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- (e) Monitoring the treatment and rehabilitation of impaired dentists including those ordered by the commission;
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- (g) Performing other related activities as determined by the commission.

(2) A contract entered into under subsection (1) of this section shall be financed by a surcharge of up to fifty dollars per year or equivalent on each license issuance or renewal to be collected by the department of health from every dentist licensed under this chapter. These moneys shall be placed in the health professions account to be used solely for the implementation of the dentist health program. [2022 c 43 s 2; 2013 c 129 s 1; 1999 c 179 s 1; 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 220; 1991 c 3 s 72; 1989 c 125 s 1.]

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(2) A contract entered into under subsection (1) of this section shall be financed by a surcharge of up to \$70 per year or equivalent on each license issuance or renewal to be collected by the department of health from every dentist licensed under this chapter. These moneys shall be placed in the health professions account to be used solely for the implementation of the dentist health program. [2024 c 15 s 6; 2022 c 43 s 2; 2013 c 129 s 1; 1999 c 179 s 1; 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 220; 1991 c 3 s 72; 1989 c 125 s 1.]

Effective date—2024 c 15 s 6: "Section 6 of this act takes effect January 1, 2026." [2024 c 15 s 8.]

Findings—2024 c 15: See note following RCW 18.71.310.