



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4715.365 Authority under permit.

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(A) A dentist who holds a current, valid oral health access supervision permit issued under section 4715.362 of the Revised Code may authorize a dental hygienist who holds a current, valid permit issued under section 4715.363 of the Revised Code to perform dental hygiene services at a facility when no dentist is physically present if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The authorizing dentist's authorization is in writing and includes, at a minimum, all of the following:

(a) The authorizing dentist's name and permit number;

(b) The dental hygienist's name and permit number;

(c) The patient's name;

(d) The name and address of the location where the dental hygiene services are to be provided;

(e) The date of authorization;

(f) A statement, signed by the dental hygienist, that the hygienist agrees to comply with section 4715.366 of the Revised Code.

(2) The authorizing dentist has personally evaluated the dental hygienist's skills prior to authorizing the dental hygienist to provide the dental hygiene services.

(3) Prior to authorizing the dental hygienist to perform the dental hygiene services, the patient's medical and dental history is made available to the authorizing dentist and the authorizing dentist reviews and evaluates the history and determines that the patient may safely receive dental hygiene services.



(4) Immediately prior to the provision of dental hygiene services, the patient or patient's representative verifies, by the signature or mark of the patient or representative, that no medically significant changes to the patient's medical or dental history have occurred since the authorizing dentist most recently reviewed and evaluated the history and determined that the patient could safely receive dental hygiene services. The signature or mark may be provided through reasonable accommodation, including the use of assistive technology or augmentative devices.

(5) Prior to receiving dental hygiene services, the patient and the operator of the facility where the dental hygiene services are to be provided are notified that no dentist will be present at the location and that the dental hygienist is prohibited from doing either of the following:

(a) Diagnosing the patient's oral health care status;

(b) Providing dental hygiene services to the same patient on a subsequent occasion until the patient has received a clinical evaluation performed by a dentist, except in instances described in division (D)(2) of this section.

(6) The dental hygienist is employed by, or under contract with, one of the following:

(a) The authorizing dentist;

(b) A dentist who is any of the following:

(i) The authorizing dentist's employer;

(ii) A shareholder in a professional association, formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, of which the authorizing dentist is a shareholder;

(iii) A member or manager of a limited liability company, formed under Chapter 1705. or 1706. of the Revised Code, of which the authorizing dentist is a member or manager;

(iv) A shareholder in a corporation, formed under division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised



Code, of which the authorizing dentist is a shareholder;

(v) A partner or employee of a partnership, formed under Chapter 1775. of the Revised Code, of which the authorizing dentist is a partner or employee;

(vi) A partner or employee of a limited liability partnership, formed under Chapter 1775. of the Revised Code, of which the authorizing dentist is a partner or employee.

(c) A government entity that employs the dental hygienist to provide dental hygiene services;

(d) An entity that employs the authorizing dentist so long as the dentist's practice is not in violation of section 4715.18 of the Revised Code.

(7) If the patient to whom the services are to be provided previously received dental hygiene services under this section, there is written evidence that the patient received a clinical evaluation after the most recent provision of those services.

(B) No dentist shall authorize a dental hygienist to perform, and no dental hygienist shall perform, dental hygiene services on a patient under this section unless all of the conditions in division (A) of this section are met.

(C) If a patient or patient's representative indicates, under division (A)(4) of this section, that a medically significant change has occurred in the patient's medical or dental history since the authorizing dentist's most recent review and evaluation of the medical and dental history required by division (A)(3) of this section, no dental hygiene services shall be provided under this section until the authorizing dentist completes another review and evaluation of the patient's medical and dental history. The authorizing dentist may complete the subsequent review and evaluation of the patient's medical and dental history by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail, video, or any other means of electronic communication.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, no dentist shall authorize a dental hygienist to provide, and no dental hygienist shall provide, dental hygiene services under this section to the same patient on a subsequent occasion until the patient has received a clinical evaluation



performed by a dentist.

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply if the patient requires multiple visits to complete one or more procedures that could not be completed during the visit in which dental hygiene services were commenced. If the patient requires multiple visits to complete the one or more procedures that could not be completed during the visit in which dental hygiene services were commenced, the one or more procedures shall be completed not later than eight weeks after the visit in which the dental hygiene services were commenced.

(E) No authorizing dentist shall authorize a dental hygienist to diagnose a patient's oral health care status. No dental hygienist practicing under a permit issued under section 4715.363 of the Revised Code to practice under the oral health access supervision of a dentist shall diagnose a patient's oral health care status.