

ESHB 1678 - S AMD 423

By Senator King

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1 On page 3, beginning on line 7, after "(8)" strike all material
2 through "patient" on line 9 and insert ""General supervision" means
3 that a supervising dentist has examined and diagnosed the patient and
4 provided subsequent instructions to be performed by the dental
5 therapist, but does not require that the dentist be physically
6 present in the treatment facility"

7 Beginning on page 4, line 27, strike all of section 6 and insert
8 the following:

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) Excluding the practice of dental
10 therapy in tribal settings and subject to the limitations in this
11 section, a licensed dental therapist may provide the following
12 services and procedures under the general supervision of a licensed
13 dentist as provided under section 7 of this act and to the extent the
14 supervising dentist authorizes the service or procedure to be
15 provided by the dental therapist:

- 16 (a) Oral health instruction and disease prevention education,
17 including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis;
- 18 (b) Comprehensive charting of the oral cavity;
- 19 (c) Making radiographs;
- 20 (d) Mechanical polishing;
- 21 (e) Prophylaxis;
- 22 (f) Periodontal scaling and root planing;
- 23 (g) Application of topical preventative or prophylactic agents,
24 including fluoride and pit and fissure sealants;
- 25 (h) Pulp vitality testing;
- 26 (i) Application of desensitizing medication or resin;
- 27 (j) Fabrication of athletic mouth guards;
- 28 (k) Placement of temporary restorations;
- 29 (l) Fabrication of soft occlusal guards;
- 30 (m) Tissue conditioning and soft relines;
- 31 (n) Atraumatic restorative therapy;
- 32 (o) Dressing changes;

- 1 (p) Administration of local anesthetic;
- 2 (q) Administration of nitrous oxide;
- 3 (r) The placement and removal of space maintainers;
- 4 (s) Placement of temporary crowns;
- 5 (t) Suture removal;
- 6 (u) Brush biopsies; and
- 7 (v) Minor adjustments and repairs on removable prostheses.

8 (2) Excluding the practice of dental therapy in tribal settings
9 and subject to the limitations in this section, a licensed dental
10 therapist may provide the following services and procedures under the
11 close supervision of a licensed dentist as provided under section 7
12 of this act and to the extent the supervising dentist authorizes the
13 service or procedure to be provided by the dental therapist:

- 14 (a) Interim restorative therapy;
- 15 (b) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain limited to the
16 procedures listed in this section;
- 17 (c) Cavity preparation;
- 18 (d) Restoration of primary and permanent teeth;
- 19 (e) Preparation and placement of preformed crowns for patients 18
20 years of age or older;
- 21 (f) Indirect and direct pulp capping on primary and permanent
22 teeth;
- 23 (g) Stabilization of reimplanted teeth;
- 24 (h) Extractions of primary teeth;
- 25 (i) Recementing of permanent crowns;
- 26 (j) Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and the
27 formulation of an individualized treatment plan. When possible, a
28 dental therapist must collaborate with the supervising dentist to
29 formulate a patient's individualized treatment plan;
- 30 (k) Identification of oral and systemic conditions requiring
31 evaluation and treatment by a dentist, physician, or other health
32 care provider, and management of referrals;
- 33 (l) Nonsurgical extractions of erupted permanent teeth under
34 limited conditions; and
- 35 (m) The dispensation and oral administration of drugs pursuant to
36 subsection (3) of this section.

37 (3) (a) A dental therapist may dispense and orally administer the
38 following drugs within the parameters of the practice plan contract
39 established in section 7 of this act: Nonnarcotic analgesics, anti-
40 inflammatory, preventive agents, and antibiotics.

1 (b) The authority to dispense and orally administer drugs extends
2 only to the drugs identified in this subsection and may be further
3 limited by the practice plan contract.

4 (c) The authority to dispense includes the authority to dispense
5 sample drugs within the categories established in this subsection if
6 the dispensing is permitted under the practice plan contract.

7 (d) A dental therapist may not dispense or administer narcotic
8 drugs as defined in chapter 69.50 RCW.

9 (e) A dental therapist does not have the authority to prescribe
10 drugs.

11 (4) A licensed dental therapist may supervise expanded function
12 dental auxiliaries, dental assistants, and dental hygienists.
13 However, a dental therapist may supervise no more than a total of
14 three expanded function dental auxiliaries, dental assistants, and
15 dental hygienists at any one time in any one practice setting. A
16 dental therapist may not supervise an expanded function dental
17 auxiliary, dental assistant, or dental hygienist with respect to
18 tasks that the dental therapist is not authorized to perform.

19 (5) A dental therapist may only provide services and procedures
20 in which they have been educated.

21 (6) A dental therapist may not provide any service or procedure
22 that is not both authorized by this section and been authorized by
23 the supervising dentist via inclusion in the dental therapist's
24 practice plan contract."

25 On page 6, line 35, after "under" strike "off-site" and insert
26 "general"

27 Beginning on page 6, line 37, after "(a)" strike all of material
28 through "(b)" on page 7, line 1

29 Reletter the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
30 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Clarifies that the practice of dental therapy in tribal
settings is excluded from the provisions in section 6.

Categorizes procedures that may only be performed under the
general supervision of a licensed dentist and procedures that may
only be performed under the close supervision of a licensed dentist.

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