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## **SB 1282**

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Senators Ward, Bradley, Dalessandro, Yee; Representatives Borrelli, Cobb,  
Meyer; Senator Hobbs; Representatives Campbell, Carter, Finchem, Weninger

### AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-848; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1057.15; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1376.07; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1406.07; AMENDING SECTION 32-1201, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-1201.01; AMENDING SECTIONS 32-1263, 32-1281 AND 32-1289, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 32-1289.01 AND 32-1291.01; AMENDING TITLE 36, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 36.1; RELATING TO DENTAL SERVICES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 4, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 20-848, to read:

4 20-848. Teledentistry; coverage of dental services; definition

5 A. ALL CONTRACTS ISSUED, DELIVERED OR RENEWED BY A DENTAL SERVICE  
6 CORPORATION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016 SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR DENTAL  
7 SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED THROUGH TELEDENTISTRY IF THE DENTAL SERVICE WOULD  
8 BE COVERED WERE IT PROVIDED THROUGH IN-PERSON CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE  
9 SUBSCRIBER AND A DENTIST OR DENTAL PROVIDER. THE CONTRACT MAY LIMIT THE  
10 COVERAGE TO THOSE DENTISTS AND DENTAL PROVIDERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE  
11 CORPORATION'S PROVIDER NETWORK.

12 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT A DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION FROM  
13 IMPOSING DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DENTAL  
14 SERVICE PROVIDED THROUGH TELEDENTISTRY IF THE DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT OR  
15 COINSURANCE DOES NOT EXCEED THE DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE  
16 APPLICABLE TO AN IN-PERSON CONSULTATION FOR THE SAME DENTAL SERVICE.

17 C. SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH TELEDENTISTRY OR RESULTING FROM A  
18 TELEDENTISTRY CONSULTATION SHALL COMPLY WITH TITLE 32, CHAPTER 11.

19 D. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE AS DEFINED IN  
20 SECTION 20-1137.

21 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TELEDENTISTRY" HAS THE SAME  
22 MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-3611.

23 Sec. 2. Title 20, chapter 4, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
24 amended by adding section 20-1057.15, to read:

25 20-1057.15. Teledentistry; coverage of dental services;  
26 definition

27 A. AN EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE ISSUED, DELIVERED OR RENEWED BY A HEALTH  
28 CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016 SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE  
29 FOR DENTAL SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED THROUGH TELEDENTISTRY IF THE DENTAL  
30 SERVICE WOULD BE COVERED WERE IT PROVIDED THROUGH IN-PERSON CONSULTATION  
31 BETWEEN THE ENROLLEE AND A DENTIST OR DENTAL PROVIDER. THE EVIDENCE OF  
32 COVERAGE MAY LIMIT THE COVERAGE TO THOSE DENTISTS OR DENTAL PROVIDERS WHO ARE  
33 MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION'S PROVIDER NETWORK.

34 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT A HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION  
35 FROM IMPOSING DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A  
36 DENTAL SERVICE PROVIDED THROUGH TELEDENTISTRY IF THE DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT OR  
37 COINSURANCE DOES NOT EXCEED THE DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE  
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41 D. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE AS DEFINED IN  
42 SECTION 20-1137.

43 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TELEDENTISTRY" HAS THE SAME  
44 MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-3611.



1           Sec. 5. Section 32-1201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

2           32-1201. Definitions

3           In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

4           1. "Auxiliary personnel" means all dental assistants, dental  
5 technicians, dental x-ray technicians and other persons employed by dentists  
6 or firms and businesses providing dental services to dentists.

7           2. "Board" means the state board of dental examiners.

8           3. "Business entity" means a business organization that has an  
9 ownership that includes any persons who are not licensed or certified to  
10 provide dental services in this state, that offers to the public professional  
11 services regulated by the board and that is established pursuant to the laws  
12 of any state or foreign country.

13           4. "Dental assistant" means any person who acts as an assistant to a  
14 dentist or a dental hygienist by rendering personal services to a patient  
15 that involve close proximity to the patient while the patient is under  
16 treatment or observation or undergoing diagnostic procedures.

17           5. "Dental hygienist" means any person licensed and engaged in the  
18 general practice of dental hygiene and all related and associated duties,  
19 including educational, clinical and therapeutic dental hygiene procedures.

20           6. "Dental incompetence" means lacking in sufficient dentistry  
21 knowledge or skills, or both, in that field of dentistry in which the  
22 dentist, denturist or dental hygienist concerned engages, to a degree likely  
23 to endanger the health of that person's patients.

24           7. "Dental laboratory technician" means any person, other than a  
25 licensed dentist, who, pursuant to a written work order of a dentist,  
26 fabricates artificial teeth, prosthetic appliances or other mechanical and  
27 artificial contrivances designed to correct or alleviate injuries or defects,  
28 both developmental and acquired, disorders or deficiencies of the human oral  
29 cavity, teeth, investing tissues, maxilla or mandible or adjacent associated  
30 structures.

31           8. "Dental x-ray laboratory technician" means any person, other than a  
32 licensed dentist, who, pursuant to a written work order of a dentist,  
33 performs dental and maxillofacial radiography, including cephalometrics,  
34 panoramic and maxillofacial tomography and other dental related  
35 non-fluoroscopic diagnostic imaging modalities.

36           9. "Dentistry", "dentist" and "dental" means the general practice of  
37 dentistry and all specialties or restricted practices of dentistry.

38           10. "Denturist" means a person practicing denture technology pursuant  
39 to article 5 of this chapter.

40           11. "Disciplinary action" means regulatory sanctions that are imposed  
41 by the board in combination with, or as an alternative to, revocation or  
42 suspension of a license and that may include:

43           (a) Imposition of an administrative penalty in an amount not to exceed  
44 two thousand dollars for each violation of this chapter or rules adopted  
45 under this chapter.

- 1 (b) Imposition of restrictions on the scope of practice.
- 2 (c) Imposition of peer review and professional education requirements.
- 3 (d) Imposition of censure or probation requirements best adapted to
- 4 protect the public welfare, which may include a requirement for restitution
- 5 to the patient resulting from violations of this chapter or rules adopted
- 6 under this chapter.

7 12. "Irregularities in billing" means submitting any claim, bill or

8 government assistance claim to any patient, responsible party or third-party

9 payor for dental services rendered that is materially false with the intent

10 to receive unearned income as evidenced by any of the following:

- 11 (a) Charges for services not rendered.
- 12 (b) Any treatment date that does not accurately reflect the date when
- 13 the service and procedures were actually completed.
- 14 (c) Any description of a dental service or procedure that does not
- 15 accurately reflect the actual work completed.
- 16 (d) Any charge for a service or procedure that cannot be clinically
- 17 justified or determined to be necessary.
- 18 (e) Any statement that is material to the claim and that the licensee
- 19 knows is false or misleading.
- 20 (f) An abrogation of the copayment provisions of a dental insurance
- 21 contract by a waiver of all or a part of the copayment from the patient if
- 22 this results in an excessive or fraudulent charge to a third party or if the
- 23 waiver is used as an enticement to receive dental services from that
- 24 provider. This subdivision does not interfere with a contractual
- 25 relationship between a third-party payor and a licensee or business entity
- 26 registered with the board.
- 27 (g) Any other practice in billing that results in excessive or
- 28 fraudulent charges to the patient.

29 13. "Letter of concern" means an advisory letter to notify a licensee

30 or a registered business entity that, while the evidence does not warrant

31 disciplinary action, the board believes that the licensee or registered

32 business entity should modify or eliminate certain practices and that

33 continuation of the activities that led to the information being submitted to

34 the board may result in board action against the practitioner's license or

35 the business entity's registration. A letter of concern is not a

36 disciplinary action. A letter of concern is a public document and may be

37 used in a future disciplinary action.

38 14. "Licensed" means licensed pursuant to this chapter.

39 15. "Place of practice" means each physical location at which a person

40 licensed pursuant to this chapter performs services subject to this chapter.

41 16. "Primary mailing address" means the address on file with the board

42 and to which official board correspondence, notices or documents are

43 delivered in a manner determined by the board.

44 17. "Recognized dental hygiene school" means a school that has a dental

45 hygiene program with a minimum two academic year curriculum, or the

1 equivalent of four semesters, and that is approved by the board and  
2 accredited by the American dental association commission on dental  
3 accreditation.

4 18. "Recognized dental school" means a dental school accredited by the  
5 American dental association commission on dental accreditation.

6 19. "Recognized denturist school" means a denturist school that  
7 maintains standards of entrance, study and graduation and that is accredited  
8 by the United States department of education or the council on higher  
9 education accreditation.

10 20. "Supervised personnel" means all dental hygienists, dental  
11 assistants, dental laboratory technicians, denturists, dental x-ray  
12 laboratory technicians and other persons supervised by licensed dentists.

13 ~~21. "Unprofessional conduct" means the following acts, whether~~  
14 ~~occurring in this state or elsewhere:~~

15 ~~(a) Intentional betrayal of a professional confidence or intentional~~  
16 ~~violation of a privileged communication except as either of these may~~  
17 ~~otherwise be required by law. This subdivision does not prevent members of~~  
18 ~~the board from the full and free exchange of information with the licensing~~  
19 ~~and disciplinary boards of other states, territories or districts of the~~  
20 ~~United States or foreign countries, with the Arizona state dental association~~  
21 ~~or any of its component societies or with the dental societies of other~~  
22 ~~states, counties, districts, territories or foreign countries.~~

23 ~~(b) Using controlled substances as defined in section 36-2501,~~  
24 ~~narcotic drugs, dangerous drugs or marijuana as defined in section 13-3401,~~  
25 ~~or hypnotic drugs, including acetylurea derivatives, barbituric acid~~  
26 ~~derivatives, chloral, paraldehyde, phenylhydantoin derivatives, sulfonmethane~~  
27 ~~derivatives or any compounds, mixtures or preparations that may be used for~~  
28 ~~producing hypnotic effects, or alcohol to the extent that it affects the~~  
29 ~~ability of the dentist, denturist or dental hygienist to practice that~~  
30 ~~person's profession.~~

31 ~~(c) Prescribing, dispensing or using drugs for other than accepted~~  
32 ~~dental therapeutic purposes or for other than medically indicated supportive~~  
33 ~~therapy in conjunction with managing a patient's dental needs.~~

34 ~~(d) Gross malpractice, or repeated acts constituting malpractice.~~

35 ~~(e) Acting or assuming to act as a member of the board if this is not~~  
36 ~~true.~~

37 ~~(f) Procuring or attempting to procure a certificate of the national~~  
38 ~~board of dental examiners or a license to practice dentistry or dental~~  
39 ~~hygiene by fraud or misrepresentation or by knowingly taking advantage of the~~  
40 ~~mistake of another.~~

41 ~~(g) Having professional connection with or lending one's name to an~~  
42 ~~illegal practitioner of dentistry or any of the other healing arts.~~

43 ~~(h) Representing that a manifestly not correctable condition, disease,~~  
44 ~~injury, ailment or infirmity can be permanently corrected, or that a~~

1 ~~correctable condition, disease, injury, ailment or infirmity can be corrected~~  
2 ~~within a stated time, if this is not true.~~

3 ~~(i) Offering, undertaking or agreeing to correct, cure or treat a~~  
4 ~~condition, disease, injury, ailment or infirmity by a secret means, method,~~  
5 ~~device or instrumentality.~~

6 ~~(j) Refusing to divulge to the board, on reasonable notice and demand,~~  
7 ~~the means, method, device or instrumentality used in the treatment of a~~  
8 ~~condition, disease, injury, ailment or infirmity.~~

9 ~~(k) Dividing a professional fee or receiving any consideration for~~  
10 ~~patient referrals among or between dental care providers or dental care~~  
11 ~~institutions or entities. This subdivision does not prohibit the division of~~  
12 ~~fees among licensees who are engaged in a bona fide employment, partnership,~~  
13 ~~corporate or contractual relationship for the delivery of professional~~  
14 ~~services.~~

15 ~~(l) Knowingly making any false or fraudulent statement, written or~~  
16 ~~oral, in connection with the practice of dentistry.~~

17 ~~(m) Refusal, revocation or suspension of a license or any other~~  
18 ~~disciplinary action taken against a dentist by, or the voluntary surrender of~~  
19 ~~a license in lieu of disciplinary action to, any other state, territory,~~  
20 ~~district or country, unless the board finds that this action was not taken~~  
21 ~~for reasons that relate to the person's ability to safely and skillfully~~  
22 ~~practice dentistry or to any act of unprofessional conduct.~~

23 ~~(n) Any conduct or practice that constitutes a danger to the health,~~  
24 ~~welfare or safety of the patient or the public.~~

25 ~~(o) Obtaining a fee by fraud or misrepresentation, or wilfully or~~  
26 ~~intentionally filing a fraudulent claim with a third party for services~~  
27 ~~rendered or to be rendered to a patient.~~

28 ~~(p) Repeated irregularities in billing.~~

29 ~~(q) Employing unlicensed persons to perform or aiding and abetting~~  
30 ~~unlicensed persons in the performance of work that can be done legally only~~  
31 ~~by licensed persons.~~

32 ~~(r) Practicing dentistry under a false or assumed name in this state,~~  
33 ~~other than as allowed by section 32-1262.~~

34 ~~(s) Wilfully or intentionally causing or permitting supervised~~  
35 ~~personnel or auxiliary personnel operating under the licensee's supervision~~  
36 ~~to commit illegal acts or perform an act or operation other than that~~  
37 ~~permitted under article 4 of this chapter and rules adopted by the board~~  
38 ~~pursuant to section 32-1282.~~

39 ~~(t) The following advertising practices:~~

40 ~~(i) The publication or circulation, directly or indirectly, of any~~  
41 ~~false, fraudulent or misleading statements concerning the skill, methods or~~  
42 ~~practices of the licensee or of any other person.~~

43 ~~(ii) Advertising in any manner that tends to deceive or defraud the~~  
44 ~~public.~~

- ~~(u) Failing to dispense drugs and devices in compliance with article 6 of this chapter.~~
- ~~(v) Failing to comply with a final board order, including an order of censure or probation.~~
- ~~(w) Failing to comply with a board subpoena in a timely manner.~~
- ~~(x) Failing or refusing to maintain adequate patient records.~~
- ~~(y) Failing to allow properly authorized board personnel, on demand, to inspect the place of practice and examine and have access to documents, books, reports and records maintained by the licensee or certificate holder that relate to the dental practice or dentally related activity.~~
- ~~(z) Refusing to submit to a body fluid examination as required through a monitored treatment program or pursuant to a board investigation into a licensee's or certificate holder's alleged substance abuse.~~
- ~~(aa) Failing to inform a patient of the type of material the dentist will use in the patient's dental filling and the reason why the dentist is using that particular filling.~~
- ~~(bb) Failing to report in writing to the board any evidence that a dentist, denturist or dental hygienist is or may be:~~
  - ~~(i) Professionally incompetent.~~
  - ~~(ii) Engaging in unprofessional conduct.~~
  - ~~(iii) Impaired by drugs or alcohol.~~
  - ~~(iv) Mentally or physically unable to safely engage in the activities of a dentist, denturist or dental hygienist pursuant to this chapter.~~
- ~~(cc) Filing a false report pursuant to subdivision (bb) of this paragraph.~~
- ~~(dd) Practicing dentistry, dental hygiene or denturism in a business entity that is not registered with the board as required by section 32-1213.~~

21. "TELEDENTISTRY" MEANS THE USE OF DATA TRANSMITTED THROUGH INTERACTIVE AUDIO, VIDEO OR DATA COMMUNICATIONS THAT OCCUR IN THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF THE PATIENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT PLANNING, CONSULTATION AND DIRECTING THE DELIVERY OF TREATMENT BY DENTISTS AND DENTAL PROVIDERS IN SETTINGS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR SPECIFIED IN RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

Sec. 6. Title 32, chapter 11, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 32-1201.01, to read:

32-1201.01. Definition of unprofessional conduct

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, "UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT" MEANS THE FOLLOWING ACTS, WHETHER OCCURRING IN THIS STATE OR ELSEWHERE:

1. INTENTIONAL BETRAYAL OF A PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENCE OR INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF A PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION EXCEPT AS EITHER OF THESE MAY OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED BY LAW. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PREVENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM THE FULL AND FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH THE LICENSING AND DISCIPLINARY BOARDS OF OTHER STATES, TERRITORIES OR DISTRICTS OF THE UNITED STATES OR FOREIGN COUNTRIES, WITH THE ARIZONA STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION OR ANY

1 OF ITS COMPONENT SOCIETIES OR WITH THE DENTAL SOCIETIES OF OTHER STATES,  
2 COUNTIES, DISTRICTS, TERRITORIES OR FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

3 2. USING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 36-2501, NARCOTIC  
4 DRUGS, DANGEROUS DRUGS OR MARIJUANA AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-3401, OR  
5 HYPNOTIC DRUGS, INCLUDING ACETYLUREA DERIVATIVES, BARBITURIC ACID  
6 DERIVATIVES, CHLORAL, PARALDEHYDE, PHENYLHYDANTOIN DERIVATIVES, SULFONMETHANE  
7 DERIVATIVES OR ANY COMPOUNDS, MIXTURES OR PREPARATIONS THAT MAY BE USED FOR  
8 PRODUCING HYPNOTIC EFFECTS, OR ALCOHOL TO THE EXTENT THAT IT AFFECTS THE  
9 ABILITY OF THE DENTIST, DENTURIST OR DENTAL HYGIENIST TO PRACTICE THAT  
10 PERSON'S PROFESSION.

11 3. PRESCRIBING, DISPENSING OR USING DRUGS FOR OTHER THAN ACCEPTED  
12 DENTAL THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES OR FOR OTHER THAN MEDICALLY INDICATED SUPPORTIVE  
13 THERAPY IN CONJUNCTION WITH MANAGING A PATIENT'S DENTAL NEEDS.

14 4. GROSS MALPRACTICE OR REPEATED ACTS CONSTITUTING MALPRACTICE.

15 5. ACTING OR ASSUMING TO ACT AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD IF THIS IS NOT  
16 TRUE.

17 6. PROCURING OR ATTEMPTING TO PROCURE A CERTIFICATE OF THE NATIONAL  
18 BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY OR DENTAL  
19 HYGIENE BY FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION OR BY KNOWINGLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE  
20 MISTAKE OF ANOTHER.

21 7. HAVING PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION WITH OR LENDING ONE'S NAME TO AN  
22 ILLEGAL PRACTITIONER OF DENTISTRY OR ANY OF THE OTHER HEALING ARTS.

23 8. REPRESENTING THAT A MANIFESTLY NOT CORRECTABLE CONDITION, DISEASE,  
24 INJURY, AILMENT OR INFIRMITY CAN BE PERMANENTLY CORRECTED, OR THAT A  
25 CORRECTABLE CONDITION, DISEASE, INJURY, AILMENT OR INFIRMITY CAN BE CORRECTED  
26 WITHIN A STATED TIME, IF THIS IS NOT TRUE.

27 9. OFFERING, UNDERTAKING OR AGREEING TO CORRECT, CURE OR TREAT A  
28 CONDITION, DISEASE, INJURY, AILMENT OR INFIRMITY BY A SECRET MEANS, METHOD,  
29 DEVICE OR INSTRUMENTALITY.

30 10. REFUSING TO DIVULGE TO THE BOARD, ON REASONABLE NOTICE AND DEMAND,  
31 THE MEANS, METHOD, DEVICE OR INSTRUMENTALITY USED IN THE TREATMENT OF A  
32 CONDITION, DISEASE, INJURY, AILMENT OR INFIRMITY.

33 11. DIVIDING A PROFESSIONAL FEE OR RECEIVING ANY CONSIDERATION FOR  
34 PATIENT REFERRALS AMONG OR BETWEEN DENTAL CARE PROVIDERS OR DENTAL CARE  
35 INSTITUTIONS OR ENTITIES. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE DIVISION OF  
36 FEES AMONG LICENSEES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN A BONA FIDE EMPLOYMENT, PARTNERSHIP,  
37 CORPORATE OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP FOR THE DELIVERY OF PROFESSIONAL  
38 SERVICES.

39 12. KNOWINGLY MAKING ANY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT, WRITTEN OR  
40 ORAL, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY.

41 13. REFUSAL, REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE OR ANY OTHER  
42 DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST A DENTIST BY, OR THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF  
43 A LICENSE IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO, ANY OTHER STATE, TERRITORY,  
44 DISTRICT OR COUNTRY, UNLESS THE BOARD FINDS THAT THIS ACTION WAS NOT TAKEN

1 FOR REASONS THAT RELATE TO THE PERSON'S ABILITY TO SAFELY AND SKILLFULLY  
2 PRACTICE DENTISTRY OR TO ANY ACT OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

3 14. ANY CONDUCT OR PRACTICE THAT CONSTITUTES A DANGER TO THE HEALTH,  
4 WELFARE OR SAFETY OF THE PATIENT OR THE PUBLIC.

5 15. OBTAINING A FEE BY FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION, OR WILFULLY OR  
6 INTENTIONALLY FILING A FRAUDULENT CLAIM WITH A THIRD PARTY FOR SERVICES  
7 RENDERED OR TO BE RENDERED TO A PATIENT.

8 16. REPEATED IRREGULARITIES IN BILLING.

9 17. EMPLOYING UNLICENSED PERSONS TO PERFORM OR AIDING AND ABETTING  
10 UNLICENSED PERSONS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF WORK THAT CAN BE DONE LEGALLY ONLY  
11 BY LICENSED PERSONS.

12 18. PRACTICING DENTISTRY UNDER A FALSE OR ASSUMED NAME IN THIS STATE,  
13 OTHER THAN AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 32-1262.

14 19. WILFULLY OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSING OR PERMITTING SUPERVISED  
15 PERSONNEL OR AUXILIARY PERSONNEL OPERATING UNDER THE LICENSEE'S SUPERVISION  
16 TO COMMIT ILLEGAL ACTS OR PERFORM AN ACT OR OPERATION OTHER THAN THAT  
17 PERMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THIS CHAPTER AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD  
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1282.

19 20. THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISING PRACTICES:

20 (a) THE PUBLICATION OR CIRCULATION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OF ANY  
21 FALSE, FRAUDULENT OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE SKILL, METHODS OR  
22 PRACTICES OF THE LICENSEE OR OF ANY OTHER PERSON.

23 (b) ADVERTISING IN ANY MANNER THAT TENDS TO DECEIVE OR DEFRAUD THE  
24 PUBLIC.

25 21. FAILING TO DISPENSE DRUGS AND DEVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 6  
26 OF THIS CHAPTER.

27 22. FAILING TO COMPLY WITH A FINAL BOARD ORDER, INCLUDING AN ORDER OF  
28 CENSURE OR PROBATION.

29 23. FAILING TO COMPLY WITH A BOARD SUBPOENA IN A TIMELY MANNER.

30 24. FAILING OR REFUSING TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE PATIENT RECORDS.

31 25. FAILING TO ALLOW PROPERLY AUTHORIZED BOARD PERSONNEL, ON DEMAND, TO  
32 INSPECT THE PLACE OF PRACTICE AND EXAMINE AND HAVE ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS,  
33 BOOKS, REPORTS AND RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
34 THAT RELATE TO THE DENTAL PRACTICE OR DENTAL-RELATED ACTIVITY.

35 26. REFUSING TO SUBMIT TO A BODY FLUID EXAMINATION AS REQUIRED THROUGH  
36 A MONITORED TREATMENT PROGRAM OR PURSUANT TO A BOARD INVESTIGATION INTO A  
37 LICENSEE'S OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S ALLEGED SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

38 27. FAILING TO INFORM A PATIENT OF THE TYPE OF MATERIAL THE DENTIST  
39 WILL USE IN THE PATIENT'S DENTAL FILLING AND THE REASON WHY THE DENTIST IS  
40 USING THAT PARTICULAR FILLING.

41 28. FAILING TO REPORT IN WRITING TO THE BOARD ANY EVIDENCE THAT A  
42 DENTIST, DENTURIST OR DENTAL HYGIENIST IS OR MAY BE:

43 (a) PROFESSIONALLY INCOMPETENT.

44 (b) ENGAGING IN UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

45 (c) IMPAIRED BY DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.

1 (d) MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO SAFELY ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES  
2 OF A DENTIST, DENTURIST OR DENTAL HYGIENIST PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

3 29. FILING A FALSE REPORT PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 28 OF THIS SECTION.

4 30. PRACTICING DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE OR DENTURISM IN A BUSINESS  
5 ENTITY THAT IS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 32-1213.

6 Sec. 7. Section 32-1263, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
7 ~~32-1263.~~ Grounds for disciplinary action: definition

8 A. The board may invoke disciplinary action against any person  
9 licensed under this chapter for any of the following reasons:

10 1. Unprofessional conduct, as defined in section ~~32-1201~~ 32-1201.01.

11 2. Conviction of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral  
12 turpitude, in which case the record of conviction or a certified copy is  
13 conclusive evidence.

14 3. Physical or mental incompetence to practice pursuant to this  
15 chapter.

16 4. Committing or aiding, directly or indirectly, a violation of or  
17 noncompliance with any provision of this chapter or of any rules adopted by  
18 the board pursuant to this chapter.

19 5. Dental incompetence, as defined in section 32-1201.

20 B. This section does not establish a cause of action against a  
21 licensee or a registered business entity that makes a report of  
22 unprofessional conduct or unethical conduct in good faith.

23 C. The board may take disciplinary action against a business entity  
24 registered pursuant to this chapter for unethical conduct.

25 D. For the purposes of this section, "unethical conduct" means the  
26 following acts occurring in this state or elsewhere:

27 1. Failing to report in writing to the board any evidence that a  
28 dentist, denturist or dental hygienist is or may be professionally  
29 incompetent, is or may be guilty of unprofessional conduct, is or may be  
30 impaired by drugs or alcohol or is or may be mentally or physically unable to  
31 safely engage in the permissible activities of a dentist, denturist or dental  
32 hygienist.

33 2. Falsely reporting to the board that a dentist, denturist or dental  
34 hygienist is or may be guilty of unprofessional conduct, is or may be  
35 impaired by drugs or alcohol or is or may be mentally or physically unable to  
36 safely engage in the permissible activities of a dentist, denturist or dental  
37 hygienist.

38 3. Obtaining or attempting to obtain a registration or registration  
39 renewal by fraud or by misrepresentation.

40 4. Knowingly filing with the board any application, renewal or other  
41 document that contains false information.

42 5. Failing to register or failing to submit a renewal registration  
43 with the board pursuant to section 32-1213.

44 6. Failing to provide the following persons with access to any place  
45 for which a registration has been issued or for which an application for a

1 registration has been submitted in order to conduct a site investigation,  
2 inspection or audit:

3 (a) The board or its employees or agents.

4 (b) An authorized federal or state official.

5 7. Failing to notify the board of a change in officers and directors,  
6 a change of address or a change in the dentists providing services pursuant  
7 to section 32-1213, subsection E.

8 8. Failing to provide patient records pursuant to section 32-1264.

9 9. Obtaining a fee by fraud or misrepresentation or wilfully or  
10 intentionally filing a fraudulent claim with a third party for services  
11 rendered or to be rendered to a patient.

12 10. Engaging in repeated irregularities in billing.

13 11. Engaging in the following advertising practices:

14 (a) The publication or circulation, directly or indirectly, of any  
15 false or fraudulent or misleading statements concerning the skill, methods or  
16 practices of a registered business entity, a licensee or any other person.

17 (b) Advertising in any manner that tends to deceive or defraud the  
18 public.

19 12. Failing to comply with a board subpoena in a timely manner.

20 13. Failing to comply with a final board order, including a decree of  
21 censure, a period or term of probation, a consent agreement or a stipulation.

22 14. Employing or aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to perform work  
23 that must be done by a person licensed pursuant to this chapter.

24 15. Engaging in any conduct or practice that constitutes a danger to  
25 the health, welfare or safety of the patient or the public.

26 16. Engaging in a policy or practice that interferes with the clinical  
27 judgment of a licensee providing dental services for a business entity or  
28 compromising a licensee's ability to comply with this chapter.

29 Sec. 8. Section 32-1281, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

30 32-1281. Practicing as dental hygienist; supervision  
31 requirements; definitions

32 A. A person is deemed to be practicing as a dental hygienist if the  
33 person does any of the acts or performs any of the operations included in the  
34 general practice of dental hygienists, dental hygiene and all related and  
35 associated duties.

36 B. ~~Only~~ A licensed dental hygienist ~~or dentist~~ may perform the  
37 following:

38 1. Prophylaxis.

39 2. Scaling.

40 3. Closed subgingival curettage.

41 4. Root planing.

42 5. Administering local anesthetics and nitrous oxide.

43 ~~6. Placing of periodontal sutures as prescribed in subsection F of~~  
44 ~~this section.~~

1           ~~7.~~ 6. ~~Examining~~ INSPECTING the oral cavity and surrounding structures  
2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF GATHERING CLINICAL DATA TO FACILITATE A DIAGNOSIS.

3           ~~8.~~ 7. Periodontal ~~examination~~ SCREENING OR ASSESSMENT.

4           ~~9.~~ 8. Recording of clinical findings.

5           ~~10.~~ 9. Compiling case histories.

6           ~~C. A licensed dental hygienist may:~~

7           ~~1.~~ 10. ~~Expose~~ EXPOSING and ~~process~~ PROCESSING dental radiographs.

8           ~~2.~~ 11. ~~Perform~~ All functions authorized and deemed appropriate for  
9 dental assistants.

10           12. THOSE RESTORATIVE FUNCTIONS PERMISSIBLE FOR AN EXPANDED FUNCTION  
11 DENTAL ASSISTANT IF QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1291.01.

12           ~~D.~~ C. The board by rule shall prescribe the circumstances under which  
13 a licensed dental hygienist may:

14           1. Apply preventive and therapeutic agents, used in relation to dental  
15 hygiene procedures, to the hard and soft tissues.

16           2. Use emerging scientific technology and prescribe the necessary  
17 training, experience and supervision to operate newly developed scientific  
18 technology. A dentist who supervises a dental hygienist whose duties include  
19 the use of emerging scientific technology must have training on the use of  
20 the emerging technology that is equal to or greater than the training the  
21 dental hygienist is required to obtain.

22           3. Perform other procedures not specifically authorized by this  
23 section.

24           ~~E.~~ D. Except as provided in subsections F and H of this section, a  
25 dental hygienist shall practice under the general supervision of a dentist  
26 licensed pursuant to this chapter.

27           ~~F.~~ E. Dental hygienists shall practice under the direct supervision  
28 of a dentist licensed pursuant to this chapter when performing the following  
29 procedures and after completing a course of study recognized by the board:

30           1. Administering local anesthetics. A dental hygienist may administer  
31 local anesthetics to a patient of record under general supervision if all of  
32 the following are true:

33           (a) The patient is at least eighteen years of age.

34           (b) The patient has been examined by a dentist licensed pursuant to  
35 this chapter within the previous twelve months.

36           (c) There has been no change in the patient's medical history since  
37 the last examination. If there has been a change in the patient's medical  
38 history within that time, the dental hygienist must consult with the dentist  
39 before administering local anesthetics.

40           (d) The supervising dentist who performed the examination has approved  
41 the patient for the administration of local anesthetics by a dental hygienist  
42 under general supervision and documented this approval in the patient's  
43 record.

44           2. Administering nitrous oxide analgesia.

1 ~~3. Placing an interrupted suture interdentially to secure soft tissue~~  
2 ~~papillae that may have inadvertently become displaced during root planing or~~  
3 ~~closed curettage procedures performed by the dental hygienist, except that a~~  
4 ~~dental hygienist may not position and suture soft tissue flaps that are~~  
5 ~~reflected for surgical access and treatment. This procedure applies only to~~  
6 ~~a dental hygienist who is permitted to perform periodontal suturing on or~~  
7 ~~before July 31, 2004.~~

8 ~~G.~~ F. A dental hygienist may perform dental hygiene procedures in the  
9 following settings:

10 1. On a patient of record of a dentist within that dentist's office.

11 2. Except as prescribed in section 32-1289, in a health care facility,  
12 ~~nursing home~~ LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY, public health agency or institution, ~~or~~  
13 ~~public,~~ OR private ~~or charter~~ school OR HOMEBOUND SETTING on patients who  
14 have been examined by a dentist within the previous year.

15 ~~3. In a homebound setting on patients who have been examined by a~~  
16 ~~dentist within the previous year.~~

17 ~~H.~~ G. A dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services under an  
18 affiliated practice relationship with a dentist as prescribed in section  
19 ~~32-1289~~ 32-1289.01.

20 ~~I.~~ H. For the purposes of this article:

21 1. "ASSESSMENT" MEANS A LIMITED, CLINICAL INSPECTION THAT IS PERFORMED  
22 TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SIGNS OF ORAL OR SYSTEMIC DISEASE, MALFORMATION OR  
23 INJURY AND THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR REFERRAL FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT.

24 ~~1.~~ 2. "Direct supervision" means that the dentist is present in the  
25 office while the dental hygienist is treating a patient and is available for  
26 consultation regarding procedures that the dentist authorizes and for which  
27 the dentist is responsible.

28 ~~2.~~ 3. "General supervision" means that the dentist is available for  
29 consultation, whether or not the dentist is in the dentist's office, over  
30 procedures that the dentist has authorized and for which the dentist remains  
31 responsible.

32 4. "SCREENING" MEANS THE DETERMINATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S NEED TO BE  
33 SEEN BY A DENTIST FOR DIAGNOSIS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION,  
34 DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT PLANNING.

35 Sec. 9. Section 32-1289, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36 ~~32-1289.~~ Employment of dental hygienist by public agency,  
37 institution or school

38 A. A public health agency or institution or a public or private school  
39 authority may employ dental hygienists to perform necessary dental hygiene  
40 procedures under either direct or general supervision pursuant to section  
41 32-1281.

42 B. A dental hygienist employed by or working under contract or as a  
43 volunteer for a public health agency or institution or a public or private  
44 school authority before an examination by a dentist may ~~screen patients and~~  
45 ~~apply topical fluoride without entering into an affiliated practice~~

1 ~~relationship pursuant to this section~~ PERFORM A SCREENING OR ASSESSMENT AND  
2 APPLY SEALANTS AND TOPICAL FLUORIDE.

3 ~~C. A public health agency or institution, a public or private school~~  
4 ~~authority or a government sponsored program that provides dental services may~~  
5 ~~enter into a contract for dental hygiene services with licensees who have~~  
6 ~~entered into an affiliated practice relationship pursuant to this section.~~

7 ~~D. The dental hygienist and the affiliated dentist must notify the~~  
8 ~~board of the beginning of the affiliated practice relationship and provide~~  
9 ~~the board with a copy of the agreement and any amendments to the agreement~~  
10 ~~within thirty days after the effective date of the agreement or amendment.~~  
11 ~~The dental hygienist and the affiliated dentist must also notify the board~~  
12 ~~within thirty days after the termination date of the affiliated practice~~  
13 ~~relationship if this date is different than the contract termination date.~~

14 ~~E. A dental hygienist must satisfy all of the following to be eligible~~  
15 ~~to enter into an affiliated practice relationship with a dentist to perform~~  
16 ~~dental hygiene procedures in affiliated practice settings:~~

17 ~~1. Hold an active license pursuant to this article.~~

18 ~~2. Enter into an affiliated practice relationship with a specific~~  
19 ~~dentist who is licensed pursuant to this chapter.~~

20 ~~3. Have held a license as a dental hygienist for at least five years~~  
21 ~~and actively engaged in dental hygiene practice for at least two thousand~~  
22 ~~hours in the five years immediately preceding the affiliated practice~~  
23 ~~relationship.~~

24 ~~F. An affiliated practice relationship between a dental hygienist and~~  
25 ~~a dentist must be in writing and must include at least the following:~~

26 ~~1. An identification of the affiliated practice settings in which the~~  
27 ~~dental hygienist may engage in dental hygiene practice pursuant to an~~  
28 ~~affiliated practice relationship.~~

29 ~~2. An identification of the procedures and standing orders the dental~~  
30 ~~hygienist must follow. The standing orders must include the circumstances in~~  
31 ~~which a patient may be seen by a dental hygienist.~~

32 ~~3. A requirement that the patients who have been assessed by the~~  
33 ~~dental hygienist be directed to the affiliated dentist for treatment or~~  
34 ~~planning that is outside of the dental hygienist's scope of practice and that~~  
35 ~~the affiliated dentist make any necessary referrals to other dentists.~~

36 ~~4. A requirement that a patient be seen by a licensed dentist within~~  
37 ~~twelve months of initial treatment by the dental hygienist. If the patient~~  
38 ~~has not received an examination and a treatment plan by a licensed dentist,~~  
39 ~~the dental hygienist shall not provide further treatment.~~

40 ~~5. A requirement that a patient sixty-five years of age or older be~~  
41 ~~seen by a licensed dentist after treatment by the dental hygienist. If the~~  
42 ~~patient has not received an examination and a treatment plan by a licensed~~  
43 ~~dentist, the dental hygienist shall not provide further treatment.~~

44 ~~6. A requirement that if a patient presents with a complex medical~~  
45 ~~history or medication regimen, the affiliated dental hygienist shall consult~~

1 ~~with the affiliated dentist prior to any treatment by the affiliated dental~~  
2 ~~hygienist. The patient shall be directed to the affiliated dentist and the~~  
3 ~~affiliated dentist shall make any necessary referrals to other licensed~~  
4 ~~dentists.~~

5 ~~7. A requirement that the patient be informed that the dental~~  
6 ~~hygienist providing the care is a licensed dental hygienist and that the care~~  
7 ~~does not take the place of a diagnosis or treatment plan by a dentist.~~

8 ~~8. Pursuant to paragraph 3, 4 or 5 of this subsection, a requirement~~  
9 ~~that the patient be informed that further dental hygiene services may not be~~  
10 ~~provided unless the patient has been seen by a licensed dentist.~~

11 ~~G. The board shall adopt rules regarding participation in affiliated~~  
12 ~~practice relationships by dentists and dental hygienists that specify the~~  
13 ~~following:~~

14 ~~1. Additional continuing education requirements that must be satisfied~~  
15 ~~by a dental hygienist.~~

16 ~~2. Additional standards and conditions that may apply to affiliated~~  
17 ~~practice relationships.~~

18 ~~3. Compliance with the dental practice act and rules adopted by the~~  
19 ~~board.~~

20 ~~H. Each dentist in an affiliated practice relationship must:~~

21 ~~1. Be available to provide an appropriate level of contact,~~  
22 ~~communication and consultation with the affiliated dental hygienist.~~

23 ~~2. Adopt standing orders applicable to dental hygiene procedures that~~  
24 ~~may be performed and populations that may be treated by the dental hygienist~~  
25 ~~under the terms of the applicable affiliated practice agreement and to be~~  
26 ~~followed by the dental hygienist in each affiliated practice setting in which~~  
27 ~~the dental hygienist performs dental hygiene services under the affiliated~~  
28 ~~practice relationship.~~

29 ~~3. Adopt procedures to provide timely referral of patients referred by~~  
30 ~~the affiliated dental hygienist to a licensed dentist for examination and~~  
31 ~~treatment planning. If the examination and treatment planning is to be~~  
32 ~~provided by the dentist, that treatment shall be scheduled in an appropriate~~  
33 ~~time frame. The dentist or the dentist to whom the patient is referred must~~  
34 ~~be geographically available to see the patient.~~

35 ~~I. Each affiliated dental hygienist when practicing under an~~  
36 ~~affiliated practice relationship:~~

37 ~~1. May perform only those duties within the terms of the affiliated~~  
38 ~~practice relationship.~~

39 ~~2. Must maintain an appropriate level of contact, communication and~~  
40 ~~consultation with the affiliated dentist.~~

41 ~~3. Is responsible and liable for all services rendered by the dental~~  
42 ~~hygienist under the affiliated practice relationship.~~

43 ~~J. Subject to the terms of the written affiliated practice agreement~~  
44 ~~entered into between a dentist and a dental hygienist, a dental hygienist may~~  
45 ~~perform all dental hygiene procedures authorized by this chapter except for~~

1 ~~the procedures identified in section 32-1281, subsection B, paragraphs 4, 5~~  
2 ~~and 6 or any diagnostic procedures that are required to be performed by a~~  
3 ~~dentist.~~

4 ~~K. Subject to the terms of the written affiliated practice agreement~~  
5 ~~entered into between a dentist and a dental hygienist, a dental hygienist may~~  
6 ~~perform dental hygiene procedures in affiliated practice settings only on a~~  
7 ~~person who is any of the following:~~

- 8 ~~1. Enrolled in a federal, state, county or local health care program.~~  
9 ~~2. Participating in the national school meal program.~~  
10 ~~3. From a family with a household income that is less than two hundred~~  
11 ~~per cent of the federal poverty guidelines.~~

12 ~~L. This section does not require any dentist or dental hygienist to~~  
13 ~~enter into an affiliated practice relationship.~~

14 ~~M. For the purposes of this section:~~

15 ~~1. "Affiliated practice setting" means the delivery of dental hygiene~~  
16 ~~services by a dental hygienist under an affiliated practice relationship~~  
17 ~~through a public health agency or institution, a public or private school~~  
18 ~~authority or a government sponsored program that provides dental services.~~

19 ~~2. "Screen" means visually examining the teeth and hard or soft tissue~~  
20 ~~of the mouth for obvious oral health problems for the purpose of advising the~~  
21 ~~patient of the need for dental care, and shall not include an examination~~  
22 ~~diagnosis or treatment planning.~~

23 Sec. 10. Title 32, chapter 11, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
24 amended by adding sections 32-1289.01 and 32-1291.01, to read:

25 32-1289.01. Dental hygienists: affiliated practice  
26 relationships: definition

27 A. A DENTIST WHO HOLDS AN ACTIVE LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER AND  
28 A DENTAL HYGIENIST WHO HOLDS AN ACTIVE LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY  
29 ENTER INTO AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP FOR THE DELIVERY OF DENTAL  
30 HYGIENE SERVICES.

31 B. A DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL SATISFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TO BE  
32 ELIGIBLE TO ENTER INTO AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP WITH A DENTIST  
33 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR THE DELIVERY OF DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES IN AN  
34 AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP:

- 35 1. HOLD AN ACTIVE LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.  
36 2. ENTER INTO AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP WITH A DENTIST WHO  
37 HOLDS AN ACTIVE LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.  
38 3. MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

39 (a) HAVE HELD AN ACTIVE LICENSE AS A DENTAL HYGIENIST FOR AT LEAST  
40 FIVE YEARS AND BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE FOR AT LEAST  
41 FIVE HUNDRED HOURS IN EACH OF THE TWO YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE  
42 AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP.

43 (b) HOLD A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE, HAVE HELD AN  
44 ACTIVE LICENSE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AND BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DENTAL

1 HYGIENE PRACTICE FOR AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED HOURS IN EACH OF THE TWO YEARS  
2 PRECEDING THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP.

3 C. AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN A DENTAL HYGIENIST AND A  
4 DENTIST SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING:

5 1. AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE SETTINGS IN WHICH THE  
6 DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY DELIVER SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE  
7 RELATIONSHIP.

8 2. AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED AND ANY PROCEDURES  
9 AND STANDING ORDERS THE DENTAL HYGIENIST MUST FOLLOW. THE STANDING ORDERS  
10 SHALL INCLUDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PATIENT MAY BE SEEN BY THE DENTAL  
11 HYGIENIST.

12 D. THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES  
13 PROVIDED THROUGH AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP:

14 1. PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ASSESSED BY THE DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL BE  
15 DIRECTED TO THE AFFILIATED DENTIST FOR DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT OR PLANNING THAT  
16 IS OUTSIDE THE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE, AND THE AFFILIATED  
17 DENTIST MAY MAKE ANY NECESSARY REFERRALS TO OTHER DENTISTS.

18 2. THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL CONSULT WITH THE  
19 AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTIST IF THE PROPOSED TREATMENT IS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF  
20 THE AGREEMENT.

21 3. THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL CONSULT WITH THE  
22 AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTIST BEFORE INITIATING FURTHER TREATMENT ON PATIENTS  
23 WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN BY A DENTIST WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS OF THE INITIAL  
24 TREATMENT BY THE DENTAL HYGIENIST.

25 4. THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL CONSULT WITH THE  
26 AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTIST BEFORE INITIATING TREATMENT ON PATIENTS  
27 PRESENTING WITH A COMPLEX MEDICAL HISTORY OR MEDICATION REGIMEN.

28 5. THE PATIENT SHALL BE INFORMED IN WRITING THAT THE DENTAL HYGIENIST  
29 PROVIDING THE CARE IS A LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST AND THAT THE CARE DOES NOT  
30 TAKE THE PLACE OF A DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT PLAN BY A DENTIST.

31 E. A CONTRACT FOR DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES WITH LICENSEES WHO HAVE  
32 ENTERED INTO AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY  
33 BE ENTERED INTO ONLY BY:

34 1. A HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION OR FACILITY.

35 2. A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY.

36 3. A PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OR INSTITUTION.

37 4. A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL AUTHORITY.

38 5. A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES DENTAL SERVICES.

39 6. A PRIVATE NONPROFIT OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

40 7. A SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION OR PROGRAM.

41 F. AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY NOT PROVIDE DENTAL  
42 HYGIENE SERVICES IN A SETTING NOT LISTED IN SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION.

1 G. EACH DENTIST IN AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP SHALL:  
2 1. BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CONTACT,  
3 COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFILIATED DENTAL HYGIENIST DURING  
4 THE BUSINESS HOURS OF THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST.  
5 2. ADOPT STANDING ORDERS APPLICABLE TO DENTAL HYGIENE PROCEDURES THAT  
6 MAY BE PERFORMED AND POPULATIONS THAT MAY BE TREATED BY THE DENTAL HYGIENIST  
7 UNDER THE TERMS OF THE APPLICABLE AFFILIATED PRACTICE AGREEMENT AND TO BE  
8 FOLLOWED BY THE DENTAL HYGIENIST IN EACH AFFILIATED PRACTICE SETTING IN WHICH  
9 THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PERFORMS DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES UNDER THE AFFILIATED  
10 PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP.  
11 3. ADOPT PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE TIMELY REFERRAL OF PATIENTS REFERRED BY  
12 THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST TO A LICENSED DENTIST FOR  
13 EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT PLANNING. IF THE EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT  
14 PLANNING IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE DENTIST, THAT TREATMENT SHALL BE SCHEDULED  
15 IN AN APPROPRIATE TIME FRAME. THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTIST OR THE DENTIST  
16 TO WHOM THE PATIENT IS REFERRED SHALL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY AVAILABLE TO SEE THE  
17 PATIENT.  
18 4. NOT PERMIT THE PROVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES BY MORE THAN  
19 THREE AFFILIATED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENISTS AT ANY ONE TIME.  
20 H. EACH AFFILIATED DENTAL HYGIENIST, WHEN PRACTICING UNDER AN  
21 AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP:  
22 1. MAY PERFORM ONLY THOSE DUTIES WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE AFFILIATED  
23 PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP.  
24 2. SHALL MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CONTACT, COMMUNICATION AND  
25 CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFILIATED DENTIST.  
26 3. IS RESPONSIBLE AND LIABLE FOR ALL SERVICES RENDERED BY THE DENTAL  
27 HYGIENIST UNDER THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP.  
28 I. THE DENTAL HYGIENIST AND THE AFFILIATED DENTIST SHALL NOTIFY THE  
29 BOARD OF THE BEGINNING OF THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE RELATIONSHIP AND PROVIDE  
30 THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT  
31 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT OR AMENDMENT.  
32 THE DENTAL HYGIENIST AND THE AFFILIATED DENTIST SHALL ALSO NOTIFY THE BOARD  
33 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE TERMINATION DATE OF THE AFFILIATED PRACTICE  
34 RELATIONSHIP IF THIS DATE IS DIFFERENT THAN THE CONTRACT TERMINATION DATE.  
35 J. SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE WRITTEN AFFILIATED PRACTICE AGREEMENT  
36 ENTERED INTO BETWEEN A DENTIST AND A DENTAL HYGIENIST, A DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY  
37 PERFORM ALL DENTAL HYGIENE PROCEDURES AUTHORIZED BY THIS CHAPTER EXCEPT FOR  
38 ANY DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE PERFORMED BY A DENTIST.  
39 PROCEDURES IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 32-1281, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5  
40 ARE SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 32-1281, SUBSECTION E,  
41 PARAGRAPH 1.  
42 K. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN AFFILIATED  
43 PRACTICE RELATIONSHIPS BY DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS THAT SPECIFY THE  
44 FOLLOWING:

1 1. ADDITIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE SATISFIED  
2 BY A DENTAL HYGIENIST.

3 2. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS THAT MAY APPLY TO AFFILIATED  
4 PRACTICE RELATIONSHIPS.

5 3. COMPLIANCE WITH THE DENTAL PRACTICE ACT AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE  
6 BOARD.

7 L. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AFFILIATED PRACTICE  
8 RELATIONSHIP" MEANS THE DELIVERY OF DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES, PURSUANT TO AN  
9 AGREEMENT, BY A DENTAL HYGIENIST WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AND  
10 WHO REFERS THE PATIENT TO A DENTIST LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER FOR ANY  
11 NECESSARY FURTHER DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND RESTORATIVE CARE.

12 32-1291.01. Expanded function dental assistants; training and  
13 examination requirements; duties

14 A. A DENTAL ASSISTANT MAY PERFORM EXPANDED FUNCTIONS ON SUCCESSFUL  
15 COMPLETION OF A BOARD-APPROVED EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINING  
16 PROGRAM COMPLETED AT AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL  
17 ACCREDITATION OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION  
18 OF AN EXAMINATION IN DENTAL ASSISTANT EXPANDED FUNCTIONS THAT IS APPROVED BY  
19 THE BOARD.

20 B. EXPANDED FUNCTIONS INCLUDE THE PLACEMENT, CONTOURING AND FINISHING  
21 OF DIRECT RESTORATIONS OR THE PLACEMENT AND CEMENTATION OF PREFABRICATED  
22 CROWNS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE TOOTH BY A LICENSED DENTIST. THE  
23 RESTORATIVE MATERIALS USED SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DENTIST.

24 C. AN EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANT MAY PLACE INTERIM THERAPEUTIC  
25 RESTORATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF A LICENSED  
26 DENTIST FOLLOWING A CONSULTATION CONDUCTED THROUGH TELEDENTISTRY.

27 D. AN EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANT MAY APPLY SEALANTS AND  
28 FLUORIDE VARNISH UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF A LICENSED  
29 DENTIST.

30 E. A LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY ENGAGE IN EXPANDED FUNCTIONS  
31 PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1281, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 12 FOLLOWING A COURSE OF  
32 STUDY AND EXAMINATION EQUIVALENT TO THAT REQUIRED FOR AN EXPANDED FUNCTION  
33 DENTAL ASSISTANT AS SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD.

34 Sec. 11. Title 36, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding  
35 chapter 36.1, to read:

36 CHAPTER 36.1

37 TELEDENTISTRY

38 ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

39 36-3611. Definitions

40 IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

41 1. "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.

42 2. "DENTAL PROVIDER" MEANS A DENTAL HYGIENIST, AFFILIATED PRACTICE  
43 DENTAL HYGIENIST OR DENTAL ASSISTANT WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32,  
44 CHAPTER 11.

