provide proof of a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent. In addition, Nitrous Oxide Permit holders must also complete four (4) hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years: sedation, nitrous oxide, physical evaluation, medical emergencies, monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment, or pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation. Training taken to maintain current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent, may not be counted toward this requirement. Continuing education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021-0060 and 818-021-0070.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

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## **818-026-0050**

### **Minimal Sedation Permit**

Minimal sedation and nitrous oxide sedation.

(1) The Board shall issue a Minimal Sedation Permit to an applicant who:

- (a) Is a licensed dentist in Oregon;
- (b) Maintains a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent; and
- (c) Completion of a comprehensive training program consisting of at least 16 hours of training and satisfies the requirements of the current ADA Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students at the time training was commenced or postgraduate instruction was completed, or the equivalent of that required in graduate training programs, in sedation, recognition and management of complications and emergency care; or
- (d) In lieu of these requirements, the Board may accept equivalent training or experience in minimal sedation anesthesia.

(2) The following facilities, equipment and drugs shall be on site and available for immediate use during the procedures and during recovery:

- (a) An operating room large enough to adequately accommodate the patient on an operating table or in an operating chair and to allow an operating team of at least two individuals to freely move about the patient;
- (b) An operating table or chair which permits the patient to be positioned so the operating team can maintain the patient's airway, quickly alter the patient's position in an emergency, and provide a firm platform for the administration of basic life support;
- (c) A lighting system which permits evaluation of the patient's skin and mucosal color and a backup lighting system of sufficient intensity to permit completion of any operation underway in the event of a general power failure;
- (d) Suction equipment which permits aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavities and a backup suction device which will function in the event of a general power failure;
- (e) An oxygen delivery system with adequate full facemask and appropriate connectors that is capable of delivering high flow oxygen to the patient under positive pressure, together with an adequate backup system;
- (f) A nitrous oxide delivery system with a fail-safe mechanism that will insure appropriate continuous oxygen delivery and a scavenger system;
- (g) Sphygmomanometer, stethoscope, pulse oximeter, and/or automatic blood pressure cuff; and
- (h) Emergency drugs including, but not limited to: pharmacologic antagonists appropriate to the drugs used, vasopressors, corticosteroids, bronchodilators, antihistamines, antihypertensives and anticonvulsants.

(3) Before inducing minimal sedation, a dentist permit holder who induces minimal sedation shall:

- (a) Evaluate the patient and document, using the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Patient Physical Status Classifications, that the patient is an appropriate candidate for minimal sedation;
- (b) Give written preoperative and postoperative instructions to the patient or, when appropriate due to age or psychological status of the patient, the patient's guardian;
- (c) Certify that the patient is an appropriate candidate for minimal sedation; and
- (d) Obtain written informed consent from the patient or patient's guardian for the anesthesia. The obtaining of the informed consent shall be documented in the patient's record.

(4) No permit holder shall have more than one person under minimal sedation or nitrous oxide sedation at the same time.

(5) While the patient is being treated under minimal sedation, an anesthesia monitor shall be present in the room in addition to the treatment provider. The anesthesia monitor may be the dental assistant. After training, a dental assistant,

when directed by a dentist permit holder, may administer oral sedative agents or anxiolysis agents calculated and dispensed by a dentist permit holder under the direct supervision of a dentist permit holder.

(6) A patient under minimal sedation shall be visually monitored at all times, including recovery phase. The record must include documentation of all medications administered with dosages, time intervals and route of administration. The dentist permit holder or anesthesia monitor shall monitor and record the patient's condition.

(7) Persons serving as anesthesia monitors for minimal sedation in a dental office shall maintain current certification in BLS for Healthcare Providers Basic Life Support (BLS), or its equivalent, shall be trained and competent in monitoring patient vital signs, in the use of monitoring and emergency equipment appropriate for the level of sedation utilized. ("competent" means displaying special skill or knowledge derived from training and experience.)

(8) The patient shall be monitored as follows:

(a) Color of mucosa, skin or blood must be evaluated continually. Patients must have continuous monitoring using pulse oximetry. The patient's response to verbal stimuli, blood pressure, heart rate, pulse oximetry and respiration shall be monitored and documented every fifteen minutes, if they can reasonably be obtained.

(b) A discharge entry shall be made by the dentist permit holder in the patient's record indicating the patient's condition upon discharge and the name of the responsible party to whom the patient was discharged.

(9) The dentist permit holder shall assess the patient's responsiveness using preoperative values as normal guidelines and discharge the patient only when the following criteria are met:

(a) Vital signs including blood pressure, pulse rate and respiratory rate are stable;

(b) The patient is alert and oriented to person, place and time as appropriate to age and preoperative psychological status;

(c) The patient can talk and respond coherently to verbal questioning;

(d) The patient can sit up unaided;

(e) The patient can ambulate with minimal assistance; and

(f) The patient does not have uncontrollable nausea or vomiting and has minimal dizziness.

(g) A dentist permit holder shall not release a patient who has undergone minimal sedation except to the care of a responsible third party.

(10) The permit holder shall make a discharge entry in the patient's record indicating the patient's condition upon discharge.

(11) Permit renewal. In order to renew a Minimal Sedation Permit, the permit holder must provide documentation of a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent. In addition, Minimal Sedation Permit holders must also complete four (4) hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years: sedation, physical evaluation, medical emergencies, monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment, or pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation. Training taken to maintain current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate, or its equivalent, may not be counted toward this requirement. Continuing education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021-0060.

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## **818-026-0055**

### **Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy and Dental Assistant Procedures Performed Under Nitrous Oxide or Minimal Sedation**

(1) Under indirect supervision, dental hygiene procedures may be performed for a patient who is under nitrous oxide or minimal sedation under the following conditions:

(a) A licensee holding a Nitrous Oxide, Minimal, Moderate, Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit administers the sedative agents;

(b) The permit holder, or an anesthesia monitor, monitors the patient; or

(c) If a dental hygienist with a nitrous oxide permit administers nitrous oxide sedation to a patient and then performs authorized procedures on the patient, an anesthesia monitor is not required to be present during the time the patient is sedated unless the permit holder leaves the patient.

(d) The permit holder performs the appropriate pre- and post-operative evaluation and discharges the patient in accordance with Board rules.

(2) Under indirect supervision, a dental assistant may perform those procedures for which the dental assistant holds the appropriate certification for a patient who is under nitrous oxide or minimal sedation under the following conditions:

(a) A licensee holding the Nitrous Oxide, Minimal, Moderate, Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit administers the sedative agents;

(b) The permit holder, or an anesthesia monitor, monitors the patient; and

(c) The permit holder performs the appropriate pre- and post-operative evaluation and discharges the patient in accordance with Board rules.

(3) Under indirect supervision, a dental therapist may perform procedures for which they hold the appropriate license for a patient who is under nitrous oxide or minimal sedation under the following conditions:

(a) A licensee holding the Nitrous Oxide, Minimal, Moderate, Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit administers the sedative agents;

(b) The permit holder, or an anesthesia monitor, monitors the patient; and

(c) The permit holder performs the appropriate pre- and post-operative evaluation and discharges the patient in accordance with Board rules

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## **818-026-0060**

### **Moderate Sedation Permit**

Moderate sedation, minimal sedation, and nitrous oxide sedation.

(1) The Board shall issue or renew a Moderate Sedation Permit to an applicant who:

(a) Is a licensed dentist in Oregon;

(b) In addition to a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent, either maintains a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate and/or a Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certificate, whichever is appropriate for the patient being sedated; and

(c) Satisfies one of the following criteria:

(A) Completion of a comprehensive training program in enteral and/or parenteral sedation that satisfies the requirements described in Part V of the current ADA Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students at the time training was commenced.

(i) Enteral Moderate Sedation requires a minimum of 24 hours of instruction plus management of at least 10 dental patient experiences by the enteral and/or enteral-nitrous oxide/oxygen route.

(ii) Parenteral Moderate Sedation requires a minimum of 60 hours of instruction plus management of at least 20 dental patients by the intravenous route.

(B) Completion of an ADA accredited postdoctoral training program (e.g., general practice residency) which affords comprehensive and appropriate training necessary to administer and manage parenteral sedation, commensurate with these Guidelines.

(C) In lieu of these requirements, the Board may accept equivalent training or experience in moderate sedation anesthesia.

(2) The following facilities, equipment and drugs shall be on site and available for immediate use during the procedures and during recovery:

(a) An operating room large enough to adequately accommodate the patient on an operating table or in an operating chair and to allow an operating team of at least two individuals to freely move about the patient;

(b) An operating table or chair which permits the patient to be positioned so the operating team can maintain the patient's airway, quickly alter the patient's position in an emergency, and provide a firm platform for the administration of basic life support;

(c) A lighting system which permits evaluation of the patient's skin and mucosal color and a backup lighting system of sufficient intensity to permit completion of any operation underway in the event of a general power failure;

(d) Suction equipment which permits aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavities and a backup suction device which will function in the event of a general power failure;

(e) An oxygen delivery system with adequate full face mask and appropriate connectors that is capable of delivering high flow oxygen to the patient under positive pressure, together with an adequate backup system;

(f) A nitrous oxide delivery system with a fail-safe mechanism that will insure appropriate continuous oxygen delivery and a scavenger system;

(g) A recovery area that has available oxygen, adequate lighting, suction and electrical outlets. The recovery area can be the operating room;

(h) Sphygmomanometer, precordial/pretracheal stethoscope, capnograph, pulse oximeter, oral and nasopharyngeal airways, laryngeal mask airways, intravenous fluid administration equipment, automated external defibrillator (AED); and

(i) Emergency drugs including, but not limited to: pharmacologic antagonists appropriate to the drugs used, vasopressors, corticosteroids, bronchodilators, antihistamines, antihypertensives and anticonvulsants.

(3) No permit holder shall have more than one person under moderate sedation, minimal sedation, or nitrous oxide sedation at the same time.

(4) During the administration of moderate sedation, and at all times while the patient is under moderate sedation, an anesthesia monitor, and one other person holding a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent, shall be present in the operatory, in addition to the dentist permit holder performing the dental procedures.

(5) Before inducing moderate sedation, a dentist permit holder who induces moderate sedation shall:

(a) Evaluate the patient and document, using the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Patient Physical Status Classifications, that the patient is an appropriate candidate for moderate sedation;

(b) Give written preoperative and postoperative instructions to the patient or, when appropriate due to age or psychological status of the patient, the patient's guardian; and

(c) Obtain written informed consent from the patient or patient's guardian for the anesthesia. The obtaining of the informed consent shall be documented in the patient's record.

(6) A patient under moderate sedation shall be visually monitored at all times, including the recovery phase. The dentist permit holder or anesthesia monitor shall monitor and record the patient's condition.

(7) Persons serving as anesthesia monitors for moderate sedation in a dental office shall maintain current certification in BLS for Healthcare Providers Basic Life Support (BLS), or its equivalent, shall be trained and competent in monitoring patient vital signs, in the use of monitoring and emergency equipment appropriate for the level of sedation utilized. ("competent" means displaying special skill or knowledge derived from training and experience.)

(8) The patient shall be monitored as follows:

(a) Patients must have continuous monitoring using pulse oximetry, and End-tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitors. Patients with

cardiovascular disease shall have continuous electrocardiograph (ECG) monitoring. The patient's blood pressure, heart rate, and respiration shall be recorded at regular intervals but at least every 15 minutes, and these recordings shall be documented in the patient record. The record must also include documentation of preoperative and postoperative vital signs, all medications administered with dosages, time intervals and route of administration. If this information cannot be obtained, the reasons shall be documented in the patient's record. A patient under moderate sedation shall be continuously monitored and shall not be left alone while under sedation;

(b) During the recovery phase, the patient must be monitored by an individual trained to monitor patients recovering from moderate sedation.

(9) A dentist permit holder shall not release a patient who has undergone moderate sedation except to the care of a responsible third party. When a reversal agent is administered, the dentist permit holder shall document justification for its use and how the recovery plan was altered.

(10) The dentist permit holder shall assess the patient's responsiveness using preoperative values as normal guidelines and discharge the patient only when the following criteria are met:

(a) Vital signs including blood pressure, pulse rate and respiratory rate are stable;

(b) The patient is alert and oriented to person, place and time as appropriate to age and preoperative psychological status;

(c) The patient can talk and respond coherently to verbal questioning;

(d) The patient can sit up unaided;

(e) The patient can ambulate with minimal assistance; and

(f) The patient does not have uncontrollable nausea or vomiting and has minimal dizziness.

(11) A discharge entry shall be made by the dentist permit holder in the patient's record indicating the patient's condition upon discharge and the name of the responsible party to whom the patient was discharged.

(12) After adequate training, an assistant, when directed by a dentist permit holder, may dispense oral medications that have been prepared by the dentist permit holder for oral administration to a patient under direct supervision. Pursuant to OAR 818-042-0115 a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant, when directed by a dentist permit holder, may introduce additional anesthetic agents into an infusion line under the direct supervision of a dentist permit holder.

(13) Permit renewal. In order to renew a Moderate Sedation Permit, the permit holder must provide documentation of a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent; a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate and/or a current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certificate; Successful completion of a board approved course on minimal/moderate sedation at least every two years may be substituted for ACLS, but not for PALS; and must complete 14 hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years: sedation, physical evaluation, medical emergencies, monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment, or pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation. Training taken to maintain current ACLS or PALS certification or successful completion of the American Dental Association's course "Recognition and Management of Complications during Minimal and Moderate Sedation" may be counted toward this requirement. Continuing education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021- 0060.

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OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03<br>  
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## **818-026-0065**

### **Deep Sedation Permit**

Deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation, and nitrous oxide sedation.

- (1) The Board shall issue a Deep Sedation Permit to a licensee who holds a Class 3 Permit on or before July 1, 2010 who:
- (a) Is a licensed dentist in Oregon; and
  - (b) In addition to a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent, maintains a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate and/or a Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certificate, whichever is appropriate for the patient being sedated.
- (2) The following facilities, equipment and drugs shall be on site and available for immediate use during the procedures and during recovery:
- (a) An operating room large enough to adequately accommodate the patient on an operating table or in an operating chair and to allow an operating team of at least two individuals to freely move about the patient;
  - (b) An operating table or chair which permits the patient to be positioned so the operating team can maintain the patient's airway, quickly alter the patient's position in an emergency, and provide a firm platform for the administration of basic life support;
  - (c) A lighting system which permits evaluation of the patient's skin and mucosal color and a backup lighting system of sufficient intensity to permit completion of any operation underway in the event of a general power failure;
  - (d) Suction equipment which permits aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavities and a backup suction device which will function in the event of a general power failure;
  - (e) An oxygen delivery system with adequate full face mask and appropriate connectors that is capable of delivering high flow oxygen to the patient under positive pressure, together with an adequate backup system;
  - (f) A nitrous oxide delivery system with a fail-safe mechanism that will insure appropriate continuous oxygen delivery and a scavenger system;
  - (g) A recovery area that has available oxygen, adequate lighting, suction and electrical outlets. The recovery area can be the operating room;
  - (h) Sphygmomanometer, precordial/pretracheal stethoscope, capnograph, pulse oximeter, electrocardiograph monitor (ECG), automated external defibrillator (AED), oral and nasopharyngeal airways, laryngeal mask airways, intravenous fluid administration equipment; and
  - (i) Emergency drugs including, but not limited to: pharmacologic antagonists appropriate to the drugs used, vasopressors, corticosteroids, bronchodilators, antihistamines, antihypertensives and anticonvulsants.
- (3) No permit holder shall have more than one person under deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation, or nitrous oxide sedation at the same time.
- (4) During the administration of deep sedation, and at all times while the patient is under deep sedation, an anesthesia monitor, and one other person holding a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent, shall be present in the operatory, in addition to the dentist permit holder performing the dental procedures.
- (5) Before inducing deep sedation, a dentist permit holder who induces deep sedation shall:

- (a) Evaluate the patient and document, using the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Patient Physical Status Classifications, that the patient is an appropriate candidate for deep sedation;
- (b) Give written preoperative and postoperative instructions to the patient or, when appropriate due to age or psychological status of the patient, the patient's guardian; and
- (c) Obtain written informed consent from the patient or patient's guardian for the anesthesia. The obtaining of the informed consent shall be documented in the patient's record.
- (6) A patient under deep sedation shall be visually monitored at all times, including the recovery phase. The dentist permit holder or anesthesia monitor shall monitor and record the patient's condition.
- (7) Persons serving as anesthesia monitors for deep sedation in a dental office shall maintain current certification in BLS for Healthcare Providers Basic Life Support (BLS), or its equivalent, shall be trained and competent in monitoring patient vital signs, in the use of monitoring and emergency equipment appropriate for the level of sedation utilized. ("competent" means displaying special skill or knowledge derived from training and experience.)
- (8) The patient shall be monitored as follows:
  - (a) Patients must have continuous monitoring using pulse oximetry, electrocardiograph monitors (ECG) and End-tidal CO2 monitors. The patient's heart rhythm shall be continuously monitored and the patient's blood pressure, heart rate, and respiration shall be recorded at regular intervals but at least every 5 minutes, and these recordings shall be documented in the patient record. The record must also include documentation of preoperative and postoperative vital signs, all medications administered with dosages, time intervals and route of administration. If this information cannot be obtained, the reasons shall be documented in the patient's record. A patient under deep sedation shall be continuously monitored;
  - (b) Once sedated, a patient shall remain in the operatory for the duration of treatment until criteria for transportation to recovery have been met.
  - (c) During the recovery phase, the patient must be monitored by an individual trained to monitor patients recovering from deep sedation.
- (9) A dentist permit holder shall not release a patient who has undergone deep sedation except to the care of a responsible third party. When a reversal agent is administered, the dentist permit holder shall document justification for its use and how the recovery plan was altered.
- (10) The dentist permit holder shall assess the patient's responsiveness using preoperative values as normal guidelines and discharge the patient only when the following criteria are met:
  - (a) Vital signs including blood pressure, pulse rate and respiratory rate are stable;
  - (b) The patient is alert and oriented to person, place and time as appropriate to age and preoperative psychological status;
  - (c) The patient can talk and respond coherently to verbal questioning;
  - (d) The patient can sit up unaided;
  - (e) The patient can ambulate with minimal assistance; and
  - (f) The patient does not have uncontrollable nausea or vomiting and has minimal dizziness.
- (11) A discharge entry shall be made by the dentist permit holder in the patient's record indicating the patient's condition upon discharge and the name of the responsible party to whom the patient was discharged.
- (12) Pursuant to OAR 818-042-0115 a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant, when directed by a dentist permit holder, may administer oral sedative agents calculated by a dentist permit holder or introduce additional anesthetic agents into an infusion line under the direct visual supervision of a dentist.
- (13) Permit renewal. In order to renew a Deep Sedation Permit, the permit holder must provide documentation of a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent; a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate and/or a current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certificate; and must complete 14 hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years: sedation, physical evaluation, medical emergencies, monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment, or pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation. Training taken to maintain current ACLS and/or PALS certificates may be counted toward this requirement. Continuing

education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021-0060.

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## **818-026-0070**

### **General Anesthesia Permit**

General anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation and nitrous oxide sedation.

(1) The Board shall issue a General Anesthesia Permit to an applicant who:

(a) Is a licensed dentist in Oregon;

(b) In addition to a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent, maintains a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate and/or a Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certificate, whichever is appropriate for the patient being sedated, and

(c) Satisfies one of the following criteria:

(A) Completion of an advanced training program in anesthesia and related subjects beyond the undergraduate dental curriculum that satisfies the requirements described in the current ADA Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students consisting of a minimum of 2 years of a postgraduate anesthesia residency at the time training was commenced.

(B) Completion of any ADA accredited postdoctoral training program, including but not limited to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, which affords comprehensive and appropriate training necessary to administer and manage general anesthesia, commensurate with these Guidelines.

(C) In lieu of these requirements, the Board may accept equivalent training or experience in general anesthesia.

(2) The following facilities, equipment and drugs shall be on site and available for immediate use during the procedure and during recovery:

(a) An operating room large enough to adequately accommodate the patient on an operating table or in an operating chair and to allow an operating team of at least three individuals to freely move about the patient;

(b) An operating table or chair which permits the patient to be positioned so the operating team can maintain the patient's airway, quickly alter the patient's position in an emergency, and provide a firm platform for the administration of basic life support;

(c) A lighting system which permits evaluation of the patient's skin and mucosal color and a backup lighting system of sufficient intensity to permit completion of any operation underway in the event of a general power failure;

(d) Suction equipment which permits aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavities and a backup suction device which will function in the event of a general power failure;

(e) An oxygen delivery system with adequate full face mask and appropriate connectors that is capable of delivering high flow oxygen to the patient under positive pressure, together with an adequate backup system;

(f) A nitrous oxide delivery system with a fail-safe mechanism that will insure appropriate continuous oxygen delivery and a scavenger system;

(g) A recovery area that has available oxygen, adequate lighting, suction and electrical outlets. The recovery area can be the operating room;

- (h) Sphygmomanometer, precordial/pretracheal stethoscope, capnograph, pulse oximeter, electrocardiograph monitor (ECG), automated external defibrillator (AED), oral and nasopharyngeal airways, laryngeal mask airways, intravenous fluid administration equipment; and
- (i) Emergency drugs including, but not limited to: pharmacologic antagonists appropriate to the drugs used, vasopressors, corticosteroids, bronchodilators, intravenous medications for treatment of cardiac arrest, narcotic antagonist, antihistaminic, antiarrhythmics, antihypertensives and anticonvulsants.
- (3) No permit holder shall have more than one person under general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation or nitrous oxide sedation at the same time.
- (4) During the administration of deep sedation or general anesthesia, and at all times while the patient is under deep sedation or general anesthesia, an anesthesia monitor, and one other person holding a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent, shall be present in the operatory in addition to the dentist permit holder performing the dental procedures.
- (5) Before inducing deep sedation or general anesthesia the dentist permit holder who induces deep sedation or general anesthesia shall:
- (a) Evaluate the patient and document, using the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Patient Physical Status Classifications, that the patient is an appropriate candidate for general anesthesia or deep sedation;
- (b) Give written preoperative and postoperative instructions to the patient or, when appropriate due to age or psychological status of the patient, the patient's guardian; and
- (c) Obtain written informed consent from the patient or patient's guardian for the anesthesia. The obtaining of the informed consent shall be documented in the patient's record.
- (6) A patient under deep sedation or general anesthesia shall be visually monitored at all times, including recovery phase. A dentist permit holder who induces deep sedation or general anesthesia or anesthesia monitor trained in monitoring patients under deep sedation or general anesthesia shall monitor and record the patient's condition on a contemporaneous record.
- (7) Persons serving as anesthesia monitors for general anesthesia in a dental office shall maintain current certification in BLS for Healthcare Providers Basic Life Support (BLS), or its equivalent, shall be trained and competent in monitoring patient vital signs, in the use of monitoring and emergency equipment appropriate for the level of sedation utilized. ("competent" means displaying special skill or knowledge derived from training and experience.)
- (8) The patient shall be monitored as follows:
- (a) Patients must have continuous monitoring of their heart rate, heart rhythm, oxygen saturation levels and respiration using pulse oximetry, electrocardiograph monitors (ECG) and End-tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitors. The patient's blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen saturation shall be assessed every five minutes, and shall be contemporaneously documented in the patient record. The record must also include documentation of preoperative and postoperative vital signs, all medications administered with dosages, time intervals and route of administration. The person administering the anesthesia and the person monitoring the patient may not leave the patient while the patient is under deep sedation or general anesthesia;
- (b) Once sedated, a patient shall remain in the operatory for the duration of treatment until criteria for transportation to recovery have been met.
- (c) During the recovery phase, the patient must be monitored, including the use of pulse oximetry, by an individual trained to monitor patients recovering from general anesthesia.
- (9) A dentist permit holder shall not release a patient who has undergone deep sedation or general anesthesia except to the care of a responsible third party. When a reversal agent is administered, the dentist permit holder shall document justification for its use and how the recovery plan was altered.
- (10) The dentist permit holder shall assess the patient's responsiveness using preoperative values as normal guidelines and discharge the patient only when the following criteria are met:
- (a) Vital signs including blood pressure, pulse rate and respiratory rate are stable;
- (b) The patient is alert and oriented to person, place and time as appropriate to age and preoperative psychological

status;

(c) The patient can talk and respond coherently to verbal questioning;

(d) The patient can sit up unaided;

(e) The patient can ambulate with minimal assistance; and

(f) The patient does not have nausea or vomiting and has minimal dizziness.

(11) A discharge entry shall be made in the patient's record by the dentist permit holder indicating the patient's condition upon discharge and the name of the responsible party to whom the patient was discharged.

(12) Pursuant to OAR 818-042-0115 a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant, when directed by a dentist permit holder, may introduce additional anesthetic agents to an infusion line under the direct visual supervision of a dentist permit holder.

(13) Permit renewal. In order to renew a General Anesthesia Permit, the permit holder must provide documentation of a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate or its equivalent; a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate and/or a current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certificate; and must complete 14 hours of continuing education in one or more of the following areas every two years: sedation, physical evaluation, medical emergencies, monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment, or pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation. Training taken to maintain current ACLS and/or PALS certificates may be counted toward this requirement. Continuing education hours may be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in OAR 818-021-0060.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7), 679.250(10)

History: OBD 2-2024, amend filed 10/28/2024, effective 01/01/2025; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17;

OBD 4-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 1-1-16<br>

OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14<br>

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OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11<br>

OBD 2-2011(Temp), f. 5-9-11, cert. ef. 6-1-11 thru 1-27-11<br>

OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10<br>

OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05<br>

OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03<br>

OBD 2-2000(Temp), f. 5-22-00, cert. ef. 5-22-00 thru 11-18-00<br>

OBD 6-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99<br>

OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

## **818-026-0080**

### **Standards Applicable When a Dentist Performs Dental Procedures and a Qualified Provider Induces Anesthesia**

(1) A dentist who does not hold an anesthesia permit may perform dental procedures on a patient who receives anesthesia induced by a physician anesthesiologist licensed by the Oregon Medical Board, another Oregon licensed dentist holding an appropriate anesthesia permit, or a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) licensed by the Oregon Board of Nursing.

(2) A dentist who does not hold a Nitrous Oxide Permit for nitrous oxide sedation may perform dental procedures on a patient who receives nitrous oxide induced by an Oregon licensed dental hygienist holding a Nitrous Oxide Permit.

(3) A dentist who performs dental procedures on a patient who receives anesthesia induced by a physician anesthesiologist, another dentist holding an anesthesia permit, a CRNA, or a dental hygienist who induces nitrous oxide sedation, shall maintain a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate, or its equivalent, and have the same personnel, facilities, equipment and drugs available during the procedure and during recovery as required of a dentist who has a permit for the level of anesthesia being provided.

(4) A dentist, a dental hygienist or an Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) who performs procedures on a patient who is receiving anesthesia induced by a physician anesthesiologist, another dentist holding an anesthesia permit or a CRNA shall not schedule or treat patients for non emergent care during the period of time of the sedation procedure.

(5) Once anesthetized, a patient shall remain in the operatory for the duration of treatment until criteria for transportation to recovery have been met.

(6) The qualified anesthesia provider who induces moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia shall monitor the patient until easily arousable and can independently and continuously maintain their airway with stable vital signs. Once this has occurred the patient may be monitored by a qualified anesthesia monitor until discharge criteria is met. The patient's dental record shall document the patient's condition at discharge as required by the rules applicable to the level of anesthesia being induced. A copy of the anesthesia record shall be maintained in the patient's dental record and is the responsibility of the dentist who is performing the dental procedures.

(7) No qualified provider shall have more than one person under any form of sedation or general anesthesia at the same time exclusive of recovery.

(8) A dentist who intends to use the services of a qualified anesthesia provider as described in section 1 above, shall notify the Board in writing of his/her intent. Such notification need only be submitted once every licensing period.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7), ORS 679.250(10)

History: OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 3-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 10-1-15; OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2006, f. 3-17-06, cert. ef. 4-1-06; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

## **818-026-0110**

### **Office Evaluations**

(1) By obtaining an anesthesia permit or by using the services of a physician anesthesiologist, CRNA, an Oregon licensed dental hygienist permit holder or another dentist permit holder to administer anesthesia, a licensee consents to in-office evaluations by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, to assess competence in central nervous system anesthesia and to determine compliance with rules of the Board.

(2) The in-office evaluation may include, but is not limited to:

(a) Observation of one or more cases of anesthesia to determine the appropriateness of technique and adequacy of patient evaluation and care;

(b) Inspection of facilities, equipment, drugs and records; and

(c) Confirmation that personnel are adequately trained, hold a current BLS for Healthcare Providers certificate, or its equivalent, and are competent to respond to reasonable emergencies that may occur during the administration of anesthesia or during the recovery period.

(3) The evaluation shall be performed by a team appointed by the Board and shall include:

(a) A permit holder who has the same type of license as the licensee to be evaluated and who holds a current anesthesia permit in the same class or in a higher class than that held by the licensee being evaluated.

(b) A member of the Board's Anesthesia Committee; and

(c) Any licensed dentist, deemed appropriate by the Board President, may serve as team leader and shall be responsible for organizing and conducting the evaluation and reporting to the Board.

(4) The Board shall give written notice of its intent to conduct an office evaluation to the licensee to be evaluated.

Licensee shall cooperate with the evaluation team leader in scheduling the evaluation which shall be held no sooner than 30 days after the date of the notice or later than 90 days after the date of the notice.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7), (10)

History: OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 4-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 1-1-16; OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

### **818-026-0120**

#### **Reporting of Death, Serious Complications or Injury**

If a death, any serious complication or any injury occurs which may have resulted from the administration of any central nervous system anesthesia or sedation, the licensee performing the dental procedure must submit a written detailed report to the Board within five days of the incident along with the patient's original complete dental records. If the anesthetic agent was administered by a person other than the person performing the dental procedure, that person must also submit a detailed written report. The detailed report(s) must include:

- (1) Name, age and address of patient;
- (2) Name of the licensee and other persons present during the incident;
- (3) Address where the incident took place;
- (4) Type of anesthesia and dosages of drugs administered to the patient;
- (5) A narrative description of the incident including approximate times and evolution of symptoms; and
- (6) The anesthesia record and the signed informed consent form for the anesthesia when required.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7), 679.250(10)

History: OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 6-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

### **818-026-0130**

#### **Anesthesia Committee**

- (1) The Board hereby creates a committee to be known as the Anesthesia Committee. The chairperson shall be a dentist who is a member of the Board. All other members shall hold a Moderate, Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Sedation Permit. At least one member, other than the chairperson, shall be a practicing specialist who holds a General Anesthesia Permit. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board and shall be appointed by the President of the Board. The Board President shall insure that the committee includes representatives of dental specialty groups including general dentists.
- (2) The Anesthesia Committee shall, upon request of the Board, advise the Board on policies and procedures related to the regulation of general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation and nitrous oxide sedation.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.280

History: OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 1-2005, f. 1-28-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2003, f. 9-15-03, cert. ef. 10-1-03; OBD 6-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 2-1998, f. 7-13-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98

## **DIVISION 35**

### **DENTAL HYGIENE**

#### **818-035-0010**

##### **Definitions**

All terms used in this Division shall have the meanings assigned under ORS 679.010 except that:

- (1) "Limited Access Patient" means a patient who is unable to receive regular dental hygiene treatment in a dental office.
- (2) "Long-Term Care Facility" shall have the same definition as that established under ORS 442.015(14)(b).
- (3) When performed by an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist with a Collaborative Agreement in accordance with OAR 818-035-0065 (5):
  - (a) "Temporary Restoration" means a restoration placed for a shorter time interval for use while definitive restoration is being fabricated or placed in the future.
  - (b) "Atraumatic/Alternative Restorative Techniques" means restoring and preventing caries in limited access patients

and as a community measure to control caries in large numbers of the population.

(c) "Interim Therapeutic Restoration" means a direct provisional restoration placed to temporarily stabilize a tooth until a dentist subsequently diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment, and that:

(A) Consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material; and

(B) Does not require the administration of local anesthesia.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679.250(7), 680.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.010, 680.010

History: OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09; OBD 3-1998, f. & cert. ef. 7-13-98; DE 2-1992, f. & cert. ef. 6-24-92; DE 5-1984, f. & ef. 5-17-84

## **818-035-0020**

### **Authorization to Practice**

(1) A supervising dentist, without first examining a new patient, may authorize a dental hygienist:

(a) To take a health history from a patient;

(b) To take dental radiographs;

(c) To perform periodontal assessment and record findings;

(d) To gather data regarding the patient; and

(e) To diagnose, treatment plan and provide dental hygiene services.

(2) When dental hygiene services are provided pursuant to subsection (1), the supervising dentist need not be on the premises when the services are provided.

(3) When dental hygiene services are provided pursuant to subsection (1), the patient must be scheduled to be examined by the supervising dentist within fifteen business days following the day the dental hygiene services are provided.

(4) If a new patient has not been examined by the supervising dentist subsequent to receiving dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (1), no further dental hygiene services may be provided until an examination is done by the supervising dentist.

(5) A dental hygienist may practice dental hygiene in the places specified by ORS 680.150 under general supervision upon authorization of a supervising dentist. When dental hygiene services are provided pursuant to this subsection, subsections (2), (3) and (4) also apply.

(6) A dentist who authorizes a dental hygienist to practice dental hygiene on a limited access patient must review the dental hygienist's findings.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 680.150

History: OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 1-2013, f. 5-15-13, cert. ef. 7-1-13; OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08

OBD 3-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01

DE 2-1992, f. & cert. ef. 6-24-92

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DE 5-1984, f. & cert. ef. 5-17-84, Renumbered from 818-010-0110

DE 4-1980, f. & cert. ef. 9-8-80

DE 5-1978, f. & cert. ef. 6-14-78

DE 21-1974, f. 1-9-74, cert. ef. 2-11-74

DE 17-1972, f. 1-20-72, cert. ef. 2-1-72

DE11-1971, f. 3-31-71, cert. ef. 4-25-71

DE 8-1967, f. 3-20-67, cert. ef. 3-21-67

### **818-035-0025**

#### **Prohibited Acts**

A dental hygienist may not:

- (1) Diagnose and treatment plan other than for dental hygiene services;
- (2) Cut hard or soft tissue with the exception of root planing, except as provided in OAR 818-035-0065;
- (3) Extract any tooth;
- (4) Perform intraoral adjustment of fixed and removable prosthesis or appliances.
- (5) Prescribe, administer or dispense any drugs except as provided by OAR 818-035-0030, OAR 818-035-0040, OAR 818-026-0060(12), OAR 818-026-0065(12) and 818-026-0070 (12);
- (6) Place, condense, carve or cement permanent restorations except as provided in OAR 818-035-0072, or operatively prepare teeth;
- (7) Irrigate or medicate canals; try in cones, or ream, file or fill canals;
- (8) Use the behavior management techniques of Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient.
- (9) Place or remove healing caps or healing abutments, except under indirect supervision.
- (10) Place implant impression copings, except under indirect supervision.
- (11) Act in violation of Board statute or rules.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020(1)

History: OBD 2-2025, amend filed 10/27/2025, effective 12/01/2025; OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 3-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 10-1-15; OBD 1-2015(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 4-17-15 thru 10-13-15; OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08; OBD 2-2007, f. 4-26-07, cert. ef. 5-1-07; OBD 2-2005, f. 1-31-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 2-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; Reverted to OBD 7-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 2-2000(Temp), f. 5-22-00, cert. ef. 5-22-00 thru 11-18-00; OBD 7-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; DE 2-1997, f. & cert. ef. 2-20-97; DE 2-1992, f. & cert. ef. 6-24-92

### **818-035-0030**

#### **Additional Functions of Dental Hygienists**

- (1) In addition to functions set forth in ORS 679.010, a dental hygienist may perform the following functions under the general supervision of a licensed dentist:
  - (a) Make preliminary intra-oral and extra-oral examinations and record findings;
  - (b) Place periodontal dressings;
  - (c) Remove periodontal dressings or direct a dental assistant to remove periodontal dressings;
  - (d) Perform all functions delegable to dental assistants and expanded function dental assistants providing that the dental hygienist is appropriately trained;
  - (e) Administer and dispense antimicrobial solutions or other antimicrobial agents in the performance of dental hygiene functions.
  - (f) Prescribe, administer and dispense fluoride, fluoride varnish, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing or other non-systemic antimicrobial agents.
  - (g) Use high-speed handpieces to polish restorations and to remove cement and adhesive material.
  - (h) Apply temporary soft relines after manufacturer required denture preparation to complete dentures for the purpose of tissue conditioning.
  - (i) Perform all aspects of teeth whitening procedures.

(2) A dental hygienist may perform the following functions at the locations and for the persons described in ORS 680.205(1) and (2) without the supervision of a dentist:

- (a) Determine the need for and appropriateness of sealants or fluoride; and
- (b) Apply sealants or fluoride.

(3) In addition to functions set forth in ORS 679.010, a dental hygienist may perform the following functions under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist:

- (a) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a dental hygienist may initiate an intravenous (IV) infusion line for a patient being prepared for IV medications, sedation, or general anesthesia under the indirect supervision of a dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit.
  - (b) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a dental hygienist may perform a phlebotomy blood draw under the indirect supervision of a dentist. Products obtained through a phlebotomy blood draw may only be used by the dentist, to treat a condition that is within the scope of the practice of dentistry.
- (4) Perform extraoral adjustment of fixed and removable prosthesis or appliances.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(j)

History: OBD 2-2025, amend filed 10/27/2025, effective 12/01/2025; OBD 1-2024, amend filed 03/08/2024, effective 05/01/2024; OBD 3-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 10-1-15; OBD 1-2015(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 4-17-15 thru 10-13-15; OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14; OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09; OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08; OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07; OBD 2-2005, f. 1-31-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 1-2004, f. 5-27-04, cert. ef. 6-1-04; OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 1-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; OBD 7-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; DE 2-1992, f. & cert. ef. 6-24-92; DE 3-1986, f. & ef. 3-31-86; DE 5-1984, f. & ef. 5-17-84

### **818-035-0040**

#### **Expanded Functions of Dental Hygienists**

(1) Upon completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board, a dental hygienist who completes a Board approved application shall be issued an endorsement to administer local anesthetic agents and local anesthetic reversal agents under the general supervision of a licensed dentist. Local anesthetic reversal agents shall not be used on children less than 6 years of age or weighing less than 33 pounds.

(2) Upon completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board, a dental hygienist may administer nitrous oxide under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with the Board's rules regarding anesthesia.

(3) Upon completion of a course of instruction approved by the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, a dental hygienist may purchase Epinephrine and administer Epinephrine in an emergency.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(j), 679.250(7)

History: OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14; OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08; OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07; OBD 2-2007, f. 4-26-07, cert. ef. 5-1-07; OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 8-1999, f. 8-10-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00; OBD 7-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 3-1998, f. & cert. ef. 7-13-98; DE 2-1992, f. & cert. ef. 6-24-92; DE 3-1986, f. & ef. 3-31-86; DE 5-1984, f. & ef. 5-17-84

### **818-035-0065**

#### **Expanded Practice Dental Hygiene Permit**

The Board shall issue an Expanded Practice Permit to a Dental Hygienist who holds an unrestricted Oregon license, and

completes an application approved by the Board, pays the permit fee, and

(1) Certifies on the application that the dental hygienist has completed at least 2,500 hours of supervised dental hygiene clinical practice, or clinical teaching hours, and also completes 40 hours of courses chosen by the applicant in clinical dental hygiene or public health sponsored by continuing education providers approved by the Board; or

(2) Certifies on the application that the dental hygienist has completed a course of study, before or after graduation from a dental hygiene program, that includes at least 500 hours of dental hygiene practice on patients described in ORS 680.205; and

(3) Provides the Board with a copy of the applicant's current professional liability policy or declaration page which will include, the policy number and expiration date of the policy.

(4) Notwithstanding OAR 818-035-0025(1), prior to performing any dental hygiene services an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist shall examine the patient, gather data, interpret the data to determine the patient's dental hygiene treatment needs and formulate a patient care plan.

(5) An Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist may render the services described in paragraphs (6), (7)(a) to (e) of this rule to the patients described in ORS 680.205(1) if the Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist has entered into a written collaborative agreement in a format approved by the Board with a dentist licensed under ORS Chapter 679.

(6) Upon completion of a Board-approved curriculum, an Expanded Practice Permit Dental Hygienist may perform interim therapeutic restorations as allowed by ORS 680.205.

(7) The collaborative agreement must set forth the agreed upon scope of the dental hygienist's practice with regard to:

(a) Administering local anesthesia;

(b) Administering temporary restorations with or without excavation;

(c) Prescribing prophylactic antibiotics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; and

(d) Performing interim therapeutic restorations after diagnosis by a dentist; and

(e) Referral parameters.

(8) The collaborative agreement must comply with ORS 679.010 to 680.990

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 680.200

History: OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 3-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 10-1-15; OBD 2-2012, f. 6-14-12, cert. ef. 7-1-12; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07; OBD 3-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; OBD 1-1998, f. & cert. ef. 6-8-98

### **818-035-0066**

#### **Additional Populations for Expanded Practice Dental Hygiene Permit Holders**

A dental hygienist with an Expanded Practice Permit may practice without supervision at locations and on persons as described in ORS 680.205(1)(a) through (e) and on the following additional populations: Low-income persons, as defined by earning up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level or on specific population groups designated by the Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (DHPSA) that lack access to care and that are underserved.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: 680.205, 679.250(9)

History: OBD 1-2013, f. 5-15-13, cert. ef. 7-1-13; OBD 2-2012, f. 6-14-12, cert. ef. 7-1-12

### **818-035-0072**

#### **Restorative Functions of Dental Hygienists**

(1) The Board shall issue a Restorative Functions Endorsement (RFE) to a dental hygienist who holds an unrestricted Oregon license, and has successfully completed:

(a) A Board approved curriculum from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board, and successfully passed the CDCA-WREB-CITA's Dental Hygiene Restorative Examination or other equivalent examinations approved by the Board within the last

five years; or

(b) If successful passage of the CDCA-WREB-CITA's Dental Hygiene Restorative Examination or other equivalent examinations approved by the Board occurred over five years from the date of application, the applicant must submit verification from another state or jurisdiction where the applicant is legally authorized to perform restorative functions and certification from the supervising dentist of successful completion of at least 25 restorative procedures within the immediate five years from the date of application.

(2) A dental hygienist may perform the placement and finishing of direct restorations, except gold foil, under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, after the supervising dentist has prepared the tooth (teeth) for restoration(s):

(a) These functions can only be performed after the patient has given informed consent for the procedure and informed consent for the placement of the restoration(s) by a Restorative Functions Endorsement dental hygienist;

(b) Before the patient is released, the final restoration(s) shall be checked by a dentist and documented in the chart.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.010(3), 679.250(7)

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### **818-035-0100**

#### **Record Keeping**

(1) An Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist shall refer a patient annually to a dentist who is available to treat the patient, and note in the patient's official chart held by the facility that the patient has been referred.

(2) When a licensed dentist has authorized an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist to administer local anesthesia, place temporary restorations without excavation, perform interim therapeutic restorations with or without excavation after diagnosis by a dentist, or prescribe prophylactic antibiotics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, the Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist shall document in the patient's official chart the name of the collaborating dentist and date the collaborative agreement was entered into.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 680.205(2), (3)

History: OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09; OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08; OBD 1-1998, f. & cert. ef. 6-8-98

## **DIVISION 38**

### **DENTAL THERAPY**

#### **818-038-0001**

##### **Definitions**

(1) "Dental Therapist" means a person licensed to practice dental therapy under ORS 679.603.

(2) "Dental Therapy" means the provision of preventive dental care, restorative dental treatment and other educational, clinical and therapeutic patient services as part of a dental care team, including the services described under ORS 679.621.

(3) "Direct Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist diagnose the condition to be treated, that a dentist authorize the procedure to be performed, and that a dentist remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.

(4) "General Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures, but not requiring that a dentist be present when the authorized procedures are performed. The authorized procedures may also be performed at a place other than the usual place of practice of the dentist.

(5) "Indirect Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures and that a dentist be on

the premises while the procedures are performed.

(6) "Informed Consent" means the consent obtained following a thorough and easily understood explanation to the patient, or patient's guardian, of the proposed procedures, any available alternative procedures and any risks associated with the procedures. Following the explanation, the licensee shall ask the patient, or the patient's guardian, if there are any questions. The licensee shall provide thorough and easily understood answers to all questions asked.

(7) "Collaborative Agreement" means a written and signed agreement entered into between a dentist and a dental therapist under ORS 679.618.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.600

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.600, ORS 679.603, ORS 679.618, ORS 679.621

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

### **818-038-0005**

#### **Dental Therapy Education Program**

The Board defines "Dental Therapy Education Program" as:

(1) A program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor organization, and approved by the Board by rule;

(2) A dental pilot project as defined in ORS 679.600 and includes at least 500 hours of combined didactic and hands-on clinical dental therapy practice.

(3) Beginning January 1, 2025, no new applicants may qualify for licensure under section 2, unless they completed training within a fully approved OHA dental therapy pilot project prior to January 1, 2025.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.600

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.621, ORS 679.600, ORS 679.603

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

### **818-038-0010**

#### **Authorization to Practice**

(1) A dental therapist may practice dental therapy only under the supervision of a dentist and pursuant to a collaborative agreement with the dentist that outlines the supervision logistics and requirements for the dental therapist's practice.

(2) A dental therapist shall dedicate at least 51 percent of the dental therapist's practice to patients who represent underserved populations, as defined by the Oregon Health Authority by rule, or patients located in dental care health professional shortage areas, as determined by the authority.

(3) A dental therapist may perform the procedures listed in OAR 818-038-0020 so long as the procedures were included in the dental therapist's education program or the dental therapist has received additional training in the procedure through a Board approved course.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.621

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.621, ORS 679.600

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

### **818-038-0020**

#### **Scope of Practice**

(1) A dental therapist may perform, pursuant to the dental therapist's collaborative agreement, the following procedures under the general supervision of the dentist:

(a) Identification of conditions requiring evaluation, diagnosis or treatment by a dentist, a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or other licensed health care provider;

(b) Comprehensive charting of the oral cavity;

- (c) Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis;
  - (d) Exposing and evaluation of radiographic images;
  - (e) Dental prophylaxis, including subgingival scaling and polishing procedures;
  - (f) Application of topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes and pit and fissure sealants;
  - (g) Administering local anesthetic;
  - (h) Pulp vitality testing;
  - (i) Application of desensitizing medication or resin;
  - (j) Fabrication of athletic mouth guards;
  - (k) Changing of periodontal dressings;
  - (L) Simple extractions of erupted primary anterior teeth and coronal remnants of any primary teeth;
  - (m) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain;
  - (n) Preparation and placement of direct restoration in primary and permanent teeth;
  - (o) Fabrication and placement of single-tooth temporary crowns;
  - (p) Preparation and placement of preformed crowns on primary teeth;
  - (q) Indirect pulp capping on permanent teeth;
  - (r) Indirect pulp capping on primary teeth;
  - (s) Suture removal;
  - (t) Minor adjustments and repairs of removable prosthetic devices;
  - (u) Atraumatic restorative therapy and interim restorative therapy;
  - (v) Oral examination, evaluation and diagnosis of conditions within the scope of practice of the dental therapist and with the supervising dentist's authorization;
  - (w) Removal of space maintainers;
  - (x) The dispensation and oral or topical administration of:
    - (A) Nonnarcotic analgesics;
    - (B) Anti-inflammatories; and
    - (C) Antibiotics; and
  - (y) Other services as specified by the Oregon Board of Dentistry by rule.
- (2) A dental therapist may perform, pursuant to the dental therapist's collaborative agreement, the following procedures under the indirect supervision of the dentist:
- (a) Placement of temporary restorations;
  - (b) Fabrication of soft occlusal guards;
  - (c) Tissue reconditioning and soft relines;
  - (d) Tooth reimplantation and stabilization;
  - (e) Recementing of permanent crowns;
  - (f) Pulpotomies on primary teeth;
  - (g) Simple extractions of:
    - (A) Erupted posterior primary teeth; and
    - (B) Permanent teeth that have horizontal movement of greater than two millimeters or vertical movement and that have at least 50 percent periodontal bone loss;
  - (h) Brush biopsies; and
  - (i) Direct pulp capping on permanent teeth.
- (3) The dentist described in subsection (2) of this section shall review a procedure described in subsection (2) of this section that is performed by the dental therapist and the patient chart that contains information regarding the procedure.
- (4)(a) A dental therapist may supervise a dental assistant and an expanded function dental assistant, as defined by the board by rule, if the dental therapist is authorized to perform the services provided by the dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant.

(b) A dental therapist may supervise up to two individuals under this subsection.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.600

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.600, ORS 679.603, ORS 679.618

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

### **818-038-0022**

#### **Additional Functions of Dental Therapists**

In addition to functions set forth in ORS 679.010, a dental therapist may perform the following functions under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist:

- (1) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a dental therapist may initiate an intravenous (IV) infusion line for a patient being prepared for IV medications, sedation, or general anesthesia under the indirect supervision of a dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit.
- (2) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a dental therapist may perform a phlebotomy blood draw under the indirect supervision of a dentist. Products obtained through a phlebotomy blood draw may only be used by the dentist, to treat a condition that is within the scope of the practice of dentistry.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.600

History: OBD 1-2024, adopt filed 03/08/2024, effective 05/01/2024

### **818-038-0025**

#### **Prohibited Acts**

A dental therapist may not:

- (1) Place or Restore Dental Implants or any other soft tissue surgery except as described in 818-038-0020.
- (2) Prescribe any drugs, unless permitted by ORS 679.010.
- (3) Use the behavior management techniques of Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient.
- (4) Perform any dental therapy procedure unless it is documented in the collaborative agreement and rendered under appropriate Oregon Licensed Dentist supervision.
- (5) Operate a hard or soft tissue Laser.
- (6) Treat a patient under moderate, deep or general anesthesia.
- (7) Order a computerized tomography scan.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.603, ORS 679.010

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.603, ORS 679.010

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

### **818-038-0030**

#### **Collaborative Agreements**

- (1) A dentist may supervise and enter into collaborative agreements with up to three dental therapists at any one time.
- (2) A dental therapist may enter into a collaborative agreement with more than one dentist if each collaborative agreement includes the same supervision and requirements of scope of practice.
- (3) The collaborative agreement must include at least the following information:
  - (a) The level of supervision required for each procedure performed by the dental therapist;
  - (b) Circumstances under which the prior knowledge and consent of the dentist is required to allow the dental therapist to provide a certain service or perform a certain procedure;

- (c) The practice settings in which the dental therapist may provide care;
  - (d) Any limitation on the care the dental therapist may provide;
  - (e) Patient age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines and imaging frequency;
  - (f) Procedures for creating and maintaining dental records for patients treated by the dental therapist;
  - (g) Guidelines for the management of medical emergencies in each of the practice settings in which the dental therapist provides care;
  - (h) A quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental therapist, including chart review, patient care review and referral follow-up;
  - (i) Protocols for the dispensation and administration of drugs by the dental therapist, (as described in ORS 679.621) including circumstances under which the dental therapist may dispense and administer drugs;
  - (j) Criteria for the provision of care to patients with specific medical conditions or complex medical histories, including any requirements for consultation with the dentist prior to the provision of care; and
  - (k) Protocols for when a patient requires treatment outside the dental therapist's scope of practice (in accordance with ORS 679.618), including for referral of the patient for evaluation and treatment by the dentist, a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or other licensed health care provider.
- (4) In addition to the information described in subsection (3) of this section, a collaborative agreement must include a provision that requires the dental therapist to consult with a dentist if the dental therapist intends to perform an irreversible surgical procedure under general supervision on a patient who has a severe systemic disease. Severe systemic disease is defined as ASA III.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.618

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.618, ORS 679.621

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

### **818-038-0035**

#### **Record Keeping**

- (1) A dental therapist shall annually submit a signed copy of their collaborative agreement (s) to the Oregon Board of Dentistry. If the collaborative agreement(s) are revised in between annual submissions, a signed and dated copy of the revised collaborative agreement(s) must be submitted to the board as soon as practicable after the revision is made.
- (2) The annual submission of the collaborative agreement shall coincide with the license renewal period between August 1 and September 30 each year.
- (3) A dental therapist shall purchase and maintain liability insurance.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.618, ORS 679.624

History: OBD 1-2022, adopt filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022

## **DIVISION 42**

### **DENTAL ASSISTING**

#### **818-042-0010**

##### **Definitions**

- (1) "Dental Assistant" means a person who, under the supervision of a dentist, renders assistance to a dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist or another dental assistant or renders assistance under the supervision of a dental hygienist providing dental hygiene services.
- (2) "Expanded Function Dental Assistant" means a dental assistant certified by the Board to perform expanded function

duties.

(3) "Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant" means a dental assistant certified by the Board to perform expanded orthodontic function duties.

(4) "Direct Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist diagnose the condition to be treated, that a dentist authorize the procedure to be performed, and that a dentist remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.

(5) "Indirect Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures and that a dentist be on the premises while the procedures are performed.

(6) "General Supervision" means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures, but not requiring that a dentist be present when the authorized procedures are performed. The authorized procedures may also be performed at a place other than the usual place of practice of the dentist.

(7) "Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)" is recognized by the Board as an acceptable testing agency for administering dental assistant examinations for certifications.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(j), 679.250(7), ORS 679.600

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### **818-042-0020**

#### **Dentist, Dental Therapist and Dental Hygienist Responsibility**

(1) A dentist is responsible for assuring that a dental assistant has been properly trained, has demonstrated proficiency, and is supervised in all the duties the assistant performs in the dental office. Unless otherwise specified, dental assistants shall work under indirect supervision in the dental office.

(2) A dental hygienist who works under general supervision may supervise dental assistants in the dental office if the dental assistants are rendering assistance to the dental hygienist in providing dental hygiene services and the dentist is not in the office to provide indirect supervision. A dental hygienist with an Expanded Practice Permit may hire and supervise dental assistants who will render assistance to the dental hygienist in providing dental hygiene services.

(3) A dental therapist who works under general supervision may supervise dental assistants in the dental office if the dental assistants are rendering assistance to the dental therapist in providing dental therapy services.

(4) The supervising licensee is responsible for assuring that all required licenses, permits or certificates are current and posted in a conspicuous place.

(5) Dental assistants who are in compliance with written training and screening protocols adopted by the Board may perform oral health screenings under general supervision.

(6) Dental assistants may take physical impressions and digital scans.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(j), 679.250(7), ORS 679.600

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### **818-042-0030**

#### **Infection Control**

The supervising dentist shall be responsible for assuring that dental assistants are trained in infection control, bloodborne pathogens and universal precautions, exposure control, personal protective equipment, infectious waste

disposal, Hepatitis B and C and post exposure follow-up.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.140

History: OBD 9-1999, f. 8-10-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00

## **818-042-0040**

### **Prohibited Acts**

No licensee may authorize any dental assistant to perform the following acts:

- (1) Diagnose or plan treatment.
- (2) Cut hard or soft tissue.
- (3) Any Expanded Function duty (OAR 818-042-0070 and OAR 818-042-0090) or Expanded Orthodontic Function duty (OAR 818-042-0100) or Restorative Functions (OAR 818-042-0095 or Expanded Preventive Duty (OAR 818-042-0113 and OAR 818-042-0114) or Expanded Function Anesthesia (OAR 818-042-0115) without holding the appropriate certification.
- (4) Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth except as provided by OAR 818-042-0100.
- (5) Adjust or attempt to adjust any orthodontic wire, fixed or removable appliance or other structure while it is in the patient's mouth.
- (6) Administer any drug except as allowed under the indirect supervision of a Licensee, such as fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, topical tooth whitening agents, over the counter medications per package instructions or drugs administered pursuant to OAR 818-026-0050(5), OAR 818-026-0060(12), OAR 818-026-0065(12), OAR 818-026-0070(12) and as provided in OAR 818-042-0070, OAR 818-042-0090 and OAR 818-042-0115.
- (7) Prescribe any drug.
- (8) Place periodontal packs.
- (9) Start nitrous oxide.
- (10) Remove stains or deposits except as provided in OAR 818-042-0070.
- (11) Use ultrasonic equipment intra-orally except as provided in OAR 818-042-0100.
- (12) Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intra-orally except as provided in OAR 818-042-0095, and only for the purpose of adjusting occlusion, contouring, and polishing restorations on the tooth or teeth that are being restored.
- (13) Use lasers, except laser-curing lights.
- (14) Use air abrasion or air polishing.
- (15) Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure.
- (16) Cement or bond any fixed prosthesis or orthodontic appliance including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices, or orthopedic appliances except as provided in OAR 818-042-0100.
- (17) Condense and carve permanent restorative material except as provided in OAR 818-042-0095.
- (18) Place any type of retraction material subgingivally except as provided in OAR 818-042-0090.
- (19) Apply denture relines except as provided in OAR 818-042-0090(2).
- (20) Expose radiographs without holding a current Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency issued by the Board (OAR 818-042-0050 and OAR 818-042-0060) except while taking a course of instruction approved by the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Public Health Division, Office of Environmental Public Health, Radiation Protection Services, or the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
- (21) Use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient.
- (22) Perform periodontal assessment.
- (23) Place or remove healing caps or healing abutments, except under indirect supervision.
- (24) Place implant impression copings, except under indirect supervision.
- (25) Any act in violation of Board statute or rules.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 680, ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020, 679.025, 679.250

History: OBD 2-2024, amend filed 10/28/2024, effective 01/01/2025; OBD 1-2023, amend filed 06/20/2023, effective 07/01/2023; OBD 1-2021, amend filed 11/08/2021, effective 01/01/2022; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 3-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 10-1-15; OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14; OBD 2-2012, f. 6-14-12, cert. ef. 7-1-12; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 1-2010, f. 6-22-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07; OBD 3-2005, f. 10-26-05, cert. ef. 11-1-05; OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 1-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; Reverted to OBD 9-1999, f. 8-10-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00; OBD 2-2000(Temp), f. 5-22-00, cert. ef. 5-22-00 thru 11-18-00; OBD 9-1999, f. 8-10-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00

### **818-042-0050**

#### **Taking of X-Rays – Exposing of Radiographic Images**

(1) A Licensee may authorize the following persons to place films/sensors, adjust equipment preparatory to exposing films/sensors, and expose the films and create the images under general supervision:

(a) A dental assistant certified by the Board in radiologic proficiency; or

(b) A radiologic technologist licensed by the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging and certified by the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) who has completed ten (10) clock hours in a Board approved dental radiology course.

(2) A licensee may authorize a dental assistant who has completed a course of instruction approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, and who has passed the written Dental Radiation Health and Safety Examination administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, or comparable exam administered by any other testing entity authorized by the Board, or other comparable requirements approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry to place films/sensors, adjust equipment preparatory to exposing films/sensors, and expose the films and create the images under the indirect supervision of a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who holds an Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate. The dental assistant must submit within six months, certification by an Oregon licensed dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist that the assistant is proficient to take radiographic images.

(3) A dental therapist may not order a computerized tomography scan

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(j), 679.250(7), ORS 679.603

History: OBD 1-2022, amend filed 06/21/2022, effective 07/01/2022; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 3-2015, f. 9-8-15, cert. ef. 10-1-15; OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 4-2004, f. 11-23-04 cert. ef. 12-1-04; OBD 2-2003, f. 7-14-03 cert. ef. 7-18-03; OBD 9-1999, f. 8-10-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00

### **818-042-0060**

#### **Certification – Radiologic Proficiency**

(1) The Board may certify a dental assistant in radiologic proficiency by credential in accordance with OAR 818-042-0120, or if the assistant:

(2) Submits an application on a form approved by the Board, pays the application fee and:

(a) Completes a course of instruction approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, in accordance with OAR 333-106-0055 or submits evidence that the Oregon Health Authority, Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services recognizes that the equivalent training has been successfully completed;

(b) Passes the written Dental Radiation Health and Safety Examination administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB), or comparable exam administered by any other testing entity authorized by the Board, or other comparable requirements approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry; and

(c) Certification by an Oregon licensee that the assistant is proficient to take radiographs.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020, 679.025, 679.250, ORS 679.600

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### **818-042-0070**

#### **Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDA)**

The following duties are considered Expanded Function Duties and may be performed only after the dental assistant complies with the requirements of 818-042-0080:

- (1) Polish the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis to remove stains providing the patient is checked by a dentist or dental hygienist after the procedure is performed, prior to discharge;
- (2) Remove temporary crowns for final cementation and clean teeth for final cementation;
- (3) Preliminarily fit crowns to check contacts or to adjust occlusion outside the mouth;
- (4) Place temporary restorative material in teeth providing that the patient is checked by a dentist before and after the procedure is performed;
- (5) Place and remove matrix retainers for any type of direct restorations;
- (6) Polish amalgam or composite surfaces with a slow speed hand piece;
- (7) Remove excess supragingival cement from crowns, bridges, bands or brackets with hand instruments providing that the patient is checked by a dentist after the procedure is performed;
- (8) Fabricate temporary crowns, and fixed partial dentures (bridges) and temporarily cement the temporary crown or fixed partial dentures (bridges). The cemented crown or fixed partial dentures (bridge) must be examined and approved by the dentist prior to the patient being released;
- (9) Under general supervision, when the dentist is not available and the patient is in discomfort, an EFDA may recement a temporary crown or recement a permanent crown with temporary cement for a patient of record providing that the patient is rescheduled for follow-up care by a licensed dentist as soon as is reasonably appropriate.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, 680

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020, 679.025, 679.250

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### **818-042-0080**

#### **Certification – Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)**

The Board may certify a dental assistant as an expanded function assistant:

- (1) By credential in accordance with OAR 818-042-0120, or
- (2) If the assistant submits a completed application, pays the fee and provides evidence of:
  - (a) Certification of Radiologic Proficiency (OAR 818-042-0060); and satisfactory completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation; or
  - (b) Certification of Radiologic Proficiency (OAR 818-042-0060); and passage of the Oregon Expanded Functions with Infection Control examination, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB), or any other testing entity authorized by the Board, or prior passage of the Certified Dental Assistant examination or Infection Control Examination and passage of the Oregon Expanded Functions General Dental Assisting exam, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by DANB or any other testing entity authorized by

the Board; and certification by an Oregon licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully removed supra-gingival excess cement from four (4) crowns and/or fixed partial dentures (bridges) with hand instruments; placed temporary restorative material in three (3) teeth; preliminarily fitted four (4) crowns to check contacts or to adjust occlusion outside the mouth; removed four (4) temporary crowns for final cementation and cleaned teeth for final cementation; fabricated four (4) temporary crowns and/or fixed partial dentures (bridges) and temporarily cemented the crowns and/or fixed partial dentures (bridges); polished the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis in six (6) patients; placed matrix bands on four (4) teeth prepared for Class II restorations. The dental assistant must submit within six months' certification by a licensed dentist that the dental assistant is proficient to perform all the expanded function duties in subsection (b). If no expanded function certificate is issued within the six months, the dental assistant is no longer able to continue to perform expanded function duties until EFDA certification is achieved.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7)

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#### **818-042-0090**

##### **Additional Functions of EFDAs**

Upon successful completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or other course of instruction approved by the Board, a certified Expanded Function Dental Assistant may perform the following functions under the indirect supervision of a licensee providing that the procedure is checked by the licensee prior to the patient being dismissed:

- (1) Apply pit and fissure sealants provided the patient is examined before the sealants are placed. The sealants must be placed within 45 days of the procedure being authorized by a licensee.
- (2) Apply temporary soft relines to complete dentures for the purpose of tissue conditioning.
- (3) Place retraction material subgingivally.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(j), 679.250(7), ORS 679.600

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#### **818-042-0095**

##### **Restorative Functions of Dental Assistants**

(1) The Board shall issue a Restorative Functions Certificate (RFC) to a dental assistant who holds an Oregon EFDA Certificate, and has successfully completed:

- (a) A Board approved curriculum from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board, and successfully passed the CDCA-WREB-CITA's Dental Hygiene Restorative Examination or other equivalent examinations approved by the Board within the last five years, or
- (b) If successful passage of the CDCA-WREB-CITA's Dental Hygiene Restorative Examination or other equivalent examinations approved by the Board occurred over five years from the date of application, the applicant must submit

verification from another state or jurisdiction where the applicant is legally authorized to perform restorative functions and certification from the supervising dentist of successful completion of at least 25 restorative procedures within the immediate five years from the date of application.

(2) A dental assistant may perform the placement and finishing of direct restorations, except gold foil, under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, after the supervising dentist has prepared the tooth (teeth) for restoration(s):

(a) These functions can only be performed after the patient has given informed consent for the procedure and informed consent for the placement of the restoration by a Restorative Functions dental assistant.

(b) Before the patient is released, the final restoration(s) shall be checked by a dentist and documented in the chart.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.010, 679.250(7)

History: OBD 2-2024, amend filed 10/28/2024, effective 01/01/2025; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 1-2013, f. 5-15-13, cert. ef. 7-1-13; OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08; OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07

### **818-042-0096**

#### **Local Anesthesia Functions of Dental Assistants**

(1) The Board shall issue a Local Anesthesia Functions Certificate (LAFC) to a dental assistant who holds an Oregon EFDA Certificate, and has successfully completed a Board approved curriculum from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board.

(2) The Board shall issue a Local Anesthesia Functions Certificate (LAFC) to a dental assistant who holds an Oregon Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant Certificate, and has successfully completed a Board approved curriculum from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board.

(3) A dental assistant may administer local anesthetic agents and local anesthetic reversal agents under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist. Local anesthetic reversal agents shall not be used on children less than 6 years of age or weighing less than 33 pounds.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679, ORS 679.500

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.500

History: OBD 2-2025, amend filed 10/27/2025, effective 12/01/2025; OBD 2-2024, adopt filed 10/28/2024, effective 01/01/2025

### **818-042-0100**

#### **Expanded Functions – Orthodontic Assistant (EFODA)**

(1) An EFODA may perform the following duties while under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist:

(a) Remove orthodontic bands and brackets and attachments with removal of the bonding material and cement. An ultrasonic scaler, hand scaler or slow speed handpiece may be used. Use of a high speed handpiece is prohibited;

(b) Select or try for the fit of orthodontic bands;

(c) Recement loose orthodontic bands;

(d) Place and remove orthodontic separators;

(e) Prepare teeth for bonding or placement of orthodontic appliances and select, pre-position and cure orthodontic brackets, attachments and/or retainers after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist;

(f) Fit and adjust headgear;

(g) Remove fixed orthodontic appliances;

(h) Remove and replace orthodontic wires. Place and ligate archwires. Place elastic ligatures or chains as directed; and

(i) Cut arch wires.

(2) An EFODA may perform the following duties while under the general supervision of a licensed dentist:

(a) An expanded function orthodontic assistant may remove any portion of an orthodontic appliance causing a patient discomfort and in the process may replace ligatures and/or separators if the dentist is not available, providing that the patient is rescheduled for follow-up care by a licensed dentist as soon as is reasonably appropriate.

(b) An EFODA may recement orthodontic bands if the dentist is not available and the patient is in discomfort, providing that the patient is rescheduled for follow-up care by a licensed dentist as soon as is reasonably appropriate.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(j), 679.250(7)

History: OBD 1-2024, amend filed 03/08/2024, effective 05/01/2024; OBD 2-2012, f. 6-14-12, cert. ef. 7-1-12; OBD 9-1999, f. 8-10-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00

### **818-042-0110**

#### **Certification – Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)**

The Board may certify a dental assistant as an expanded function orthodontic assistant:

(1) By credential in accordance with OAR 818-042-0120, or

(2) Completion of an application, payment of fee and satisfactory evidence of;

(a) Completion of a course of instruction in a program in dental assisting accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or

(b) Passage of the Oregon Orthodontic Expanded Functions with Infection Control examination, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB), or any other testing entity authorized by the Board, or prior passage of the Certified Dental Assistant, Certified Orthodontic Assistant or Infection Control Examination administered by DANB and passage of the Oregon Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assisting exam, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by DANB, or any other testing entity authorized by the Board; and certification by an Oregon licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully placed and ligated orthodontic wires on ten (10) patients and removed bands/brackets and remaining adhesive using an ultrasonic, hand scaler or a slow speed hand piece from teeth on four (4) patients. The dental assistant must submit within six months' certification by a licensed dentist that the dental assistant is proficient to perform all the expanded function duties in subsection (b). If no expanded function orthodontic certificate is issued within the six months, the dental assistant is no longer able to continue to perform expanded orthodontic function duties until EFODA certification is achieved.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7)

History: OBD 2-2025, amend filed 10/27/2025, effective 12/01/2025; OBD 1-2025, temporary amend filed 06/16/2025, effective 07/01/2025 through 12/27/2025; OBD 2-2024, amend filed 10/28/2024, effective 01/01/2025; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 2-2018, amend filed 10/04/2018, effective 01/01/2019; OBD 1-2013, f. 5-15-13, cert. ef. 7-1-13; OBD 8-2000, f. 6-22-00, cert. ef. 6-29-00; OBD 10-1999(Temp), f. 12-2-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00 thru 6-28-00; OBD 9-1999, f. 8-10-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00

### **818-042-0112**

#### **Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistants (EFPDA)**

The following duties are considered Expanded Function Preventive Duties and may be performed only after the dental assistant complies with the requirements of 818-042-0113: Polish the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis to remove stains providing the patient is checked by a dentist or dental hygienist after the procedure is performed, prior to discharge.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679

History: OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17

### **818-042-0113**

#### **Certification – Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistants (EFPDA)**

The Board may certify a dental assistant as an expanded function preventive dental assistant:

- (1) By credential in accordance with OAR 818-042-0120, or
- (2) If the assistant submits a completed application, pays the fee and provides evidence of:
  - (a) Certification of Radiologic Proficiency (OAR 818-042-0060); and satisfactory completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
  - (b) Certification of Radiologic Proficiency (OAR 818-042-0060); and passage of the Oregon Expanded Functions with Infection Control examination; or passage of the Coronal Polishing with Infection Control examination, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB), or any other testing entity authorized by the Board, or prior passage of the Infection Control Examination and passage of the Oregon Expanded Functions General Dental Assisting exam or Coronal Polishing exam, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by DANB, or any other testing entity authorized by the Board; and certification by an Oregon licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully polished the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis to remove stains on six (6) patients. The dental assistant must submit within six months' certification by a licensed dentist that the dental assistant is proficient to perform all the expanded function preventive duties in subsection (b). If no expanded function preventive certificate is issued within the six months, the dental assistant is no longer able to continue to perform expanded function preventive duties until EFPDA certification is achieved.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679

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### **818-042-0114**

#### **Additional Functions of Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistants (EFPDA)**

- (1) Upon successful completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or other course of instruction approved by the Board, a certified Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistant may perform the following functions under the indirect supervision of a licensee providing that the procedure is checked by the licensee prior to the patient being dismissed:
- (2) Apply pit and fissure sealants provided the patient is examined before the sealants are placed. The sealants must be placed within 45 days of the procedure being authorized by a licensee.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676, ORS 679.600

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### **818-042-0115**

#### **Expanded Functions – Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant**

- (1) A dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit may verbally authorize a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant, who possesses a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant certificate from the Oregon Board of Dentistry to:
  - (a) Administer medications into an existing intravenous (IV) line of a patient under sedation or anesthesia under direct visual supervision.

(b) Administer emergency medications to a patient in order to assist the licensee in an emergent situation under direct visual supervision.

(c) Perform phlebotomy for dental procedures in accordance with OAR 818-042-0117.

(2) A dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit may verbally authorize a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant to dispense to a patient, oral medications that have been prepared by the dentist and given to the anesthesia dental assistant by the supervising dentist for oral administration to a patient under Indirect Supervision.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020(1), 679.025(1), 679.250(7)

History: OBD 2-2025, amend filed 10/27/2025, effective 12/01/2025; OBD 1-2024, amend filed 03/08/2024, effective 05/01/2024; OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 1-2006, f. 3-17-06, cert. ef. 4-1-06; OBD 1-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01

### **818-042-0116**

#### **Certification – Anesthesia Dental Assistant**

The Board may certify a person as an Anesthesia Dental Assistant if the applicant submits a completed application, pays the certification fee and shows satisfactory evidence of:

(1) Successful completion of:

(a) The "Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Anesthesia Assistants Program" or successor program, conducted by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; or

(b) The "Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants Course" or successor course, conducted by the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMS), or a successor entity; or

(c) The "Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant" examination, or successor examination, conducted by the Dental Assisting National Board or other Board approved examination; or

(d) The Resuscitation Group – Anesthesia Dental Assistant course; or

(e) Other course approved by the Board; and

(2) Holding valid and current documentation showing successful completion of a Healthcare Provider BLS course, or its equivalent.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.250(7)

History: OBD 2-2024, amend filed 10/28/2024, effective 01/01/2025; OBD 2-2019, amend filed 10/29/2019, effective 01/01/2020; OBD 1-2006, f. 3-17-06, cert. ef. 4-1-06; OBD 2-2005, f. 1-31-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 1-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01

### **818-042-0117**

#### **Initiation of IV Line and Phlebotomy Blood Draw**

(1) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant may initiate an intravenous (IV) infusion line for a patient being prepared for IV medications, sedation, or general anesthesia under the Indirect Supervision of a dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit.

(2) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant may perform a phlebotomy blood draw under the Indirect Supervision of a dentist. Products obtained through a phlebotomy blood draw may only be used by the dentist, to treat a condition that is within the scope of the practice of dentistry.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020(1), 679.025(1), 679.250(7)

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### **818-042-0120**

#### **Certification by Credential**

(1) Dental Assistants who wish to be certified by the Board in Radiologic Proficiency or as Expanded Function Dental Assistants, Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistants, or as Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistants shall:

(a) Be certified by another state in the functions for which application is made. The training and certification requirements of the state in which the dental assistant is certified must be substantially similar to Oregon's requirements; or

(b) Have worked for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years in a dental office where such employment involved to a significant extent the functions for which certification is sought; and

(c) Shall be evaluated by a licensed dentist, using a Board approved checklist, to assure that the assistant is competent in the expanded functions.

(2) Applicants applying for certification by credential in Radiologic Proficiency must obtain certification from the Oregon Health Authority, Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services, of having successfully completed training equivalent to that required by OAR 333-106-0055 or approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020, 679.025, 679.250

History: OBD 2-2016, f. 11-2-16, cert. ef. 3-1-17; OBD 1-2014, f. 7-2-14, cert. ef. 8-1-14; OBD 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-11; OBD 3-2005, f. 10-26-05, cert. ef. 11-1-05; OBD 4-2004, f. 11-23-04 cert. ef. 12-1-04; OBD 2-2003, f. 7-14-03 cert. ef. 7-18-03; OBD 9-1999, f. 8-10-99, cert. ef. 1-1-00

### **818-042-0130**

#### **Application for Certification by Credential**

An applicant for certification by credential shall submit to the Board:

(1) An application form approved by the Board, with the appropriate fee;

(2) Proof of certification by another state and any other recognized certifications (such as CDA or COA certification) and a description of the examination and training required by the state in which the assistant is certified; or

(3) Certification that the assistant has been employed for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant performing the functions for which certification is being sought. If applying for certification by credential as an EFDA, EFODA or EFPDA certification by a licensed dentist that the applicant is competent to perform the functions for which certification is sought.

(4) If applying for certification by credential in Radiologic Proficiency, certification from the Oregon Health Authority, Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services, or the Oregon Board of Dentistry, that the applicant has met that agency's training requirements for x-ray machine operators, or other comparable requirements approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 679

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 679.020, 679.025, 679.250

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