

(x) A recall patient who has been examined by a dental hygienist practicing under the general supervision of a licensed dentist will be scheduled for an oral examination every 6 months, or as otherwise recommended by the supervising dentist.

(4) Before a facility operates under general supervision, the facility shall report to the Board:

- (i) That the facility is operating under general supervision; and
- (ii) The identity of each supervising dentist and each dental hygienist.

(5) A facility operating under general supervision shall report to the Board any changes in the status of the facility's general supervision, any supervising dentist, or any dental hygienist within 30 days after the change.

(6) This subsection may not be construed to:

- (i) Authorize a dental hygienist to practice dental hygiene independent of a supervising dentist; or
- (ii) Prohibit a dentist from being available for personal consultation or on the premises where a dental hygienist is practicing.

(I) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "PRIVATE DENTAL OFFICE" MEANS A DENTAL OFFICE OWNED AND OPERATED BY:

(I) A LICENSED DENTIST; OR

(II) ~~LICENSED DENTISTS THROUGH~~ A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY A LICENSED DENTIST.

(2) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST IN A PRIVATE DENTAL OFFICE.

(3) A PRIVATE DENTAL OFFICE IN WHICH A DENTAL HYGIENIST IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST SHALL ENSURE THAT:

(I) THE SUPERVISING DENTIST HOLDS AN ACTIVE LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THIS STATE;

(II) THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HOLDS AN ACTIVE LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IN THIS STATE;

(III) THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HAS AT LEAST 1,500 HOURS OF DENTAL HYGIENE CLINICAL PRACTICE IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE; AND

(IV) THERE IS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPERVISING DENTIST AND THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PRACTICING UNDER GENERAL