

CHAPTER 64B5-9 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES AND CERTIFICATION OF DENTAL RADIOGRAPHERS

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64B5-9.010 Prescriptions for the Services of a Dental Hygienist.

(1) For the purposes of Section 466.023(2)(c), F.S., a dentist's prescription for his patient of record for dental hygiene services shall contain the following information:

- (a) The patient's name and address;
 - (b) The dentist's name, business address and license number;
 - (c) The name, business address and professional license number of the dental hygienist who is being authorized to perform the service; and
 - (d) A statement of the specific services authorized and the frequency of the services authorized.
- (2) The prescription must be printed, handwritten or typed on the dentist's prescription pad or on his professional letterhead stationery.
- (3) The original prescription shall be given to the patient, and a copy shall be maintained in the patient's file in the office of the prescribing dentist.

Specific Authority 466.004(4) FS. Law Implemented 466.023(2)(c) FS. History--New 8-4-80, Formerly 21G-9.10, Amended 1-18-89, Formerly 21G-9.010, 61F5-9.010, 59Q-9.010.

64B5-9.011 Radiography Training for Dental Assistants.

- (1) Licensed dentists may position and expose dental radiographic films pursuant to Section 466.017, F.S.
- (2) Dental hygienists may position and expose dental radiographic films pursuant to Section 466.023, F.S., and Chapter 64B5-16, F.A.C.
- (3) Dental assistants may position and expose dental radiographic films only if they have been certified by the Department as dental radiographers or have graduated from a Board-approved dental assisting school or program.
- (4) Dental assistants may be certified as dental radiographers if they comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) Apply for certification on forms provided by the Board and submit the nonrefundable fee prescribed by Rule 64B5-15.015, F.A.C.;
 - (b) Document having completed at least 3 months of continuous on-the-job training through assisting in the positioning and exposing of dental radiographic film under the direct supervision of a Florida licensed dentist; and
 - (c) Document successful completion of a Board-approved course which meets the requirements of subsection 64B5-9.011(5), F.A.C. within 12 months after completion of the on-the-job training required by paragraph 64B5-9.011(4)(b), F.A.C.
- (5) Only courses which provide training in the following areas may receive Board approval:
 - (a) Dental radiography practice and equipment;
 - (b) Radiation biology and radiation safety techniques;
 - (c) Hands-on instruction in the positioning of dental radiograph films through the use of appropriate mannequins that will provide the didactic objectives;
 - (d) Radiographic anatomy;
 - (e) Radiographic film and processing;
 - (f) Intra-oral radiographic techniques;
 - (g) Supplemental techniques of dental radiography; and
 - (h) Infection control and sterilization techniques.
- (6) A dental assistant's certification as a dental radiographer must be conspicuously displayed to the public in any dental office where these services are performed.

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