

### **313.010 Definitions for chapter.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Dentistry;
- (2) "Certified dental technician" means an individual recognized as such by the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology;
- (3) "Delegated duties list" means the list of procedures authorized in administrative regulation which may be delegated by a dentist licensed under this chapter to a licensed dental hygienist or a registered dental assistant;
- (4) "Dental auxiliary personnel" means any staff member of a dental office not licensed by or registered with the board;
- (5) "Dental hygiene" means the treatment of the oral cavity, including but not limited to dental hygiene assessment or screening, scaling and root planing, nonsurgical therapy, removing calcareous deposits, removing accumulated accretion from beneath the free gingival margin, cavity preventive procedures, and periodontal procedures that require administering antimicrobial agents along with other general dentistry activities outlined in the treatment care plan and not prohibited by this chapter or by administrative regulation promulgated by the board;
- (6) "Dental hygienist" means any person who is licensed to practice dental hygiene under this chapter;
- (7) "Dental laboratory" includes any person, firm, or corporation other than a licensed dentist, who directly or through an agent or employee, by any means or method, in any way supplies or manufactures artificial substitutes for the natural teeth, other than those unfinished substitutes normally available through dental supply houses, or who furnishes supplies, constructs, or reproduces or repairs any prosthetic denture, bridge, or appliance to be worn in the human mouth, or who performs or offers or undertakes to perform or accomplish dental laboratory technology;
- (8) "Dental laboratory technician" means any person who performs or offers or undertakes to perform or accomplish dental laboratory technology;
- (9) "Dental specialist" means a dentist who is licensed to practice in a dental specialty field under this chapter;
- (10) "Dentist" means any person who is licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter;
- (11) (a) "Dentistry" means the evaluation, diagnosis, prevention, or surgical, nonsurgical, or related treatment of diseases, disorders, or conditions of the oral cavity, maxillofacial area, or the adjacent and associated structures and their impact on the human body provided by a dentist within the scope of his or her education, training, and experience and in accordance with the ethics of the profession and applicable law.
  - (b) Any person shall be regarded as "practicing dentistry" who, for a fee, salary, or other reward paid, or to be paid either to himself or herself or to another person:
    1. Performs or advertises to perform, dental operations of any kind, including the whitening of natural or manufactured teeth;
    2. Diagnoses or treats diseases or lesions of human teeth or jaws, or

- attempts to correct malpositions thereof;
3. Diagnoses or treats disorders, or deficiencies of the oral cavity and adjacent associated structures;
  4. Takes impressions of the human teeth or jaws to be used directly in the fabrication of any intraoral appliance;
  5. Constructs, supplies, reproduces, or repairs any prosthetic denture, bridge, artificial restoration, appliance or other structure to be used or worn as a substitute for natural teeth, except upon the written laboratory procedure work order of a licensed dentist and constructed upon or by the use of casts or models made from an impression taken by a licensed dentist;
  6. Advertises, offers, sells, or delivers any such substitute or the services rendered in the construction, reproduction, supply, or repair thereof to any person other than a licensed dentist;
  7. Places or adjusts such substitute in the oral cavity of another; and
  8. Uses the words "dentist," "dental surgeon," the letters "D.D.S.," "D.M.D.," or other letters or title in connection with his or her name, which in any way represents him or her as being engaged in the practice of dentistry;
- (12) "Direct supervision" means that the dentist is physically present in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, authorizes the procedures to be performed, remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed, and evaluates the performance of the individual supervised;
- (13) "General supervision" means a circumstance of treatment in which a dentist licensed under this chapter must diagnose and authorize the work to be performed on a patient by the dental hygienist authorized pursuant to administrative regulation to work under general supervision but the dentist is not required to be on the premises while the treatment is carried out;
- (14) "Registered dental assistant" means any person who is registered with the board and works under the direct supervision of a dentist;
- (15) "Telehealth" means the use of interactive audio, video, or other electronic media to deliver health care. It includes the use of electronic media for diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of health or medical data, and continuing education; and
- (16) "Volunteer community health setting" means a setting in which services are rendered at no charge to the patient or to third-party payors.

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