

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF NEVADA**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 631.190 and 631.215, as amended by Senate Bill No. 295, chapter 495, Statutes of Nevada 2009, at page 3003.

A REGULATION relating to dentistry; setting forth activities that constitute the exercise of authority or control over the clinical practice of dentistry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 631 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. For the purposes of paragraph (f) of subsection 2 of NRS 631.215, as amended by Senate Bill No. 295, chapter 495, Statutes of Nevada 2009, at page 3003, the Board will deem a person to exercise authority or control over the clinical practice of dentistry if the person, by agreement, lease, policy, understanding or other arrangement, exercises authority or control over:*

*(a) The manner in which a licensed dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant uses dental equipment or materials for the provision of dental treatment;*

*(b) The use of a laboratory or the decision to purchase or not to purchase dental equipment or materials against the advice of a licensed dentist if the dentist reasonably concludes that such use, purchase or failure to purchase would impair the ability of the dentist*

*or a dental hygienist to provide dental care to a patient consistent with the standard of care in the community;*

*(c) A decision of a licensed dentist regarding a course or alternative courses of treatment for a patient, the procedures or materials to be used as part of a course of treatment or the manner in which a course of treatment is carried out by the dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant;*

*(d) The length of time a licensed dentist or dental hygienist spends with a patient or otherwise places conditions on the number of patients a licensed dentist or dental hygienist may treat in a certain period of time;*

*(e) The length of time a licensed dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant spends performing dental services, against the advice of the dentist, if the dentist reasonably believes that the ability of the dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant to provide dental care to a patient consistent with the standard of care in the community would be impaired;*

*(f) The referrals by a licensed dentist to another licensed dentist or otherwise places any restriction or limitation on the referral of patients to a specialist or any other practitioner the licensed dentist determines is necessary;*

*(g) The clinical practices of dental hygienists regarding appropriate dental hygiene care or the duties that a licensed dentist may delegate to a dental hygienist;*

*(h) Patient records at any time to the exclusion of the applicable licensed dentist or the applicable patient;*

*(i) A decision of a licensed dentist to refund payments made by a patient for clinical work that is not performed or is performed incorrectly by:*

*(1) The dentist; or*

*(2) A dental hygienist employed by a licensed dentist or a professional entity of a licensed dentist;*

*(j) A decision regarding the advertising of the practice of a licensed dentist if the decision would result in a violation of the provisions of NRS 631.348 by the dentist;*

*(k) A decision to establish fees for dental services against the advice of a licensed dentist if the dentist reasonably concludes that those fees would impair the ability of the dentist or dental hygienist to provide dental care to patients consistent with the standard of care in the community;*

*(l) A decision relating to the clinical supervision of dental hygienists and ancillary personnel regarding the delivery of dental care to patients of a licensed dentist;*

*(m) The hiring or firing of licensed dentists or dental hygienists or the material clinical terms of their employment relationship with a licensed dentist or a professional entity of a licensed dentist or a decision regarding the hiring of ancillary personnel against the advice of the dentist who would perform the hiring or firing;*

*(n) A decision by a licensed dentist to fire or refuse to work with ancillary personnel if that firing or refusal is related to the clinical competence of that ancillary personnel to render dental care to patients, regardless of who employs such ancillary personnel; and*

*(o) The material terms of any provider contracts or arrangements between a licensed dentist or a professional entity of a licensed dentist and third-party payors against the advice of the dentist, if the dentist reasonably concludes that the contract or arrangement would impair the ability of the dentist to provide dental care to patients consistent with the standard of care in the community.*

*2. For the purposes of this section:*

*(a) “Ancillary personnel” means a person, other than a licensed dentist or dental hygienist, who:*

*(1) Directly provides dental care to a patient under the supervision of a licensed dentist or dental hygienist; or*

*(2) Assists a licensed dentist or dental hygienist in the provision of dental care to a patient.*

*(b) “Clinical” means relating to or involving the diagnosis, evaluation, examination, prevention or treatment of conditions, diseases or disorders of the maxillofacial area, oral cavity or the adjacent and associated structures and their impact on the human body, as typically provided by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist within the scope of the dentist’s education, experience and training, in accordance with applicable law and the ethics of the profession of dentistry.*