



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Dental Hygienists

- The bill allows dental hygienists to provide educational services (such as oral health education programs for community groups) without supervision of a dentist.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 - Dental Hygienists - Scope of Term

This section lays out the scope of practice for a dental hygienist in the dentistry chapter of the Iowa Code. Currently in Code, a dental hygienist can perform a number of services under the supervision of a dentist. This currently includes educational services. This section allows dental hygienists to perform educational services without the supervision of a dentist. Educational services they can provide are limited to: assessing the need for, planning, implementing, and evaluating oral health education programs for patients and community groups and conducting workshops and in-service training sessions on dental health for nurses, school personnel, institutional staff, community groups, and other agencies.