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Dental hygienist participating in the oral health access supervision program (OHASP).

(A) A dental hygienist may participate in an oral health access supervision program and provide dental hygiene services if all of the following requirements have been met:

(1) The dental hygienist, authorizing dentist, and facility, comply with all requirements outlined in section 4715.36 to 4715.375 of the Revised Code.

(2) A dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services as defined in division (F) of section 4715.36 of the Revised Code when participating in the oral health access supervision program (OHASP).

(3) The following procedures will be permissible by a dental hygienist participating in OHASP:

(a) Application of disclosing solutions

(b) Demonstration of oral hygiene procedures, including, but not limited to, use of toothbrushes and dental floss.

(c) Application of topical anesthetics

(d) Fluoride application

(e) Topical application of desensitizing agents to teeth

(f) All supportive services or procedures necessary to the maintenance of a hygienic practice environment, including, but not limited to, all sterilizing procedures.

(g) All supportive services or procedures necessary to protect the physical well-being of the patient during routine treatment procedures and during periods of emergencies, but not limited to:

(i) Physical positioning of the patient;

(ii) Monitoring of vital signs;

(iii) Assistance during administration of life support activities; and

(iv) Any other non-invasive procedure deemed necessary by the supervising dentist to maintain the health and safety of the patient.

(h) All non-invasive supportive services and procedures necessary to the gathering and maintaining of accurate and complete medical and dental history of the patient, including but not limited to:

(i) Taking photographs;

(ii) Recording patient treatment;

(iii) Measurement of blood pressure; and

(iv) Other common tests deemed necessary by the supervising dentist.

(B) As required in division (3) of section 4715.365(A) of the Revised Code, prior authorization by the authorizing dentist to the dental hygienist shall be made not sooner than five working days prior to the patients appointment.

(C) The term "immediately prior" used in division (4) of section 4715.365(A) of the Revised Code shall mean the day the dental hygiene services are to be provided.

(D) Notification to the patient and operator of the facility where dental hygiene services are to be provided that no dentist will be present, as required in division (5) of section 4715.365(A) of the Revised Code, shall be made no later than two business days prior to providing dental hygiene services.

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