

WAC 246-812-250 Teeth whitening services. (1) A licensed dentist may provide teeth whitening services after receiving an endorsement to his or her dentist license.

(2) Teeth whitening services include:

(a) Fabricating whitening trays;

(b) Providing nonprescription strength whitening solutions with over-the-counter equivalent concentrations; and

(c) Providing required follow-up care and instructions for use of the trays and solutions at home.

(3) To qualify for an endorsement, a dentist must complete a minimum of two hours of instruction in teeth whitening services.

(4) Education and training in teeth whitening services must be obtained through a board-approved program or course curriculum.

(a) A presenter must submit the training curriculum to the board for review and approval prior to providing the training.

(b) The board may review previously approved curriculums as necessary or as determined by the board.

(5) To receive an endorsement for teeth whitening services, the dentist must provide evidence of successfully completing the education and training requirement in this section by submitting to the board:

(a) A declaration on a form approved by the board that verifies proof of completion of education and training signed and dated by both the presenter and the dentist; or

(b) A declaration on a form approved by the board that the education and training was included in a board-approved educational program signed and dated by both the instructor and the student.

(6) A dentist providing teeth whitening services to patients shall provide the patient with written and verbal information and answer any questions related to teeth whitening trays and teeth whitening solutions including:

(a) Procedure;

(b) Alternatives; and

(c) Risks.

(7) The dentist shall obtain written patient consent on a form approved by the board for the procedure(s) and retain the signed form in the patient record.

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