

4715-23-06**Authorization.**

(A) An authorizing dentist who is providing dental services through teledentistry may not at any time have more than a total of three dental hygienists and expanded function dental auxiliaries working under the dentist's authorization pursuant to section 4715.431 of the Revised Code. Because teledentistry requires synchronous, real-time communication, an authorizing dentist must remain attentive and available to attend to the health and safety of all patients regardless of whether the dentist is physically present or not physically present with the patient. If an authorizing dentist supervises any dental hygienist or expanded function dental auxiliary on the same day as the authorizing dentist authorizes any dental hygienist or expanded function dental auxiliary to provide dental services through teledentistry, the authorizing dentist should not have more than a total of:

(1) four dental hygienists practicing clinical hygiene under the supervision of the authorizing dentist pursuant to section 4715.23 of the Revised Code or three dental hygienists providing dental services through teledentistry pursuant to section 4715.431 of the Revised Code.

(2) two expanded function dental auxiliaries practicing as expanded function dental auxiliaries under the supervision of the authorizing dentist pursuant to section 4715.64 of the Revised Code or three expanded function dental auxiliaries providing dental services through teledentistry pursuant to section 4715.431 of the Revised Code, except that the total number practicing under the supervision of the authorizing dentist pursuant to section 4715.64 of the Revised Code shall not exceed two.

(B) Nothing in this rule shall prohibit:

(1) any dental hygienist to practice as a dental hygienist when the authorizing dentist is not physically present at the location where the dental hygienist is practicing, under section 4715.22 of the Revised Code.

(2) any expanded function dental auxiliary to practice as an expanded function dental auxiliary when the authorizing dentist is not physically present at the location where the expanded function dental auxiliary is practicing, under section 4715.64 of the Revised Code.

(3) any dental assistant or qualified personnel to practice as a dental assistant or qualified personnel when the authorizing dentist is not physically present at the location where the dental assistant or qualified personnel is practicing, under section 4715.39 of the Revised Code.

- (4) any dental x-ray machine operator to practice as a dental x-ray machine operator when the authorizing dentist is not physically present at the location where the dental x-ray machine operator is practicing, under section 4715.56 of the Revised Code, or

- (5) any dental hygienists to practice in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to section 4715.363 of the Revised Code authorizing practice under the oral health access supervision of a dentist.

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