

Senate Bill 1004

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Revises scope of practice of limited access permit dental hygienists.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to dental hygienists; amending ORS 680.205; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 680.205 is amended to read:

680.205. (1) [*A dental hygienist issued a permit to act as*] A limited access permit dental hygienist [*under ORS 680.200 shall be authorized to*] **may** render all services within the scope of practice of dental hygiene, as defined in ORS 679.010, without the supervision of a dentist and as authorized by the limited access permit to:

(a) Patients or residents of the following facilities or programs who, due to age, infirmity or disability, are unable to receive regular dental hygiene treatment:

(A) Nursing homes as defined in ORS 678.710;

(B) Adult foster homes as defined in ORS 443.705;

(C) Residential care facilities as defined in ORS 443.400;

(D) Adult congregate living facilities as defined in ORS 441.525;

(E) Mental health residential programs administered by the Oregon Health Authority;

(F) Facilities for mentally ill persons, as those terms are defined in ORS 426.005;

(G) Facilities for persons with mental retardation, as those terms are defined in ORS 427.005;

(H) Local correctional facilities and juvenile detention facilities as those terms are defined in ORS 169.005, regional correctional facilities as defined in ORS 169.620, youth correction facilities as defined in ORS 420.005, youth care centers as defined in ORS 420.855, and Department of Corrections institutions as defined in ORS 421.005; or

(I) Public and nonprofit community health clinics.

(b) Adults who are homebound.

(c) Students or enrollees of nursery schools and day care programs and their siblings under 18 years of age, Job Corps and other similar employment training facilities, primary and secondary schools, including private schools and public charter schools, and persons entitled to benefits under the Women, Infants and Children Program.

(d) Patients in hospitals, medical clinics, medical offices or offices operated or staffed by nurse practitioners, physician assistants or midwives.

(2) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may authorize the provision of dental hygiene services by a

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 limited access permit dental hygienist at locations or to populations that are underserved or lack
2 access to dental hygiene services.

3 (3) At least once each calendar year, [*a dental hygienist issued a permit to act as*] a limited ac-
4 cess permit dental hygienist shall refer each patient or resident to a dentist who is available to treat
5 the patient or resident.

6 (4) This section does not authorize a limited access permit dental hygienist [*to administer local*
7 *anesthesia or temporary restorations except under the general supervision of a dentist licensed under*
8 *ORS chapter 679, or*] to administer nitrous oxide except under the indirect supervision of a dentist
9 licensed under ORS chapter 679.

10 (5) A limited access permit dental hygienist may:

11 (a) Assess the need for and appropriateness of sealants[,] **and** apply sealants [*and*];

12 (b) Write prescriptions for all applications of fluoride in which fluoride is applied or supplied
13 to patients[.]; **and**

14 (c) **Provide interim therapeutic restorations to patients.**

15 (6) [*A person granted*] A limited access permit **dental hygienist** [*under ORS 680.200*] shall also
16 procure all other permits or certificates required by the board under ORS 679.250.

17 **SECTION 2. This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect**
19 **on its passage.**

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