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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE "DENTAL PRACTICE ACT".

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Sunset Process - Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The bill makes changes to the "Dental Practice Act" (act) by:

- Continuing the act for 9 years, until 2034;
- Updating and adding definitions;
- Changing the makeup of the Colorado dental board (board);
- Requiring the attorney general, in addition to counseling the board, to counsel and advise the board's consultants;

- Adding and updating the grounds for which the board may take disciplinary action against an applicant for licensure or a licensee;
- Allowing a licensee's submission to a mental or physical examination to satisfy the requirement to notify the board of a condition that would impair the licensee's ability to practice;
- Adding as exemptions to the act the volunteer practice of dentistry and dental hygiene under specific conditions;
- Repealing the exceptions that allow a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant to perform certain dentistry practices and including additional tasks to the list of items included in the practice of dentistry;
- Clarifying that a dental assistant, dental hygienist, and dental therapist may perform tasks consistent with rules adopted by the board;
- Requiring providers who perform itinerant surgery to develop and maintain protocols for emergency follow-up care;
- Authorizing licensed dentists to prescribe orders electronically;
- Requiring a peer health assistance program selected as a designated provider for the dentist peer health assistance program to provide training and calibration to dentists who practice monitoring services;
- Authorizing dentists to self-refer to participate in a peer health assistance program or be referred by the board;
- Requiring an applicant for dental, dental hygienist, or dental therapy licensure to pass a jurisprudence examination that tests the applicant's knowledge of the act;
- Removing a requirement that dental education schools and programs must be accredited or approved by a specific entity;
- Requiring the board to adopt rules that allow for expedited, temporary licensure during a public health emergency;
- Repealing specific tasks that are currently authorized to be performed by a dental therapist;
- Updating procedures for the construction of dental devices by an unlicensed technician;
- Updating the list of practices that are considered to be the practice of unsupervised dental hygiene;
- Repealing the specific dosages of certain drugs that a dental hygienist may prescribe;
- Authorizing the board to adopt rules that identify safe prescribing alternatives to silver diamine fluoride as a

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- treatment for strengthening teeth and preventing tooth decay;
- Identifying tasks that are deemed to be practicing supervised dental hygiene;
- Requiring a dental hygienist performing an interim therapeutic restoration to confirm a referral for follow-up care with a dentist;
- Limiting the number of dental hygienists that a dentist may supervise; and
- Authorizing a dental therapist to perform specific tasks.
- 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-104, amend
- (1), (4), (9)(a), and (10)(a); add (5.2), (10.5), and (14.5); and add with
- 4 amended and relocated provisions (5.3) as follows:
- 5 **12-220-104. Definitions rules.** As used in this article 220, unless
- 6 the context otherwise requires:
- 7 (1) "Accredited" means a program that is nationally recognized for
- 8 specialized accrediting for dental, dental therapy, dental hygiene, and
- 9 dental auxiliary programs by THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL
- 10 ACCREDITATION OR A SPECIALTY ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION
- 11 RECOGNIZED BY the United States department of education OR BY A
- 12 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION OF THE **COMMISSION**.
- 13 (4) "Dental hygiene" means the delivery of preventive,
- educational, and clinical services supporting total health for the control
- of oral disease; THE IMPACT OF THE DISEASE, DISORDER, OR CONDITION ON
- 16 THE HUMAN BODY; and the promotion of oral health provided by a dental
- 17 hygienist within the scope of the dental hygienist's education, training,
- and experience and in accordance with applicable law.
- 19 (5.2) "DENTAL HYGIENE LABORATORY WORK ORDER" MEANS THE
- 20 DOCUMENTED ORDER OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST LICENSED IN THIS STATE

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1	AUTHORIZING ANOTHER PERSON TO CONSTRUCT, REPRODUCE, OR REPAIR
2	AN ORAL MEDICAMENT CARRIER.
3	(5.3) [Formerly 12-220-104 (11)] "DENTAL laboratory work
4	order" means the written instructions DOCUMENTED ORDER of a dentist
5	licensed in Colorado authorizing another person to construct, reproduce,
6	or repair any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or other structure to
7	function in the oral cavity, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated
8	regions.
9	(9) (a) (I) "Indirect supervision" means the supervision of those
10	tasks or procedures that do not require the presence of the dentist in the
11	office or on the premises at the time the tasks or procedures are being
12	performed but do require that the tasks be performed with the prior
13	knowledge and consent of the dentist.
14	(II) A DENTIST WHO PROVIDES INDIRECT SUPERVISION MUST HAVE
15	AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING IN THIS STATE OR IN A
16	<u>CONTIGUOUS STATE.</u>
17	(10) (a) "Interim therapeutic restoration" or "ITR" means a direct
18	provisional restoration placed to stabilize a tooth until a licensed dentist
19	OR DENTAL THERAPIST can assess the need for further definitive treatment.
20	(10.5) "Itinerant surgery" means the elective oral and
21	MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY PERFORMED IN NONACCREDITED SURGICAL OR
22	TREATMENT FACILITIES OTHER THAN THE FACILITY OR FACILITIES OWNED
23	OR LEASED BY THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EMPLOYING THE
24	PRACTITIONER OR SPECIALTY-LEVEL SURGICAL CARE PERFORMED BY A
25	PRACTITIONER WHO IS NOT A GRADUATE OF AN ACCREDITED SURGICAL
26	SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAM IN A TREATMENT FACILITY.
27	(14.5)(a) "Teledentistry" means telehealth methodologies

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1	AND SYSTEMS THAT ARE USED IN A MANNER THAT IS COMPLIANT WITH THE
2	FEDERAL "HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
3	OF 1996", 42 U.S.C. SECS. 1320d TO 1320d-9, AS AMENDED, TO DELIVER
4	ORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN DENTISTRY, INCLUDING INFORMATIONAL AND
5	ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, REMOTE MONITORING
6	TECHNOLOGIES, AND STORE-AND-FORWARD TRANSFERS, TO FACILITATE
7	THE ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSIS, CONSULTATION, COUNSELING, AND
8	EDUCATION OF, OR TREATMENT PLANNING FOR, A PATIENT WHILE THE
9	PATIENT IS LOCATED AT AN ORIGINATING SITE WITHOUT A DENTAL
10	PRACTITIONER, AND THE DENTAL PRACTITIONER PROVIDING THE SERVICE
11	IS AT A DISTANT SITE.
12	(b) As used in this subsection (14.5), "telehealth" means a
13	BROAD VARIETY OF TECHNOLOGIES AND TACTICS TO DELIVER VIRTUAL
14	MEDICAL, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION SERVICES. "TELEHEALTH" IS NOT A
15	SPECIFIC SERVICE BUT A COLLECTION OF MEANS TO ENHANCE CARE AND
16	EDUCATION DELIVERY.
17	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-105, amend
18	(1)(b)(II)(A) and (5) as follows:
19	12-220-105. Colorado dental board - qualifications of board
20	members - quorum - panel - rules - review of functions - repeal of
21	article - repeal. (1) (b) (II) (A) Effective July 1, 2031, the board consists
22	of seven dentist members, two ONE dental therapist members, two
23	MEMBER, THREE dental hygienist members, and two members from the
24	public at large; EXCEPT THAT THE DENTAL THERAPIST SEAT SHALL REMAIN
25	OPEN AND A DENTAL THERAPIST MEMBER SHALL NOT BE APPOINTED UNTIL
26	THERE ARE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DENTAL THERAPISTS ACTIVELY
27	ENGAGED IN CLINICAL PRACTICE IN THIS STATE. The governor shall

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1	appoint each member for a term of four years, and each member must
2	have the qualifications provided in this article 220. A member shall not
3	serve more than two consecutive terms of four years. Each board member
4	holds office until the member's term expires or until the governor
5	appoints a successor.
6	(5) $\frac{1}{2}$ This article 220 is repealed, effective September 1,
7	2034. Before the repeal, of this article 220 pursuant to subsection (5)(b)
8	of this section, all functions of the board are scheduled for review in
9	accordance with section 24-34-104.
10	(b) This article 220 is repealed, effective September 1, 2025.
11	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-106, amend
12	(1)(a) introductory portion and (2); and add (1)(a)(VI) as follows:
13	12-220-106. Powers and duties of board - rules - limitation on
14	authority. (1) The board shall exercise, in accordance with this article
15	220, the following powers and duties:
16	(a) Make ADOPT, publish, declare, and periodically review
17	reasonable rules pursuant to section 12-20-204, including rules regarding:
18	(VI) CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR RECRUITING, TRAINING, AND
19	CALIBRATING PRACTICE MONITORS THAT ASSIST LICENSEES PARTICIPATING
20	IN PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS
21	12-220-310 and 12-220-507;
22	(2) The board may recognize those dental specialties defined by
23	the American Dental Association NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
24	RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS OR THE
25	United States department of education.
26	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-220-108
27	as follows:

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12-220-108. Attorney general shall represent board and
members. The attorney general of the state of Colorado shall counsel
with and advise the board MEMBERS AND THE BOARD'S CONSULTANTS in
connection with its THE BOARD'S duties and responsibilities under
DESCRIBED IN this article 220. If litigation is brought against the board or
any of its individual members OR CONSULTANTS in connection with
actions taken by the board or any of its members under this article 220
and the actions are free of malice, fraud, or willful neglect of duty, the
attorney general shall defend the litigation without cost to the board or to
any individual member of the board.
SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-201, amend
(1)(n), (1)(s), (1)(ii), and (1)(oo); and add (1)(qq), (1)(rr), and (1)(ss) as
follows:
12-220-201. Grounds for disciplinary action - definition.
(1) The board may take disciplinary action against an applicant or
licensee in accordance with sections 12-20-4.04 and 12-220-202 for any
of the following causes:
(n) Refusing to make patient records available to a patient
PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE, OR PREVIOUS OR CURRENT TREATMENT
PROVIDER WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER A WRITTEN REQUEST
pursuant to a written authorization request under section 25-1-802;
(s) Failing to furnish unlicensed persons with DENTAL laboratory
work orders pursuant to section 12-220-502;
(ii) Advertising or otherwise holding oneself out to the public as
practicing a dental specialty in which the dentist has not successfully
completed the education specified for the dental specialty as defined by
the American Dental Association NATIONAL COMMISSION ON

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1	RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS OR THE
2	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;
3	(oo) Failing to comply with sections 12-220-501 (1)(a)(II)(C) and
4	$\frac{12-220-503}{(1)(g)}$ SECTION 12-220-503 (1)(g) and rules adopted pursuant
5	to those sections THAT SECTION regarding the application of silver
6	diamine fluoride; or
7	(qq) Practicing outside the scope of an articulated plan
8	DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION $\underline{12-220-503}$ $(1)(g)(V)$ or
9	12-220-508 (1)(b), (1)(c)(VII), OR (2);
10	(rr) Purchasing or using an electronic health record
11	PRODUCT THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEGRATION OF A TOOL THAT
12	FACILITATES DENTISTS' COMPLIANCE WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG
13	MONITORING STANDARDS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 12-30-114 (1)(a)(VI);
14	OR
15	(ss) The failure of a provider performing itinerant oral
16	SURGERY TO PROVIDE REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP CARE, INCLUDING THE
17	FAILURE TO PROVIDE A CARE PLAN OUTLINING FOLLOW-UP CARE IN A
18	FACILITY OR TO BE PERFORMED BY A DIFFERENT PROVIDER WITHIN A
19	REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THE PROCEDURE WILL BE
20	PERFORMED IF THE ORIGINAL TREATING PROVIDER IS UNAVAILABLE TO
21	PROVIDE THE FOLLOW-UP CARE. REFERRAL TO AN URGENT CARE CENTER
22	OR HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FULFILL THE
23	REQUIREMENT FOR FOLLOW-UP CARE AND WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS
24	POLICY.
25	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-206, add (4)
26	and (5) as follows:
27	12-220-206. Mental and physical examinations. (4) A

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1	LICENSEE'S SUBMISSION TO A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BY THE
2	QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD SATISFIES ANY
3	REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH
4	CONDITION THAT MAY IMPACT THE LICENSEE'S ABILITY TO PRACTICE WITH
5	REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-30-108 (1),
6	12-220-201 (1)(j)(I), OR 12-220-310 (3).
7	(5) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
8	12-30-108 (1), 12-220-201 (1)(j)(I), OR 12-220-310 (3) BEGIN UPON
9	DISCHARGE OF A LICENSEE ENROLLED IN INPATIENT TREATMENT FOR A
10	SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH OR PHYSICAL CONDITION.
11	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-302, amend
12	(1)(b), (1)(f), (1)(g), and (1)(j); and add (1)(k) and (1)(l) as follows:
13	12-220-302. Persons exempt from operation of this article.
14	(1) This article 220 does not apply to the following practices, acts, and
15	operations:
16	(b) The administration of an anesthetic FOR A DENTAL OPERATION
17	by a qualified anesthetist LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 240 OF THIS
18	TITLE 12 or registered A nurse for a dental operation LICENSED OR
19	REGISTERED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 255 OF THIS TITLE 12;
20	(f) The practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene by
21	dentists, dental therapists, or dental hygienists licensed in good standing
22	by other states or countries while appearing in ACCREDITED OR
23	BOARD-APPROVED programs of dental education or research, at the
24	invitation of any group of licensed dentists, dental therapists, or dental
25	hygienists in this state who are in good standing, so long as the practice
26	is limited to five consecutive days in a twelve-month period and the name
27	of each person engaging in the practice is submitted to the board, in

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writing and on a form A FORMAT approved by the board, at least ten days before the person performs the practice;

- (g) The filling of DENTAL laboratory work orders of a licensed dentist, as provided by section 12-220-502, by any person, association, corporation, or other entity for the construction, reproduction, or repair of prosthetic dentures, bridges, plates, or appliances to be used or worn as substitutes for natural teeth or for restoration of natural teeth, or replacement of structures relating to the jaws, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated structures;
- (j) The practice of dentistry dental therapy, or dental hygiene by dentists dental therapists, or dental hygienists licensed in good standing by other states while providing care as a volunteer, at the invitation of any group of licensed dentists, dental therapists, or dental hygienists in this state who are in good standing, so long as the practice is limited to five consecutive days in a twelve-month period and the name of each person engaging in the practice is submitted to the board, in writing and on a form A FORMAT approved by the board, at least ten days before the person performs the practice;
- (k) The practice of dental therapy by dental therapists licensed in good standing by other states while providing care as a volunteer, at the invitation of any group of licensed dentists, dental therapists, or dental hygienists in this state who are in good standing, so long as the practice is limited to five consecutive days in a twelve-month period and the name of each person engaging in the practice is submitted to the board, in a format approved by the board, at least ten days before the person performs the practice, and the dental therapists treat

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1	PATIENTS ONLY UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST IN
2	COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 12-220-508; OR
3	(l) THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE BY DENTAL HYGIENISTS
4	LICENSED IN GOOD STANDING BY OTHER STATES WHILE PROVIDING CARE
5	AS A VOLUNTEER, AT THE INVITATION OF ANY GROUP OF LICENSED
6	DENTISTS, DENTAL THERAPISTS, OR DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN THIS STATE
7	WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING, SO LONG AS THE PRACTICE IS LIMITED TO
8	FIVE CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE NAME OF
9	EACH PERSON ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE IS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD,
10	IN A FORMAT APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE
11	PERSON PERFORMS THE PRACTICE, AND THE DENTAL HYGIENISTS TREAT
12	PATIENTS ONLY UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST.
13	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-303, amend
14	(2)(a) and (3)(d) as follows:
15	12-220-303. Ownership of dental or dental hygiene practice -
16	information to be posted - heir to serve as temporary proprietor -
17	limitations - definitions. (2) (a) The name, license number, ownership
18	percentage, and other information, as required by the board, of each
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	proprietor of a dental or dental hygiene practice, including an unlicensed
20	proprietor of a dental or dental hygiene practice, including an unlicensed heir who is the temporary proprietor of the practice, as specified in
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	heir who is the temporary proprietor of the practice, as specified in
21	heir who is the temporary proprietor of the practice, as specified in subsection (3) of this section, must be IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY
21 22	heir who is the temporary proprietor of the practice, as specified in subsection (3) of this section, must be IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY available at the reception desk of the dental or dental hygiene practice
21 22 23	heir who is the temporary proprietor of the practice, as specified in subsection (3) of this section, must be IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY available at the reception desk of the dental or dental hygiene practice during the practice's hours of operation. The information required by this
21222324	heir who is the temporary proprietor of the practice, as specified in subsection (3) of this section, must be IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY available at the reception desk of the dental or dental hygiene practice during the practice's hours of operation. The information required by this subsection (2)(a) must be available in a format approved by the board.

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1	hygienist providing care to patients on behalf of the practice.
2	SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-304, amend
3	(3) as follows:
4	12-220-304. Names and status under which dental practice
5	may be conducted. (3) The practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or
6	dental hygiene by a PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, limited
7	liability company of licensees, or by a limited liability partnership of
8	licensees is permitted subject to the limitations and requirements, insofar
9	as are applicable, set forth in section 12-240-138 relating to a
10	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, limited liability company, or
11	limited liability partnership for the practice of medicine.
12	SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-305, amend
13	(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(d), (1)(j), (1)(k), (1)(l), (1)(m), (1)(n), (1)(p),
14	(1)(q), (1)(r), and (2); and add (1)(s), (1)(t), (1)(u), and (3) as follows:
15	12-220-305. What constitutes practicing dentistry - rules.
16	(1) A person is practicing dentistry if the person:
17	(a) Performs or attempts or professes to perform any dental
18	operation, oral surgery, or dental diagnostic or therapeutic services of any
19	kind; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(a) prohibits a dental
20	therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from providing preventive
21	dental or nutritional counseling, education, or instruction services;
22	(b) Is a proprietor of a place where dental operation, oral surgery,
23	or dental diagnostic or therapeutic services are performed; except that
24	nothing in this subsection (1)(b) prohibits a dental therapist, dental
25	hygienist, or dental assistant from performing those tasks and procedures
26	consistent with section 12-220-501;
27	(c) Directly or indirectly, by any means or method, takes A

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PHYSICAL OR DIGITAL impression OR SCAN of the human tooth, teeth, jaws, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated structures; performs any phase of any operation incident to the replacement of a part of a tooth; or supplies artificial substitutes for the natural teeth, jaws, or adjacent and associated structures; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(c) prohibits a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from performing tasks and procedures consistent with sections 12-220-501 (3)(b)(III), 12-220-503 (1)(d), and 12-220-508;

- (d) Furnishes, supplies, constructs, reproduces, or repairs any A prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or other structure to be worn in the human mouth or upon the jaws, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated structures other than on the written DENTAL laboratory work order of a duly licensed and practicing dentist;
- (j) Extracts or attempts to extract human teeth or corrects, or attempts to correct, malformations of human teeth or jaws; except that this subsection (1)(j) does not prohibit a dental therapist from performing tasks and procedures consistent with section 12-220-508;
- (k) Repairs or fills cavities in human teeth; except that this subsection (1)(k) does not prohibit a dental therapist from performing tasks and procedures consistent with section 12-220-508;
- (l) Prescribes ionizing radiation or the use of an X ray for the purpose of taking dental X rays; or roentgenograms; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(l) prohibits these procedures from being delegated to appropriately trained personnel in accordance with this article 220 and rules of the board;
- (m) Gives or professes to give interpretations or readings of dental X rays, or roentgenograms, CT scans, or other diagnostic methodologies;

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1	except that nothing in this subsection (1)(m) prohibits a dental hygienist
2	from performing tasks and procedures consistent with sections
3	12-220-503 and 12-220-504 or a dental therapist from performing tasks
4	consistent with section 12-220-508;
5	(n) Represents himself or herself THEMSELF to an individual or the
6	general public as practicing dentistry by using the words "dentist" or
7	"dental surgeon" or by using the letters "D.D.S.", "D.M.D.",
8	"D.D.S./M.D.", or "D.M.D./M.D."; Nothing in this subsection (1)(n)
9	prohibits a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from
10	performing tasks and procedures consistent with section 12-220-501 (2),
11	(2.5), or (3)(b).
12	(p) Prescribes drugs or medications and administers local
13	anesthesia, analgesia including nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation,
14	medication prescribed or administered for the relief of anxiety or
15	apprehension, minimal sedation, moderate sedation, deep sedation, or
16	general anesthesia as necessary for the proper practice of dentistry; except
17	that nothing in this subsection (1)(p) prohibits:
18	(I) A dental hygienist from performing those tasks and procedures
19	consistent with sections 12-220-501, 12-220-503 (1)(e) and (1)(g), and
20	12-220-504 (1)(c), and in accordance with rules promulgated by the
21	board; or
22	(II) A dental therapist from performing those tasks and procedures
23	consistent with sections 12-220-501 (2.5) and 12-220-508 and in
24	accordance with rules promulgated by the board.
25	(q) Prescribes, induces, and sets dosage levels for inhalation
26	anesthesia; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(q) prohibits the

delegation of monitoring and administration to DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND

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1	appropriately trained UNLICENSED personnel in accordance with this
2	article 220 and rules of the board, INCLUDING REQUIRING TRAINING;
3	(r) Gives or professes to give interpretations or readings of dental
4	charts or records or gives treatment plans or interpretations of treatment
5	plans derived from examinations, patient records, OR dental X rays; or
6	roentgenograms; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(r) prohibits a
7	dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from performing
8	tasks and procedures consistent with sections 12-220-501 (2), (2.5) and
9	(3), 12-220-503, 12-220-504, and 12-220-508;
10	(s) MAINTAINS PATIENT CLINICAL RECORDS, DENTAL CHARTS,
11	IMAGES, TREATMENT PLANS, INTERPRETATIONS, OR OTHER
12	DOCUMENTATION, EXCEPT WHEN UNDERGOING A TRANSITION IN PRACTICE
13	OWNERSHIP AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 12-220-303 (2);
14	(t) (I) Pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of
15	$\label{thm:colorado} \textit{Health created in Section 25-1-103} \ \textit{and Provided to the Colorado}$
16	DENTAL BOARD, ORDERS AND ADMINISTERS IMMUNIZATIONS TO PATIENTS
17	SIX YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. THE COLORADO DENTAL BOARD SHALL
18	ADOPT RULES REGARDING DELEGATION OF IMMUNIZATION
19	ADMINISTRATION BY A LICENSED DENTIST TO A DENTAL THERAPIST OR
20	DENTAL HYGIENIST.
21	(II) DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS:
22	(A) ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS FOR
23	ANY REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS;
24	(B) SHALL ENTER ALL IMMUNIZATION-RELATED ADMINISTRATION
25	INFORMATION INTO THE COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
26	CREATED PURSUANT TO PART 24 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 25; AND
27	(C) Who administer immunizations shall disclose their

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1	$\underline{MEDICALTRAININGRELATEDTOPEDIATRICADMINISTRATION,INCLUDING}$
2	THE ABILITY TO MANAGE SIDE EFFECTS OR ADVERSE OUTCOMES, TO
3	PATIENTS AS PART OF THE PATIENT CONSENT PROCESS.
4	(u) ORDERS AND ADMINISTERS NEUROMODULATORS AND DERMAL
5	FILLERS TO DENTAL PATIENTS OF RECORD FOR THERAPEUTIC AND
6	COSMETIC PURPOSES PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
7	REGARDING REQUIRED TRAINING, ONGOING COMPETENCY, RECORD
8	KEEPING, AND DELEGATION TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS.
9	(2) A licensed dentist may prescribe orders electronically. THIS
10	SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT:
11	(a) A DENTAL ASSISTANT FROM PERFORMING TASKS AND
12	PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 12-220-501 AND IN ACCORDANCE
13	WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD;
14	(b) A DENTAL HYGIENIST FROM PERFORMING TASKS AND
15	PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH SECTIONS 12-220-501, 12-220-503, AND
16	12-220-504 and in accordance with rules adopted by the board;
17	OR
18	(c) A DENTAL THERAPIST FROM PERFORMING TASKS AND
19	PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH SECTIONS 12-220-501 AND 12-220-508
20	AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.
21	(3) A PROVIDER PERFORMING ITINERANT SURGERY SHALL DEVELOP
22	AND MAINTAIN A WRITTEN PROTOCOL FOR EMERGENCY FOLLOW-UP CARE
23	WITH APPROPRIATELY TRAINED PRACTITIONERS FOR ALL PATIENTS
24	TREATED. THE PLAN SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH PATIENT UNDERGOING
25	TREATMENT AND MUST BE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY AT THE REQUEST OF
26	THE BOARD. THE WRITTEN PROTOCOL MUST INCLUDE A PROVISION THAT
27	REQUIRES THE PROVIDER TO INCLUDE IN A PLAN OF CARE FOLLOW-UP

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1	TREATMENT IN A PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED TREATMENT FACILITY
2	WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY OF THE LOCATION WHERE ITINERANT
3	SURGICAL TREATMENT WAS PERFORMED. THIS FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT
4	SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE ITINERANT SURGICAL TREATMENT OPERATOR
5	OR AN APPROPRIATELY TRAINED PRACTITIONER WHO HAS AGREED IN
6	WRITING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EMERGENCY FOLLOW-UP CARE PLAN FOR
7	THE ITINERANT SURGICAL TREATMENT OPERATOR. THE APPROPRIATELY
8	TRAINED PRACTITIONER MUST BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE ITINERANT
9	SURGICAL OPERATOR IS NOT AVAILABLE.
10	SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-306, amend
11	(1)(a)(III) and (1)(b); and add (3) as follows:
12	12-220-306. Dentists may prescribe drugs - surgical operations
13	- anesthesia - limits on prescriptions - rules. (1) (a) A licensed dentist
14	is authorized to:
15	(III) Administer, pursuant to A PERMIT REQUIRED BY SECTION
16	12-220-411 AND PURSUANT TO board rules, local anesthesia, analgesia
17	including nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation, medication prescribed or
18	administered for the relief of anxiety or apprehension, minimal sedation,
19	moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia; and
20	(b) A dentist shall not prescribe, distribute, or give to any person,
21	including the dentist THEMSELF, any habit-forming drug or any controlled
22	substance, as defined in section 18-18-102 (5) or as contained in schedule
23	II of 21 U.S.C. sec. 812, other than in the course of legitimate dental
24	practice and pursuant to the rules promulgated ADOPTED by the board
25	regarding controlled substance record keeping AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH
26	THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AS REQUIRED
27	BY SECTION 12-30-111.

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1	(3) A LICENSED DENTIST MAY PRESCRIBE ORDERS
2	ELECTRONICALLY.
3	SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-310, amend
4	(1)(a), (1)(b)(IV), (2)(b), and (5); and add (2)(d) and (4.5) as follows:
5	12-220-310. Dentist peer health assistance program - fees -
6	rules. (1) (a) Effective July 1, 2004, as a condition of renewal in this
7	state, every AN APPLICANT FOR A DENTIST LICENSE OR A dentist applying
8	to renew OR REINSTATE the dentist's license must, AT THE TIME OF
9	APPLICATION, pay to the administering entity that has been selected by the
10	board pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section an amount A FEE not to
11	exceed fifty-nine dollars per year, which maximum amount may be
12	adjusted on January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter by the board to
13	reflect changes in the United States department of labor, LABOR'S bureau
14	of labor statistics consumer price index, OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX, for
15	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood for all urban consumers or goods. or its
16	successor index. The fee shall be used to support designated providers
17	that have been selected by the board to provide assistance to dentists
18	needing help in dealing with physical, emotional, or psychological
19	problems that may be detrimental to their ability to practice dentistry. The
20	fee shall MUST not exceed one hundred dollars per year per licensee.
21	(b) The board shall select one or more peer health assistance
22	programs as designated providers. To be eligible for designation by the
23	board, a peer health assistance program must:
24	(IV) Monitor the status of a dentist who has been referred for
25	treatment, INCLUDING PROVIDING TRAINING AND CALIBRATION TO
26	DENTISTS PROVIDING PRACTICE MONITORING SERVICES;
27	(2) (b) Notwithstanding sections 12-220-201 and 24-4-104, the

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board may immediately suspend the license of any A dentist who is referred to a peer health assistance program by the board and who fails to attend or complete the program. If the dentist objects to the suspension, the dentist may submit a written request to the board, IN A FORMAT APPROVED BY THE BOARD, for a formal hearing on the suspension within ten days after receiving notice of the suspension, and the board shall grant the request. In the hearing, the dentist bears the burden of proving that the dentist's license should not be suspended.

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- 9 (d) A DENTIST MAY SELF-REFER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PEER 10 HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR MAY BE REFERRED BY THE BOARD. A DENTIST WHO SELF-REFERS TO THE PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 12 MAY DO SO CONFIDENTIALLY AND WITHOUT DIRECT NOTIFICATION TO THE 13 BOARD, SUCH SELF-REFERRAL TO THE PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 14 SATISFIES BOARD NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 15 12-220-207 AND SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE PEER 16 HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL REPORT KNOWLEDGE OF A 17 DENTIST'S VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 220 OR RULES OF THE BOARD, 18 EXCLUDING OMISSIONS SOLELY RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 19 12-220-201 (1)(e) OR (1)(f).
 - (4.5) Before the renewal of a peer assistance vendor CONTRACT, THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE CONTRACT AND NEEDS AMONG THE LICENSEE COMMUNITY, WHICH MUST INCLUDE A PROCESS TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC.
 - (5) The board is authorized to promulgate MAY ADOPT rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-402, amend

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1	(1)(a) as follows:
2	12-220-402. Dentist academic license. (1) (a) A dentist who is
3	employed at an accredited school or college of dentistry in this state and
4	who practices dentistry in the course of the dentist's employment
5	responsibilities must either make written FILE AN application to the board
6	for an academic license in accordance with this section, IN A FORMAT
7	APPROVED BY THE BOARD, or otherwise become licensed pursuant to
8	sections 12-220-401 and 12-220-403, as applicable.
9	SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-403, amend
10	(1) as follows:
11	12-220-403. Examination - how conducted - dentist license
12	issued to successful applicants. (1) An applicant for dental licensure
13	must submit to the board proof that the applicant successfully passed the
14	following:
15	(a) The examination administered by the Joint Commission on
16	National Dental Examinations; and
17	(b) An examination or other methodology, as determined by the
18	board, designed to test the applicant's clinical skills and knowledge,
19	which may include residency and portfolio models; AND
20	(c) A JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD
21	AND DESIGNED TO TEST THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ARTICLE
22	220.
23	SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-405, amend
24	(1)(a) introductory portion as follows:
25	12-220-405. Application for dental hygienist license - fee.
26	(1) Every person who desires to qualify for practice as a dental hygienist
27	within this state must file with the board:

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1	(a) A written AN application for a license, IN A FORMAT APPROVED
2	BY THE BOARD, on which application the applicant shall list:
3	SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-406, amend
4	(1) as follows:
5	12-220-406. Dental hygienist examinations - license. (1) Every
6	applicant for dental hygiene licensure must submit to the board proof that
7	the applicant successfully completed the following:
8	(a) An examination administered by the Joint Commission on
9	National Dental Examinations; and
10	(b) An examination designed to test the applicant's clinical skills
11	and knowledge, which must be administered by a regional testing agency
12	composed of at least four states or an examination of another state, or a
13	methodology adopted by the board by rule that is designed to test the
14	applicant's clinical skills and knowledge; AND
15	(c) A JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD
16	AND DESIGNED TO TEST THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ARTICLE
17	220.
18	SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-407.2,
19	amend (1)(a) introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:
20	12-220-407.2. Application for dental therapist license - fee -
21	rules. (1) Effective May 1, 2023, every person who desires to qualify for
22	practice as a dental therapist within this state must file with the board:
23	(a) A written AN application for a license, IN A FORMAT APPROVED
24	BY THE BOARD, on which application the applicant must list:
25	(b) Satisfactory proof that the applicant:
26	(I) Graduated from a school of dental therapy that, at the time of
27	the applicant's graduation, was accredited; by the American Dental

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1	Association's commission on dental accreditation of its successor
2	organization; or
3	(II) Graduated from a dental therapy education program developed
4	prior to February 6, 2015, that, at the time of the applicant's graduation,
5	was accredited RECOGNIZED by the Minnesota board of dentistry or
6	certified by the Alaska community health aide program certification
7	board.
8	SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-407.5,
9	amend (1) as follows:
10	12-220-407.5. Dental therapist examinations - license.
11	(1) Every applicant for a dental therapy license must submit to the board
12	proof that the applicant successfully completed:
13	(a) A clinical examination for dental therapy that:
14	(a) (I) Is designed to test the applicant's clinical dental therapy
15	skills and knowledge;
16	(b) (II) Includes dental therapy restorative and dental hygiene
17	clinical skill evaluation; and
18	(c) (III) Is administered by a regional testing agency composed of
19	at least four states or an examination of another state; AND
20	(b) A JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD
21	AND DESIGNED TO TEST THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ARTICLE
22	220.
23	SECTION <u>19.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-409, add (6)
24	as follows:
25	12-220-409. Inactive dental, dental therapist, or dental
26	hygienist license - rules. (6) The board shall adopt rules that
27	ALLOW AN EXPEDITED, TEMPORARY LICENSURE DURING PUBLIC HEALTH

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1	EMERGENCIES AND ACUTE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES FOR A DENTIST,
2	DENTAL HYGIENIST, OR DENTAL THERAPIST WHO HAS MAINTAINED A
3	LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING WITH NO PAST DISCIPLINARY HISTORY PRIOR
4	TO OBTAINING AN INACTIVE LICENSE. THE RULES MUST ADDRESS:
5	(a) SUPERVISION OR PRACTICE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS;
6	(b) LIABILITY COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS;
7	(c) OTHER CONDITIONS OF OR LIMITATION ON PRACTICE; AND
8	(d) TEMPORARY LICENSE TERMS, ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS,
9	TIMELINES, AND RENEWAL OPTIONS.
10	SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-410, add (7)
11	as follows:
12	12-220-410. Retired dental, dental therapist, and dental
13	hygienist licenses - rules. (7) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES THAT
14	ALLOW AN EXPEDITED, TEMPORARY LICENSURE DURING PUBLIC HEALTH
15	EMERGENCIES AND ACUTE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES FOR A DENTIST,
16	DENTAL HYGIENIST, OR DENTAL THERAPIST WHO HAS MAINTAINED A
17	LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING WITH NO PAST DISCIPLINARY HISTORY PRIOR
18	TO OBTAINING AN INACTIVE LICENSE. THE RULES MUST ADDRESS:
19	(a) SUPERVISION OR PRACTICE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS;
20	(b) LIABILITY COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS;
21	(c) OTHER CONDITIONS OF OR LIMITATION ON PRACTICE; AND
22	(d) TEMPORARY LICENSE TERMS, ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS,
23	TIMELINES, AND RENEWAL OPTIONS.
24	SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-411, amend
25	(1) and (5)(a) as follows:
26	12-220-411. Anesthesia and sedation permits - dentists, dental
2.7	therapists, and dental hygienists - training and experience

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1	<u>requirements - office inspections - rules.</u> (1) (a) Upon application in a
2	form and manner determined by the board and payment of the applicable
3	fees established by the board, the board may issue an anesthesia or
4	sedation permit to a licensed dentist or a local anesthesia permit to a
5	dental therapist or dental hygienist in accordance with this section.
6	(b) The board shall design and implement an expedited
7	APPLICATION AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR A DENTIST WHO HAS
8	COMPLETED AN ACCREDITED RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN GENERAL
9	ANESTHESIA OR A POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES
10	COMPREHENSIVE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER
11	AND MANAGE MODERATE SEDATION OR DEEP SEDATION AND GENERAL
12	ANESTHESIA ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY-ACCEPTED STANDARDS.
13	(5) The board shall establish, by rule, criteria and procedures for
14	an office inspection program to be completed upon application and
15	renewal of anesthesia or sedation permits, which must include:
16	(a) Designation of qualified ANESTHESIA inspectors who are
17	experts in dental outpatient deep sedation/general anesthesia and
18	moderate sedation; HAVE MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
19	PROVIDING ANESTHESIA SERVICES AND HOLD AN ACTIVE ANESTHESIA
20	PERMIT TO PROVIDE EITHER DENTAL OUTPATIENT DEEP
21	SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA OR MODERATE SEDATION. AN
22	ANESTHESIA INSPECTOR WHO HOLDS AN ACTIVE ANESTHESIA PERMIT TO
23	PROVIDE MODERATE SEDATION MAY ONLY PROVIDE OFFICE ANESTHESIA
24	INSPECTIONS FOR PROVIDERS WHO REQUEST MODERATE SEDATION
25	PRIVILEGES FOR BOTH INITIAL AND RENEWAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS. AN
26	ANESTHESIA INSPECTOR WHO HOLDS AN ACTIVE ANESTHESIA PERMIT TO
27	PROVIDE DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA MAY PROVIDE OFFICE

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1	ANESTHESIA INSPECTIONS FOR ANY LEVEL OF SEDATION FOR BOTH INITIAL
2	AND RENEWAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS. AN ANESTHESIA INSPECTOR SHALL
3	COMPLETE AN ANESTHESIA INSPECTOR CALIBRATION PROGRAM CREATED
4	AND UPDATED BY THE BOARD ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS. THE ANESTHESIA
5	INSPECTOR RECERTIFICATION MAY BE COMPLETED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
6	AN ANESTHESIA PERMIT RENEWAL.
7	SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-412, amend
8	(1) as follows:
9	12-220-412. Change of address - duplicate licenses and
10	certificates. (1) Every A person licensed under this article 220, upon
11	changing the licensee's place of business OR CONTACT INFORMATION, shall
12	furnish to the board the licensee's new mailing address AND EMAIL
13	ADDRESS within thirty days after the change.
14	SECTION 23. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-501, amend
15	(1)(a), (3)(a)(VI), (3)(b) introductory portion, and (3)(b)(III); and repeal
16	(2) as follows:
17	12-220-501. Tasks authorized to be performed by dental
18	therapists, dental hygienists, or dental assistants - rules.
19	(1) (a) (I) Except as provided in subsection (1)(a)(II) of this section, The
20	responsibility for dental diagnosis, dental treatment planning, or the
21	prescription of therapeutic measures in the practice of dentistry remains
22	with a licensed dentist and may not be assigned to any A dental therapist,
23	or dental hygienist, OR DENTAL ASSISTANT.
24	(II) A dental hygienist may:
25	(A) Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis,
26	and dental hygiene treatment planning for dental hygiene services
27	pursuant to section 12-220-503 (1)(f);

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1	(B) Identify dental abnormalities for immediate referral to a
2	dentist as described in section 12-220-503 (1)(f); and
3	(C) In collaboration with a licensed dentist, prescribe, administer,
4	and dispense, as described in section 12-220-503 (1)(g): Fluoride,
5	fluoride varnish, silver diamine fluoride, antimicrobial solutions for
6	mouth rinsing, other nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, and resorbable
7	antimicrobial agents pursuant to rules of the board.
8	(D) Repealed.
9	(2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, a dental
10	hygienist may perform any dental task or procedure assigned to the
11	hygienist by a licensed dentist that does not require the professional skill
12	of a licensed dentist; except that the dental hygienist may perform the task
13	or procedure only under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist or
14	as authorized in sections 12-220-503 and 12-220-504.
15	(3) (a) A dental assistant shall not perform the following tasks:
16	(VI) Scaling (supra and sub-gingival); as it pertains to the practice
17	of dental hygiene;
18	(b) A dental assistant may perform the following tasks under the
19	indirect supervision of a licensed dentist OR THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF
20	A LICENSED DENTAL THERAPIST OR A LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST:
21	(III) Gathering and assembling information, including but not
22	limited to fact-finding and patient history, oral inspection, and
23	RECORDING OF dental and periodontal charting AS DICTATED BY A
24	LICENSEE;
25	SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-220-502
26	as follows:
27	12-220-502. Construction of dental devices by unlicensed

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technician. (1) (a) A licensed dentist who uses the services of an unlicensed technician for the purpose of constructing, altering, repairing, or duplicating any denture, bridge, splint, or orthodontic or prosthetic appliance A LABORATORY-FABRICATED INTRAORAL OR MAXILLOFACIAL DENTAL PROSTHESIS, PRODUCT, OR APPLIANCE shall furnish the unlicensed technician with a written or electronic DENTAL laboratory work order in a form approved by THAT COMPLIES WITH RULES OF the board, which form shall be dated and signed by the dentist for each separate and individual piece of work. The dentist shall make the DENTAL laboratory work order in a reproducible DOCUMENTED form, and the dentist and the unlicensed technician shall each retain a copy in a permanent file for two years AS A PERMANENT PART OF THE PATIENT RECORD. THE LABORATORY TECHNICIAN SHALL RETAIN A COPY OF THE DENTAL LABORATORY WORK ORDER IN A FILE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS. The permanent files of the licensed dentist and the unlicensed technician must be open to inspection at any reasonable time by the board or its duly constituted agent. The licensed dentist that furnishes the DENTAL laboratory work order must have appropriate training, education, and experience related to the prescribed treatment and is responsible for directly supervising all intraoral treatment rendered to the patient.

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- (b) IF A PATIENT'S CARE REQUIRES THAT MULTIPLE LABORATORY-FABRICATED INTRAORAL OR MAXILLOFACIAL DENTAL PROSTHESES OR APPLIANCES BE FABRICATED AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS PERMISSIBLE TO INCORPORATE THOSE PRODUCTS OR APPLIANCES INTO A SINGLE DENTAL LABORATORY WORK ORDER.
- (b) (c) An unlicensed technician that possesses a valid DENTAL laboratory work order may provide extraoral construction, manufacture,

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1 fabrication, supply, or repair of identified dental and orthodontic devices 2 but shall not provide intraoral service in a human mouth except under the 3 direct supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with section 4 12-220-501 (3)(d). 5 (2) If the dentist fails to keep permanent records of DENTAL 6 laboratory work orders as required in subsection (1)(a) of this section, the 7 dentist is subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the 8 board. 9 (3) If an unlicensed technician fails to have in the technician's 10 possession a DENTAL laboratory work order signed by a licensed dentist 11 with each denture, bridge, splint, or orthodontic or prosthetic appliance 12 in the technician's possession, the absence of the DENTAL laboratory work 13 order is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section and constitutes 14 the practice of dentistry without an active license in violation of, and 15 subject to the penalties specified in, section 12-220-211. 16 SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-503, amend 17 (1) introductory portion, (1)(d)(II), (1)(d)(IV), (1)(d)(V), (1)(f), (1)(g)(I), 18 (1)(g)(III)(A), (1)(g)(III)(B), (1)(g)(III)(C), (1)(g)(IV) introductory 19 portion, (2), and (4); repeal (1)(g)(II)(A); and add (1)(d)(VI), (1)(e.5), 20 (1)(g)(V), and (1)(h) as follows: 21 12-220-503. What constitutes practicing unsupervised dental 22 hygiene - rules. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS 23 SECTION, unless licensed to practice dentistry, a person AN INDIVIDUAL is 24 deemed to be practicing unsupervised dental hygiene when the person 25 INDIVIDUAL, within the scope of the person's INDIVIDUAL'S education, 26 training, and experience:

(d) Gathers and assembles information, including but not limited

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1	to:
2	(II) Preparation PROVISION of study casts for the purpose of
3	fabricating a permanent record of the patient's present condition; as a
4	visual aid for patient education, dental hygiene diagnosis, and dental
5	hygiene treatment planning; and to provide assistance during forensic
6	examination OR DIGITAL SCANS;
7	$(IV)\ Dental\ CHARTING\ and\ periodontal\ PROBING\ AND\ charting; \\ \frac{and}{and}$
8	(V) Radiographic and X-ray survey for the purpose of assessing
9	and diagnosing dental hygiene-related conditions for treatment planning
10	for dental hygiene services as described in this section and identifying
11	dental HARD AND SOFT TISSUE abnormalities for immediate referral to a
12	dentist OR APPROPRIATE SPECIALIST; AND
13	(VI) ADDITIONAL SCREENING OR SCREENING TESTS FOR FURTHER
14	INVESTIGATION OF ANY ORAL OR SYSTEMIC HEALTH-RELATED $\underline{\mathrm{CONCERN}}$
15	PERTINENT TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR DENTAL HYGIENE; AND
16	(e.5) Administers local anesthesia in compliance with
17	SECTION 12-220-411 AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING
18	MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL
19	ANESTHESIA ADMINISTRATION;
20	(f) Performs dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis,
21	and dental hygiene treatment planning FOR HARD AND SOFT TISSUE for
22	dental hygiene services as described in this section and identifies dental
23	abnormalities for immediate referral to a dentist OR APPROPRIATE
24	SPECIALIST; or
25	(g) (I) Prescribes, administers, and dispenses fluoride, fluoride
26	varnish, silver diamine fluoride FLUORIDES in accordance with subsection
27	(1)(g)(IV) of this section, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, other

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nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, and related emergency drugs and reversal agents. in collaboration with a licensed dentist. The board, by rule, may further define the permissible and appropriate emergency drugs and reversal agents. An articulated plan with a collaborating dentist for dental hygiene prescribing must describe any protocols, restrictions or limitations, follow-up and referral mechanisms, notification and disclosure requirements, and any other requirements established by the board by rule. Dental hygienists shall maintain clear documentation in the patient record of the drug or agent prescribed, administered, or dispensed; the date of the action; and the rationale for prescribing, administering, or dispensing the drug or agent.

- (II) A dental hygienist shall not prescribe, administer, or dispense the following:
- (A) Drugs whose primary effect is systemic, with the exception of fluoride supplements permitted under subsection (1)(g)(III)(A) of this section; and
- 17 (III) A dental hygienist may prescribe the following:
- 18 (A) Fluoride supplements; as follows, all using sodium fluoride: 19 Tablets: 0.5 mg, 1.1 mg, or 2.2 mg; lozenges: 2.21 mg; and drops: 1.1 20 mL;
 - (B) Topical anti-caries treatments, as follows, all using sodium fluoride unless otherwise indicated: Toothpastes: 1.1% or less (or stannous fluoride 0.4%); topical gels: 1.1% or less (or stannous fluoride 0.4%); oral rinses: 0.05%, 0.2%, 0.44%, or 0.5%; oral rinse concentrate used in periodontal disease: 0.63% stannous fluoride; fluoride varnish: 5%; silver diamine fluoride: 38%; and prophy pastes containing approximately 1.23% sodium fluoride and used for polishing procedures

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2	FLUORIDE, STANNOUS FLUORIDE, SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE, OTHER
3	SILVER FLUORIDES, HYDROXYAPATITE REGENERATION MEDICAMENTS
4	USED FOR REPAIRING CAVITIES, AND ALTERNATIVES FOR STRENGTHENING
5	TEETH AND PREVENTING AND ARRESTING TOOTH DECAY. THE BOARD MAY
6	ADOPT RULES THAT IDENTIFY SAFE PRESCRIBING ALTERNATIVES TO SILVER
7	DIAMINE FLUORIDE AS A TREATMENT FOR STRENGTHENING TEETH AND
8	PREVENTING TOOTH DECAY.
9	(C) Topical anti-infectives, as follows: Chlorhexidine gluconate
10	rinses: 0.12%; chlorhexidine gluconate periodontal chips for subgingival
11	insertion into a periodontal pocket/sulcus; tetracycline impregnated fibers,
12	inserted subgingivally into a periodontal pocket/sulcus; doxycycline
13	hyclate periodontal gel, inserted subgingivally into a periodontal
14	pocket/sulcus; and minocycline hydrochloride periodontal powder,
15	inserted subgingivally into a periodontal pocket/sulcus INCLUDING
16	CHLORHEXIDINE GLUCONATE RINSE, PERIODONTAL CHIPS, PERIODONTAL
17	GELS, PERIODONTAL POWDERS, AND IMPREGNATED FIBERS FOR
18	PERIODONTAL TREATMENT; <u>and</u>
19	(IV) A dental hygienist may prescribe and apply silver diamine
20	fluoride AND OTHER SILVER FLUORIDES upon completion of a
21	postsecondary course or continuing education course developed at the
22	postsecondary level that satisfies the requirements established by the
23	board and provides instructions on the use and limitations of applying
24	silver diamine fluoride. A dental hygienist may complete the course
25	described in this subsection (1)(g)(IV) through:
26	(V) A DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PRESCRIBE, DISPENSE, AND
27	ADMINISTER NONNARCOTIC ANALGESICS, ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES, AND

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1	ANTIBIOTICS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF A WRITTEN ARTICULATED PLAN,
2	WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERVISING DENTIST, AND UPON
3	COMPLETION OF A POSTSECONDARY COURSE OR CONTINUING EDUCATION
4	COURSE DEVELOPED AT THE POSTSECONDARY LEVEL THAT SATISFIES THE
5	REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD AND THAT PROVIDES
6	INSTRUCTION ON THE USE AND LIMITATIONS OF NONNARCOTIC
7	ANALGESICS, ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES, AND ANTIBIOTICS.
8	(h) DIRECTS DENTAL ASSISTANTS TO ASSIST IN ACTIVITIES THAT
9	ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A DENTAL HYGIENIST UNDER
10	DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST ONLY; EXCEPT THAT DENTAL
11	ASSISTANTS SHALL NOT PERFORM ACTIVITIES DISALLOWED UNDER SECTION
12	12-220-501 (3)(a).
13	(2) A dental hygienist shall state in writing and require a patient
14	to acknowledge by signature that any diagnosis or assessment is for the
15	purpose of determining necessary dental hygiene services only. and that
16	it is recommended by the American Dental Association, or any successor
17	organizations, that a thorough dental examination be performed by a
18	dentist twice each year.
19	(4) (a) Notwithstanding section 12-220-104 (13) or 12-220-305
20	(1)(b), AND CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 12-220-303, a dental hygienist
21	may be the proprietor of a place where supervised or unsupervised dental
22	hygiene is performed and may purchase, own, or lease equipment,
23	DENTAL MATERIALS, AND SUPPLIES necessary to perform supervised or
24	unsupervised dental hygiene.
25	(b) A dental hygienist proprietor, or a professional corporation,
26	LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, or professional limited liability
27	corporation of dental hygienists, in addition to providing dental hygiene

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1	services, may enter into an agreement with one or more dentists for the
2	lease or rental of equipment or office space in the same physical location
3	as the dental hygiene practice, but only if the determination of necessary
4	dental services provided by the dentist and professional responsibility for
5	those services, including but not limited to dental records, appropriate
6	medication, and patient payment, remain with the treating dentist. It is the
7	responsibility of the dental hygienist to inform the patient as to whether
8	there is a supervisory relationship between the dentist and the dental
9	hygienist. An agreement under this subsection (4)(b) does not constitute
10	employment and does not constitute cause for discipline pursuant to
11	section 12-220-201 (1)(h).
12	SECTION <u>26.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-220-504,
13	as follows:
14	12-220-504. What constitutes practicing supervised dental
15	hygiene - rules. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 12-220-501 (3), unless
16	licensed to practice dentistry, a person who performs any of the following
17	tasks under the supervision of a licensed dentist is deemed to be
18	practicing supervised dental hygiene:
19	(a) Performing a task described in section 12-220-503 (1);
20	(b) Preparing study casts;
21	(c) Administering local anesthesia under the indirect supervision
22	of a licensed dentist pursuant to rules of the board, including minimum
23	education requirements and procedures for local anesthesia
24	administration; or
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26	(e) Repealed.
27	(f) PLACING INTERIM THERAPEUTIC RESTORATIONS PURSUANT TO

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I	<u>SECTION 12-220-505; AND</u>
2	(g) ADMINISTERING AND MONITORING INHALATION ANESTHESIA
3	UNDER THE INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST CONSISTENT WITH
4	SECTION 12-220-305 (1)(q) AND PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE BOARD
5	REGARDING TRAINING AND MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS;
6	(h) Utilizing a laser for dental hygiene purposes within
7	DEFINED SCOPES OF PRACTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES OF THE BOARD;
8	(i) (I) PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF
9	HEALTH CREATED IN SECTION 25-1-103 AND PROVIDED TO THE COLORADO
10	DENTAL BOARD, ADMINISTERING IMMUNIZATIONS, UNDER THE DIRECT
11	SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST OR THE DELEGATION OF A LICENSED
12	PHYSICIAN, PHARMACIST CERTIFIED IN IMMUNIZATION, OR OTHER
13	DELEGATED PROFESSIONAL, TO DENTAL PATIENTS OF RECORD IF THE
14	PATIENTS ARE SIX YEARS OF AGE OR <u>OLDER.</u>
15	(II) DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS:
16	(A) ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS FOR
17	ANY REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS;
18	(B) SHALL ENTER ALL IMMUNIZATION-RELATED ADMINISTRATION
19	INFORMATION INTO THE COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
20	CREATED PURSUANT TO PART 24 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 25; AND
21	(C) Who administer immunizations shall disclose their
22	MEDICAL TRAINING RELATED TO PEDIATRIC ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING
23	THE ABILITY TO MANAGE SIDE EFFECTS OR ADVERSE OUTCOMES, TO
24	PATIENTS AS PART OF THE PATIENT CONSENT PROCESS.
25	(\underline{i}) Administering neuromodulators and dermal fillers for
26	THERAPEUTIC AND COSMETIC PURPOSES UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION
27	OF A LICENSED DENTIST, OR THE DELEGATION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR

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1	OTHER DELEGATED PROFESSIONAL, PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE
2	BOARD. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE
3	EDUCATION AND TRAINING, AS APPLICABLE.
4	(k) Prescribing, dispensing, and administering non-opioid
5	ANALGESIC DRUGS AND ANTIBIOTIC DRUGS UNDER A WRITTEN
6	ARTICULATED PLAN AND WITH THE AUTHORITY OF A SUPERVISING
7	LICENSED DENTIST.
8	(2) A DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PERFORM ANY DENTAL TASK OR
9	PROCEDURE ASSIGNED TO THE DENTAL HYGIENIST BY A LICENSED DENTIST
10	THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE THE PROFESSIONAL SKILL OF A LICENSED
11	DENTIST; EXCEPT THAT THE DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PERFORM THE TASK
12	OR PROCEDURE ONLY UNDER THE INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED
13	DENTIST OR AS AUTHORIZED IN SECTIONS 12-220-503 AND 12-220-504.
14	SECTION <u>27.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-505, amend
1415	SECTION 27. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-505, amend (1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows:
	
15	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows:
15 16	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental
15 16 17	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon
15 16 17 18	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon application, accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the
15 16 17 18 19	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon application, accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the director, the board shall grant a permit to place interim therapeutic
15 16 17 18 19 20	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon application, accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the director, the board shall grant a permit to place interim therapeutic restorations to any dental hygienist applicant who:
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon application, accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the director, the board shall grant a permit to place interim therapeutic restorations to any dental hygienist applicant who: (b) Has completed a course developed at the postsecondary
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon application, accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the director, the board shall grant a permit to place interim therapeutic restorations to any dental hygienist applicant who: (b) Has completed a course developed at the postsecondary educational level that complies with the rules adopted by the board. The
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon application, accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the director, the board shall grant a permit to place interim therapeutic restorations to any dental hygienist applicant who: (b) Has completed a course developed at the postsecondary educational level that complies with the rules adopted by the board. The course must be offered under the direct supervision of a member of the
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows: 12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon application, accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the director, the board shall grant a permit to place interim therapeutic restorations to any dental hygienist applicant who: (b) Has completed a course developed at the postsecondary educational level that complies with the rules adopted by the board. The course must be offered under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty of a AN ACCREDITED Colorado dental or dental hygiene school.

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dental hygiene school.

(d) Furnishes, supplies, constructs, reproduces, or repairs any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or other structure to be worn in the human mouth or upon the jaws, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated structures other than on the written DENTAL laboratory work order of a duly licensed and practicing dentist;

(6) (a) A dentist shall not supervise more than five full-time equivalent dental hygienists who place interim therapeutic restorations under telehealth supervision unless granted a waiver by the board pursuant to subsection (6)(b) of this section. For purposes of patient referral for follow-up care, A dentist who supervises a dental hygienist who provides interim therapeutic restorations under telehealth supervision must have an active license in good standing issued by the board. and a physical practice location in Colorado or within reasonable proximity of the location where the interim therapeutic restoration is placed BEFORE PROVIDING INTERIM THERAPEUTIC RESTORATIONS, A DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL CONFIRM IN COMMUNICATION TO THE SUPERVISING DENTIST A REFERRAL FOR FOLLOW-UP CARE TO A LICENSED DENTIST WITHIN REASONABLE PHYSICAL PROXIMITY TO THE LOCATION WHERE THE INTERIM THERAPEUTIC RESTORATION IS PLACED.

(c) A DENTIST SHALL NOT SUPERVISE, IN AGGREGATE, MORE THAN FIVE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DENTAL HYGIENISTS OR DENTAL THERAPISTS PERFORMING PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 12-220-508, AND LIMITS ON SUPERVISION OF DENTAL THERAPISTS MUST REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 12-220-508 (3).

SECTION 28. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-508, amend

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1	(1)(a) introductory portion, $(1)(a)(VIII)$, $(2)(a)(VI)$, and $(3)(a)$; and add
2	(1)(c)(IX) and (3)(d) as follows:
3	12-220-508. Practice of dental therapy - supervision
4	requirement - rules. (1) (a) A dental therapist may perform the
5	following tasks and procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed
6	dentist WITH AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING:
7	(VIII) Repair defective prosthetic devices.
8	(c) A dental therapist licensed pursuant to this article 220 may
9	perform the following tasks under the indirect supervision of a licensed
10	dentist, regardless of the number of hours the dental therapist has
11	practiced:
12	(IX) DIRECTING DENTAL ASSISTANTS TO ASSIST IN ACTIVITIES
13	THAT ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A DENTAL THERAPIST
14	UNDER DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE DENTAL THERAPIST
15	ONLY; EXCEPT THAT DENTAL ASSISTANTS SHALL NOT PERFORM ACTIVITIES
16	DISALLOWED UNDER SECTION 12-220-501 (3)(a).
17	(2) (a) An articulated plan between a dental therapist and a dentist
18	must include:
19	(VI) CONSISTENT WITH DENTAL ASSISTANTS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE,
20	policies for supervising dental assistants and working with dental
21	hygienists and other dental practitioners and staff.
22	(3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), or (3)(c), OR (3)(d)
23	of this section, a dentist may not simultaneously supervise more than
24	three full-time or full-time-equivalent dental therapists.
25	(d) A DENTIST SHALL NOT SUPERVISE IN AGGREGATE MORE THAN
26	FIVE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DENTAL HYGIENISTS OR DENTAL THERAPISTS
27	PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION 12-220-505 (6)(a), AND LIMITS

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1	ON SUPERVISION OF DENTAL THERAPISTS MUST REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH
2	THIS SUBSECTION (3).
3	SECTION 29. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, repeal
4	(26)(a)(I); and add (35)(a)(VI) as follows:
5	24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies
6	and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative
7	declaration - repeal. (26) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
8	are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2025:
9	(I) The Colorado dental board created in article 220 of title 12;
10	(35) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
11	for repeal on September 1, 2034:
12	(VI) The Colorado dental board created in article $220\mathrm{of}$
13	TITLE 12.
14	SECTION 30. Repeal of relocated provisions. In Colorado
15	Revised Statutes, repeal 12-220-104 (11).
16	SECTION 31. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
17	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
19	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
20	of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
21	act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
22	effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
23	November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
24	official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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