

DELEGATED PROCEDURES LIST - DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND LICENSED DENTAL ASSISTANTS

(Revised May 2019)

From Minnesota Rules 3100.8500 and 3100.8700; Minnesota Statutes section 150A.10

General Supervision		Indirect Supervision		Direct Supervision		Personal Supervision		PROCEDURES
DH								Perform preliminary charting of the oral cavity and surrounding structures to include case histories, perform initial and periodic examinations and assessments to determine periodontal status, and formulate a dental hygiene treatment plan in coordination with a dentist's treatment plan.
	LDA							Complete preliminary charting of the oral cavity and surrounding structures with the exception of periodontal probing and assessment of the periodontal structure.
DH								Make referrals to dentists, physicians, and other practitioners in consultation with a dentist.
DH	LDA							Obtain informed consent within scope of practice.
DH	LDA							Take vital signs such as pulse rate and blood pressure (as directed by a dentist).
DH	LDA							Take photographs extraorally or intraorally.
DH	LDA							Take radiographs.
DH			LDA					Perform mechanical polishing to clinical crowns not including instrumentation. Removal of calculus by instrumentation must be done by the dentist or dental hygienist before mechanical polishing.
DH								Complete debridement, prophylaxis, and nonsurgical periodontal therapy.
DH								Place subgingival medicaments.
DH								Salivary analysis.
DH								Nutritional counseling.
DH								Administer local anesthesia.
DH					LDA			Administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia pursuant to the rule provisions.
DH			LDA					Monitor a patient who has been induced by a dentist into nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia.

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DH	LDA							Take impressions and a bite registration.
DH								Fabrication and delivery of custom fitted trays.
DH			LDA					Etch appropriate enamel surfaces, apply and adjust pit and fissure sealants.
DH								Remove marginal overhangs.
			LDA					Place and remove rubber dam.
DH								Place and remove isolation devices or materials for restorative purposes.
DH					LDA			Place and remove matrix bands - LDA. Place and remove matrix systems and wedges – DH.
DH								Fabrication, placement, replacement, cementation, and adjustment of temporary crowns or restorations.
					LDA			Fabricate, cement, and adjust temporary crowns/restorations extraorally or intraorally.
	LDA							Place temporary fillings (not including temporization of inlays, onlays, crowns, and bridges).
	LDA							Recement intact temporary restorations.
DH					LDA			Remove temporary crowns or restorations with hand instruments only.
DH			LDA					Remove excess cement from inlays, crowns, bridges, or orthodontic appliances (with hand instruments only – LDA).
DH								Polish restorations.
DH	LDA							Apply topical fluoride, including foam, gel, or varnish.
DH								Apply topical medications, including bleaching agents, cavity varnishes, and desensitizing agents.
			LDA					Apply topical medications, including bleaching agents and cavity varnishes –as prescribed by dentist.

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DH			LDA					Remove sutures.
DH					LDA			Place nonsurgical retraction material for gingival displacement.
DH			LDA					Place and remove periodontal dressings.
			LDA					Dry root canals with paper points.
			LDA					Place cotton pellets and temporary restorative materials into endodontic openings.
								ORTHODONTIC PROCEDURES
DH	LDA							Place and remove elastic orthodontic separators.
DH			LDA					Preselect orthodontic bands.
				DH	LDA			Etch appropriate enamel surfaces before bonding of orthodontic appliances by a dentist.
				DH	LDA			Attach prefit and preadjusted orthodontic appliances
DH					LDA			Remove excess bond material from orthodontic appliances.
DH	LDA							Cut arch wires, remove loose bands, or remove loose brackets on orthodontic appliances.
		DH	LDA					Place initial arch wires on orthodontic appliances. A dentist must select and, if necessary, adjust arch wires prior to placement.
DH	LDA							Remove and replace ligature ties and existing arch wires on orthodontic appliances.
				DH	LDA			Remove fixed orthodontic bands and brackets.
				DH	LDA			Remove bond material from teeth with rotary instruments after removal of orthodontic appliances.
DH	LDA							Deliver vacuum-formed orthodontic retainers.

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								SEDATION PROCEDURES
		DH	LDA					Maintain and remove intravenous lines under supervision of dentist holding a valid general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate.
		DH	LDA					Monitor a patient during each phase of general anesthesia or moderate sedation using noninvasive instrumentation under supervision of dentist holding a valid general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate.
				DH	LDA			Initiate and place an intravenous line in preparation for intravenous medications and sedation under supervision of dentist holding a valid general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate.
						DH	LDA	Concurrently perform supportive services if the dentist holds a valid general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate, is personally treating a patient, and authorizes the allied dental personnel to aid in the physical management of medications, including the preparation and administration of medications into an existing intravenous line.
								RESTORATIVE PROCEDURES
		DH	LDA					Perform restorative procedures limited to: placing, contouring, and adjusting amalgam restorations and glass ionomers, adapting and cementing stainless steel crowns; and placing, contouring, and adjusting class I, II, & V supragingival composite restorations on primary and permanent teeth.

DH = Dental Hygienists
LDA = Licensed Dental Assistants

LEVELS OF SUPERVISION – DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND LICENSED DENTAL ASSISTANTS

(Per Minnesota Rules 3100.0100, subpart 21):

GENERAL - The dentist has prior knowledge and has given consent for the procedures being performed during which the dentist is not required to be present in the dental office or on the premises.

INDIRECT - The dentist is in the office, authorizes the procedures, and remains in the office while the procedures are being performed by the allied dental personnel.

DIRECT - The dentist is in the dental office, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure, and before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the allied dental personnel.

PERSONAL– The dentist is personally operating on a patient and authorizes the allied dental personnel to aid in treatment by concurrently performing supportive procedures.

NOTES

1. To perform any of the aforementioned procedures, a dental hygienist or licensed dental assistant must determine:
 - a) if they have already completed the appropriate training included within their program curriculum to perform the procedure based upon their graduation date from the program, or
 - b) if they need to complete a board-approved course to perform the procedure after graduating from a program.

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