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By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.29.056 and 2007 c 270 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1)(a) Subject to RCW 18.29.230 and ~~((e))~~ (e) of this subsection,
6 dental hygienists licensed under this chapter with two years' practical
7 clinical experience with a licensed dentist within the preceding five
8 years may be employed ~~((or))~~, retained, or contracted by health care
9 facilities and senior centers to perform authorized dental hygiene
10 operations and services without dental supervision~~((r))~~.

11 (b) Subject to RCW 18.29.230 and (e) of this subsection, dental
12 hygienists licensed under this chapter with two years' practical
13 clinical experience with a licensed dentist within the preceding five
14 years may perform authorized dental hygiene operations and services
15 without dental supervision under a lease agreement with a health care
16 facility or senior center.

17 (c) Dental hygienists performing operations and services under (a)
18 or (b) of this subsection are limited to removal of deposits and stains
19 from the surfaces of the teeth, application of topical preventive or
20 prophylactic agents, polishing and smoothing restorations, and
21 performance of root planing and soft-tissue curettage, but shall not
22 perform injections of anesthetic agents, administration of nitrous
23 oxide, or diagnosis for dental treatment.

24 ~~((b))~~ (d) The performance of dental hygiene operations and
25 services in health care facilities shall be limited to patients,
26 students, and residents of the facilities.

27 ~~((e))~~ (e) A dental hygienist employed ~~((or))~~, retained, or
28 contracted to perform services under this section or otherwise
29 performing services under a lease agreement under this section in a
30 senior center must, before providing services:

1 (i) Enter into a written practice arrangement plan, approved by the
2 department, with a dentist licensed in this state, under which the
3 dentist will provide off-site supervision of the dental services
4 provided. This agreement does not create an obligation for the dentist
5 to accept referrals of patients receiving services under the program;

6 (ii) Collect data on the patients treated by dental hygienists
7 under the program, including age, treatments rendered, insurance
8 coverage, if any, and patient referral to dentists. This data must be
9 submitted to the department of health at the end of each annual
10 quarter, ~~((commencing))~~ during the period of time between October 1,
11 2007, and October 1, 2013; and

12 (iii) Obtain information from the patient's primary health care
13 provider about any health conditions of the patient that would be
14 relevant to the provision of preventive dental care. The information
15 may be obtained by the dental hygienist's direct contact with the
16 provider or through a written document from the provider that the
17 patient presents to the dental hygienist.

18 ~~((d))~~ (f) For dental planning and dental treatment, dental
19 hygienists shall refer patients to licensed dentists.

20 (2) For the purposes of this section:

21 (a) "Health care facilities" are limited to hospitals; nursing
22 homes; home health agencies; group homes serving the elderly,
23 individuals with disabilities, and juveniles; state-operated
24 institutions under the jurisdiction of the department of social and
25 health services or the department of corrections; and federal, state,
26 and local public health facilities, state or federally funded community
27 and migrant health centers, and tribal clinics. ~~((Until July 1, 2009,~~
28 ~~"health care facilities" also include senior centers.))~~

29 (b) "Senior center" means a multipurpose community facility
30 operated and maintained by a nonprofit organization or local government
31 for the organization and provision of a ~~((broad spectrum of))~~
32 combination of some of the following: Health, social, nutritional,
33 ~~((and))~~ educational services, and recreational activities for persons
34 sixty years of age or older.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.29.220 and 2007 c 270 s 2 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

37 For low-income, rural, and other at-risk populations and in

1 coordination with local public health jurisdictions and local oral
2 health coalitions, a dental hygienist licensed in this state may assess
3 for and apply sealants and apply fluoride varnishes, and may remove
4 deposits and stains from the surfaces of teeth (~~((until July 1, 2009,))~~)
5 in community-based sealant programs carried out in schools:

6 (1) Without attending the department's school sealant endorsement
7 program if the dental hygienist was licensed as of April 19, 2001; or

8 (2) If the dental hygienist is school sealant endorsed under RCW
9 43.70.650.

10 A hygienist providing services under this section must collect data
11 on patients treated, including age, treatment rendered, methods of
12 reimbursement for treatment, evidence of coordination with local public
13 health jurisdictions and local oral health coalitions, and patient
14 referrals to dentists. (~~((These [This]))~~) This data must be submitted to
15 the department of health at the end of each annual quarter,
16 (~~((commencing))~~) during the period of time between October 1, 2007, and
17 October 1, 2013.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The secretary of health, in consultation
19 with representatives of dental hygienists and dentists, shall provide
20 a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December
21 1, 2013, that provides a summary of the information about patients
22 receiving dental hygiene services in senior centers that is collected
23 under RCW 18.29.056(1)(e)(ii), and in community-based sealant programs
24 carried out in schools under RCW 18.29.220. This report must also
25 include the following:

26 (1) For patients receiving scaling and root planning in senior
27 center practices, an evaluation of the patient's need for pain control;

28 (2) For community-based sealant programs in schools, the number of
29 sealants applied; the teeth cleaning method selected for the patient;
30 whether the patient was reevaluated at a recall appointment; and the
31 need for reapplication of the sealant at the recall appointment; and

32 (3) For patients receiving treatment in either the senior center
33 practices or the community-based sealant programs in schools, the
34 number of referred patients that are seen by a dentist; the lessons
35 learned from these practices; and any unintended consequences or
36 outcomes.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 July 1, 2009."

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5 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "hygiene;" strike the
6 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.29.056 and
7 18.29.220; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and
8 declaring an emergency."

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