

# Amendments to Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1678

**Key**

Underlined text signifies changes in the bill compared to previous versions over the years.

Blue text signifies language from the Substitute Bill and House Committee Amendments.

Green text signifies language from the Engrossed Substitute version, which passed out of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

	Original Version Summary	Substitute Version (Including original substitute bill and House Committee amendments)  <i>No amendments were adopted in the Senate</i>	Engrossed Substitute Version that passed out of both the House of Representatives and the Senate (Including original substitute bill, Committee amendments, and House of Representatives floor amendments)
<i>Definitions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Close supervision</u>: Means that a supervising dentist has personally examined and diagnosed the patient, has personally authorized the procedures to be performed, is continuously on-site while the procedure in question is being performed, and is capable of responding immediately in the event of an emergency.</li> <li>• <u>Committee</u>: Means the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee.</li> <li>• <u>General supervision</u>: Means that a supervising dentist has examined and diagnosed the patient and provided subsequent instructions to be performed by the assistive personnel but does not require that the dentist be physically present in the treatment facility.</li> <li>• <u>Off-site supervision</u>: Means supervision that does not require the dentist to be physically present or to personally examine or diagnose the patient.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Original substitute bill:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds dentists exempt from licensure under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to the definition of dentist in the dental therapist chapter, authorizing them to supervise dental therapists.</li> <li>• Modifies the provision that allows applicants that have successfully completed a nonaccredited dental therapy program to apply for a dental therapy license by limiting it to applicants that completed a nonaccredited program that the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (Committee) determines is substantially equivalent to CODA accreditation standards before September 31, 2022.</li> <li>• Removes tooth reimplantation from the scope of practice for dental therapists.</li> <li>• Modifies the extractions a dental therapist may perform by replacing the authorization to perform "nonsurgical</li> </ul>	<p><b>House of Representatives floor amendments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limits the authorization for dental therapists to provide emergency palliative treatment of dental pain to the procedures in the dental therapist's scope of practice.</li> <li>• Limits the authorization for dental therapists to prepare and place preformed crowns only for patients 18 years of age or older.</li> <li>• Removes placement of sutures from the scope of practice of dental therapists.</li> <li>• Provides that when possible, a dental therapist must collaborate with the supervising dentist to formulate a patient's individualized treatment plan.</li> <li>• Defines "off-site supervision."</li> <li>• Modifies the provision that allows limited license applicants to have graduated from a nonaccredited dental therapy education program that the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee determines is substantially equivalent to CODA accreditation standards by</li> </ul>

<p><i>Continuing Education</i></p>	<p><u>The department shall establish by rule mandatory continuing education requirements to be met by dental therapists applying for license renewal.</u></p>	<p>extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with tooth mobility of plus 3 to plus 4 if the teeth are not unerupted, are not impacted, are not fractured, and do not need to be sectioned for removal" with "nonsurgical extractions of erupted permanent teeth under limited conditions."</p>	<p>limiting this option to applicants that graduated before September 30, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Department of Health to adopt rules to implement and administer the provisions related to the limited license.</li> </ul>
<p><i>License issuance</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Successfully complete a dental therapist program that is accredited or has received initial accreditation by CODA.</u></li> <li>-OR-</li> <li>○ <u>Successfully complete a non-CODA accredited dental therapy program and have proof of at least 400 preceptorship hours under close supervision of a dentist.</u></li> <li>○ Passes an examination approved by the Dental Hygiene Committee.</li> <li>○ The Secretary of Health shall establish the date and location of the examination, and shall establish by rule the examination application deadline.</li> <li>○ The Hygiene Examining Committee shall establish rules for reexamination if the applicant fails, and the Committee may also approve an exam prepared or administered by a private testing agency or association of licensing authorities.</li> <li>○ The Secretary and the Committee must establish rules to implement this section.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes dental therapists from the list of authorized prescribers in RCW 69.41.030.</li> <li>• Specifies that dental therapists are "practitioners" for purposes of RCW 69.41.010 to the extent authorized in the new dental therapy chapter.</li> <li>• Removes the specific requirements and limitations regarding the exam for dental therapy licensure that the Committee must approve.</li> <li>• Requires the Committee to consult with Tribes that license dental health aide therapists and with dental therapy education programs when considering and approving the exam required for licensure.</li> <li>• Corrects references to the practice locations for dental health aide therapists.</li> <li>• Clarifies that tribal federally qualified health centers (FQHC) are a FQHC where dental therapists may practice.</li> <li>• Removes defined terms that are not used in the new chapter.</li> <li>• Makes other technical language changes.</li> </ul> <p><b>House committee amendments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes pulpomotomies on primary teeth from the scope of practice of a dental therapist.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrects error referencing the fabrication of permanent and primary teeth.</li> <li>• Fixes clerical error.</li> <li>• Authorizes dental therapists to supervise dental hygienists.</li> <li>• Requires a dental therapist to obtain liability insurance with coverage equivalent to that of the supervising dentist's liability insurance coverage.</li> <li>• Transfers all authorities granted to the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee to the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (Commission). Increases the number of dental therapist members on the Commission from two to four dental therapist members.</li> <li>• Establishes the term of a limited dental therapy license to be the same term as an initial limited dental hygiene license. Provides that a dentist providing services at a federally qualified health center is not required to enter a practice plan contract and may not face retaliation or default on a loan repayment contract if the dentist refuses to enter into a practice plan contract or supervise a dental therapist.</li> <li>• Specifies that the licensing fees for dental therapist may not be subsidized by other health professionals.</li> <li>• Adds dentists exempt from licensure under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to the definition of</li> </ul>

<p><i>Out of State Licensure</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>This section gives a path to full licensure without examination if an applicant holds a valid license and is currently engaged in practice in another state if the Secretary of Health determines the other state's licensing standards are substantively equivalent to Washington. The applicant must provide information that the Secretary of Health deems necessary to demonstrate knowledge of Washington law on dental therapy.</u></li> </ul>		<p>dentist in the dental therapist chapter, authorizing them to supervise dental therapists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Modifies the provision that allows applicants that have successfully completed a nonaccredited dental therapy program to apply for a dental therapy license by limiting it to applicants that completed a nonaccredited program that the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (Committee) determines is substantially equivalent to CODA accreditation standards before September 31, 2022.</li> <li>● Removes tooth reimplantation from the scope of practice for dental therapists.</li> <li>● Modifies the extractions a dental therapist may perform by replacing the authorization to perform "nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with tooth mobility of plus 3 to plus 4 if the teeth are not unerupted, are not impacted, are not fractured, and do not need to be sectioned for removal" with "nonsurgical extractions of erupted permanent teeth under limited conditions."</li> <li>● Removes dental therapists from the list of authorized prescribers in RCW 69.41.030.</li> <li>● Specifies that dental therapists are "practitioners" for purposes of RCW 69.41.010 to the extent authorized in the new dental therapy chapter.</li> <li>● Removes the specific requirements and limitations regarding the exam for</li> </ul>
<p><i>List of Procedures that Dental Therapists may Perform</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis.</li> <li>● <u>Comprehensive</u> charting of the oral cavity.</li> <li>● Making radiographs.</li> <li>● Mechanical polishing.</li> <li>● Prophylaxis.</li> <li>● Periodontal scaling and root planing.</li> <li>● Application of topical preventative or prophylactic agents, including fluoride and pit and fissure sealants.</li> <li>● Pulp vitality testing.</li> <li>● Application of desensitizing medication or resin.</li> <li>● Fabrication of athletic mouth guards.</li> <li>● Placement of temporary restorations.</li> <li>● Fabrication of soft occlusal guards.</li> <li>● Tissue conditioning and soft reline.</li> </ul>		

- Atraumatic restorative therapy and interim restorative therapy.
- Dressing changes.
- Tooth reimplantation.
- Administration of local anesthetic.
- Administration of nitrous oxide.
- Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain.
- The placement and removal of space maintainers.
- Cavity preparation.
- Fabrication and restoration of primary and permanent teeth.
- Placement of temporary crowns.
- Preparation and placement of preformed crowns.
- Pulpotomies on primary teeth.
- Indirect and direct pulp capping on primary and permanent teeth.
- Stabilization of reimplanted teeth.
- Extractions of primary teeth.
- Suture placement and removal.
- Brush biopsies.
- Minor adjustments and repairs on removable prostheses.
- Recementing of permanent crowns.
- Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and the formulation of an individualized treatment plan.
- Identification of oral and systemic conditions requiring evaluation and treatment by a dentist, physician, or other health care provider, and management of referrals.
- The supervision of no more than 3 EFDA's and/or dental assistants.
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	<p>and do not need to be sectioned for removal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dispensation and oral administration of the following drugs within the parameters of the practice plan contract, nonnarcotic analgesics, anti-inflammatories, preventive agents, and antibiotics.</li> </ul>		
<i>Practice Plan Contract</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>A dental therapist must submit a signed copy of the practice plan to the Secretary of Health at the time of licensure renewal. If it is revised in between renewal, a signed copy of the revised practice plan must be submitted as soon as practicable.</u></li> <li>The dental therapist shall accept responsibility for all services and procedures provided by the dental therapist or any auxiliary dental providers the dental therapist is supervising pursuant to the practice plan contract.</li> </ul>		
<i>Practice Settings</i>	<u>FQHCs or FQHC look-alikes only.</u>		
<i>Limited Licensure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOH shall issue a limited license to applicants that, as determined by the Secretary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a valid license, certification, or recertification in another state, Canadian province, or have been certified/licensed by a federal or tribal governing board in the previous 2 years that has a substantially equivalent scope of practice.</li> <li>Is currently actively practicing in another state, Canadian province, or tribe.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Files with the Secretary certifying that they have graduated from a CODA accredited program, <u>or from a program that the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee determines is substantially equivalent to an accredited program.</u></li> <li>○ A person practicing with a limited license can only perform procedures that they were licensed/certified to practice in their previous area.</li> <li>○ Upon demonstration of competency of all procedures listed in this act, the applicant may apply for licensure as a dental therapist.</li> </ul>		
<i>DQAC Composition</i>	Adds 2 dental therapists to DQAC.		
<i>Rulemaking</i>	The department of health shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this act.		