

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health care; amending s. 381.402,  
3           F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for the  
4           Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education  
5           Program; creating s. 381.403, F.S.; creating the Rural  
6           Access to Primary and Preventive Care Grant Program  
7           within the Department of Health for a specified  
8           purpose; creating s. 381.9856, F.S.; creating the  
9           Stroke, Cardiac, and Obstetric Response and Education  
10          Grant Program within the Department of Health;  
11          amending s. 395.6061, F.S.; providing that rural  
12          hospital capital grant improvement program funding may  
13          be awarded to rural hospitals to establish mobile care  
14          units and telehealth kiosks for specified purposes;  
15          amending s. 409.906, F.S.; authorizing Medicaid to  
16          reimburse for dental services provided in a mobile  
17          dental unit that is owned by, operated by, or  
18          contracted with a health access setting or another  
19          similar setting or program; amending s. 456.0575,  
20          F.S.; requiring a health care practitioner to notify a  
21          patient in writing upon referring the patient to  
22          certain providers; providing requirements for such  
23          notice; providing requirements for a practitioner to  
24          confirm network status; providing for health care  
25          practitioner disciplinary action under certain

26 | conditions; amending s. 456.42, F.S.; revising health  
27 | care practitioners who may only electronically  
28 | transmit prescriptions for certain drugs; revising  
29 | exceptions; providing construction; amending ss.  
30 | 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; conforming cross-  
31 | references; amending s. 627.6471, F.S.; requiring  
32 | certain health insurers to apply payments for services  
33 | provided by nonpreferred providers toward insureds'  
34 | deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums if specified  
35 | conditions are met; amending s. 466.001, F.S.;  
36 | revising legislative purpose and intent; amending s.  
37 | 466.002, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s.  
38 | 466.003, F.S.; defining the terms "dental therapist"  
39 | and "dental therapy"; amending s. 466.004, F.S.;  
40 | requiring the chair of the Board of Dentistry to  
41 | appoint a Council on Dental Therapy, effective after a  
42 | specified timeframe; providing for membership,  
43 | meetings, and the purpose of the council; amending s.  
44 | 466.006, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms  
45 | "full-time practice" and "full-time practice of  
46 | dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this  
47 | state within 1 year" to include full-time faculty  
48 | members of certain dental therapy schools; amending s.  
49 | 466.009, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to  
50 | allow any person who fails the dental therapy

51 examination to retake the examination; providing that  
52 a person who fails a practical or clinical examination  
53 to practice dental therapy and who has failed one part  
54 or procedure of the examination may be required to  
55 retake only that part or procedure to pass the  
56 examination; amending s. 466.011, F.S.; requiring the  
57 board to certify an applicant for licensure as a  
58 dental therapist; creating s. 466.0136, F.S.;

59 requiring the board to require each licensed dental  
60 therapist to complete a specified number of hours of  
61 continuing education; requiring the board to adopt  
62 rules and guidelines; authorizing the board to excuse  
63 licensees from continuing education requirements in  
64 certain circumstances; amending s. 466.016, F.S.;

65 requiring a practitioner of dental therapy to post and  
66 display her or his license in each office where she or  
67 he practices; amending s. 466.017, F.S.; requiring the  
68 board to adopt certain rules relating to dental  
69 therapists; authorizing a dental therapist to  
70 administer local anesthesia under certain  
71 circumstances; authorizing a dental therapist under  
72 the direct supervision of a dentist to perform certain  
73 duties if specified requirements are met; authorizing  
74 a dental therapist providing services in a mobile  
75 dental unit under the general supervision of a dentist

76 | to perform certain duties if specified requirements  
77 | are met; requiring a dental therapist to notify the  
78 | board in writing within a specified timeframe after  
79 | specified adverse incidents; requiring a complete  
80 | written report to be filed with the board within a  
81 | specified timeframe; providing for disciplinary action  
82 | of a dental therapist; amending s. 466.018, F.S.;  
83 | providing that a dentist of record remains primarily  
84 | responsible for the dental treatment of a patient  
85 | regardless of whether the treatment is provided by a  
86 | dental therapist; requiring that the initials of a  
87 | dental therapist who renders treatment to a patient be  
88 | placed in the record of the patient; creating s.  
89 | 466.0225, F.S.; providing application requirements and  
90 | examination and licensure qualifications for dental  
91 | therapists; creating s. 466.0227, F.S.; authorizing a  
92 | dental therapist to perform specified services under  
93 | the general supervision of a dentist under certain  
94 | conditions; requiring that a collaborative management  
95 | agreement be signed by a supervising dentist and a  
96 | dental therapist and to include certain information;  
97 | requiring the supervising dentist to determine the  
98 | number of hours of practice that a dental therapist  
99 | must complete before performing certain authorized  
100 | services; authorizing a supervising dentist to

101 restrict or limit the dental therapist's practice in a  
102 collaborative management agreement; providing that a  
103 supervising dentist may authorize a dental therapist  
104 to provide dental therapy services to a patient before  
105 the dentist examines or diagnoses the patient under  
106 certain conditions; requiring a supervising dentist to  
107 be licensed and practicing in this state; specifying  
108 that the supervising dentist is responsible for  
109 certain services; amending s. 466.023, F.S.;

110 authorizing dental hygienists to use lasers in the  
111 practice of dental hygiene under certain  
112 circumstances; providing requirements for the use of  
113 lasers by dental hygienists; amending s. 466.026,  
114 F.S.; providing criminal penalties; amending s.  
115 466.028, F.S.; revising grounds for denial of a  
116 license or disciplinary action to include the practice  
117 of dental therapy; amending s. 466.0285, F.S.;

118 prohibiting persons other than licensed dentists from  
119 employing a dental therapist in the operation of a  
120 dental office and from controlling the use of any  
121 dental equipment or material in certain circumstances;  
122 amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming a provision to  
123 changes made by the act; requiring the department, in  
124 consultation with the board and the Agency for Health  
125 Care Administration, to provide reports to the

126 Legislature by specified dates; requiring that certain  
 127 information and recommendations be included in the  
 128 reports; providing an effective date.

130 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

132 **Section 1. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) of**  
 133 **section 381.402, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (b) of**  
 134 **subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:**

135 381.402 Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical  
 136 Education Program.—

137 (2) The following licensed or certified health care  
 138 practitioners are eligible to participate in the program:

139 (h) Subject to specific appropriation, medical doctors or  
 140 doctors of osteopathic medicine who are board certified or board  
 141 eligible in emergency medicine and employed by or under contract  
 142 with a rural hospital as defined in s. 395.602(2)(b) or a rural  
 143 emergency hospital as defined in s. 395.607(1)(a) to provide  
 144 medical care in the rural hospital's or rural emergency  
 145 hospital's emergency department.

147 Primary care medical specialties for physicians include  
 148 obstetrics, gynecology, general and family practice, geriatrics,  
 149 internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, and other specialties  
 150 which may be identified by the Department of Health.

151 (3) From the funds available, the Department of Health  
152 shall make payments as follows:

153 (b) All payments are contingent on continued proof of:

154 1.a. Primary care practice in a rural hospital as defined  
155 in s. 395.602(2)(b) or an underserved area designated by the  
156 Department of Health, provided the practitioner accepts Medicaid  
157 reimbursement if eligible for such reimbursement; ~~or~~

158 b. Subject to specific appropriation, emergency medicine  
159 practice in a rural hospital as defined in s. 395.602(2)(b) or  
160 rural emergency hospital as defined in s. 395.607(1)(a),  
161 provided the practitioner accepts Medicaid reimbursement if  
162 eligible for such reimbursement; or

163 ~~c.b.~~ For practitioners other than physicians, practice in  
164 other settings, including, but not limited to, a nursing home  
165 facility as defined in s. 400.021, a home health agency as  
166 defined in s. 400.462, or an intermediate care facility for the  
167 developmentally disabled as defined in s. 400.960. Any such  
168 setting must be located in, or serve residents or patients in,  
169 an underserved area designated by the Department of Health and  
170 must provide services to Medicaid patients.

171 2. Providing 25 hours annually of volunteer ~~primary care~~  
172 services within the practitioner's scope of practice in a free  
173 clinic as specified in s. 766.1115(3)(d)14. or through another  
174 volunteer program operated ~~by the state~~ pursuant to part IV of  
175 chapter 110 and approved by the department. In order to meet the

176 requirements of this subparagraph, the volunteer hours must be  
177 verifiable in a manner determined by the department.

178 **Section 2. Section 381.403, Florida Statutes, is created**  
179 **to read:**

180 381.403 Rural Access to Primary and Preventive Care Grant  
181 Program.—The Legislature recognizes that access to primary and  
182 preventive health care is critical for the well-being of the  
183 residents of this state. The Legislature also recognizes that  
184 many rural areas of this state have significantly fewer  
185 available physicians, physician assistants, and autonomous  
186 advanced practice registered nurses who serve those areas. To  
187 increase the availability of health care in such underserved  
188 rural areas, there is created the Rural Access to Primary and  
189 Preventive Care Grant Program within the Department of Health to  
190 use grants to incentivize the creation or expansion of health  
191 care practices in those areas.

192 (1) As used in this section, the term:

193 (a) "Autonomous advanced practice registered nurse" means  
194 an advanced practice registered nurse who is registered under s.  
195 464.0123 to engage in autonomous practice.

196 (b) "Majority ownership" means ownership of more than 50  
197 percent of the interests in a private practice.

198 (c) "Physician" means a physician licensed under chapter  
199 458 or chapter 459.

200 (d) "Physician assistant" means a physician assistant



201 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 to perform medical  
202 services delegated by a supervising physician.

203 (e) "Preventive care" means routine health care services  
204 designed to prevent illness. The term includes, but is not  
205 limited to, general physical examinations provided on an annual  
206 basis, screenings for acute or chronic illnesses, and patient  
207 counseling to promote overall wellness and avoid the need for  
208 emergency services.

209 (f) "Primary care" means health care services focused  
210 primarily on preventive care, wellness care, and treatment for  
211 common illnesses. The term may include the health care provider  
212 serving as a patient's entry point into the overall health care  
213 system and coordinating a patient's care among specialists or  
214 acute care settings. The term does not include elective services  
215 provided solely for cosmetic purposes.

216 (g) "Program" means the Rural Access to Primary and  
217 Preventive Care Grant Program.

218 (h) "Qualifying rural area" means a rural community as  
219 defined in s. 288.0657 in this state which is also designated as  
220 a health professional shortage area by the Health Resources and  
221 Services Administration of the United States Department of  
222 Health and Human Services.

223 (2) The department shall award grants under the program to  
224 physicians, physician assistants, and autonomous advanced  
225 practice registered nurses who intend to open a new private

226 practice in a qualifying rural area or who intend to open a new  
227 location within a qualifying rural area if the current private  
228 practice is located in a different county. To qualify for a  
229 grant, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

230 (a) The practice must:

231 1. Have majority ownership by physicians, physician  
232 assistants, or autonomous advanced practice registered nurses,  
233 or a combination thereof.

234 2. Be physically located in a qualifying rural area and  
235 serve at that location patients who live in that qualifying  
236 rural area or in other nearby qualifying rural areas. The  
237 practice may also serve patients who reside outside of a  
238 qualifying rural area. While the practice may use telehealth to  
239 supplement the services provided at the location, the majority  
240 of services provided by the practice must be provided in-person  
241 at the physical location.

242 3. Accept Medicaid patients.

243 4. Provide services solely in primary care or preventative  
244 care, except that a physician, and any nurse licensed under  
245 chapter 464 or any physician assistant supervised by the  
246 physician, may provide services at the practice in primary care  
247 or preventative care, or services that are within the  
248 practitioner's scope of practice based on the physician's board-  
249 certified specialty in obstetrics, gynecology, general and  
250 family practice, geriatrics, internal medicine, pediatrics, or

251 psychiatry.

252 (b) The owners of the practice must commit to providing  
253 the following information to the department on an annual basis,  
254 and upon request by the department, for the duration of the  
255 contract entered into pursuant to subsection (6):

256 1. Deidentified patient encounter data.

257 2. A detailed report on the use of grant funds until such  
258 funds are expended.

259 (3) By March 1, 2026, the department shall create an  
260 application process for eligible physicians, physician  
261 assistants, and autonomous advanced practice registered nurses  
262 to apply for grants under the program. The application must  
263 require a detailed budget of anticipated use of grant funds and  
264 how the new or existing practice will meet the requirements of  
265 subsection (2). The department shall establish a ranking system  
266 to determine which applicants will be awarded grants if there  
267 are more applicants for the program than can be awarded grants  
268 with available appropriated funds.

269 (4) Subject to specific appropriation, the department may  
270 award grants of up to \$250,000 to eligible applicants. Only one  
271 grant may be awarded per practice. Grant funds awarded for  
272 establishing a new private practice or a new practice location  
273 may be used for any of the following expenses:

274 (a) Facility construction, acquisition, renovation, or  
275 lease.

- 276        (b) Purchasing medical equipment.
- 277        (c) Purchasing or implementing information technology
- 278 equipment or services.
- 279        (d) Purchasing or implementing telehealth technology.
- 280        (e) Training on the use of medical equipment, information
- 281 technology, or telehealth technology implemented under paragraph
- 282 (b), paragraph (c), or paragraph (d), respectively.
- 283        (5) Grant funds may not be used for any of the following:
- 284            (a) Salaries.
- 285            (b) Utilities.
- 286            (c) Internet or telecommunications services other than
- 287 those necessary for implementing telehealth technology under
- 288 paragraph (4) (d).
- 289            (d) Insurance.
- 290            (e) Incidental maintenance and repairs.
- 291            (f) Disposable medical supplies.
- 292            (g) Medicines or vaccines.
- 293            (h) Licensing or certification fees, including costs for
- 294 continuing education other than training under paragraph (4) (e).
- 295        (6) The department shall enter into a contract with each
- 296 grant recipient which details the requirements for the
- 297 expenditure of grant funds for that recipient. The contract must
- 298 include, at a minimum, all of the following:
- 299            (a) The purpose of the contract.
- 300            (b) Specific performance standards and responsibilities

301 for the recipient under the contract, including penalties for  
302 not meeting such performance standards and responsibilities.

303 (c) A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable.

304 (d) Reporting requirements for grant recipients to provide  
305 information to the department under paragraph (2)(b) as well as  
306 any additional information the department deems necessary for  
307 the administration of the program.

308 (7) The department may adopt rules to implement the  
309 program.

310 (8) Beginning July 1, 2026, and each year thereafter in  
311 which there are outstanding contracts with grant recipients  
312 under subsection (6), the department shall provide a report to  
313 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
314 the House of Representatives which includes, but need not be  
315 limited to, all of the following:

316 (a) Each grant awarded, including the proposed uses for  
317 each grant.

318 (b) The progress on each outstanding contract.

319 (c) The number of patients residing in rural areas who  
320 were served by grant awardees.

321 (d) The number of Medicaid recipients who were served by  
322 grant awardees.

323 (e) The number and types of services provided during  
324 patient encounters in locations opened under the program.

325 (f) The number of health care practitioners, delineated by

326 licensure type, providing services in locations opened under the  
327 program.

328 (9) This section is repealed July 1, 2035, unless reviewed  
329 and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

330 **Section 3. Section 381.9856, Florida Statutes, is created**  
331 **to read:**

332 381.9856 Stroke, Cardiac, and Obstetric Response and  
333 Education Grant Program.—

334 (1) PROGRAM CREATION.—The Stroke, Cardiac, and Obstetric  
335 Response and Education (SCORE) Grant Program is created within  
336 the Department of Health.

337 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the program is to improve  
338 patient outcomes and the coordination of emergency medical care  
339 in rural communities by increasing access to high-quality  
340 stroke, cardiac, and obstetric care through the application of  
341 technology and innovative training, such as blended learning  
342 training programs. Blended learning training programs ensure  
343 that participants gain both the theoretical foundations of  
344 diagnosis and management as well as real-world clinical  
345 experience through scenario-based learning, ultimately enhancing  
346 decisionmaking and patient outcomes.

347 (3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

348 (a) "Blended learning training program" means a structured  
349 educational model that uses blended learning methodologies,  
350 including simulation-based training, virtual reality, and

351 distance learning technologies, in conjunction with hands-on  
352 instruction, such as simulation-based practice, and in-person  
353 skills sessions to provide comprehensive education.

354 (b) "High-risk care provider" means a licensed health care  
355 facility or licensed ambulance service that regularly provides  
356 emergency or ongoing care to patients experiencing a stroke,  
357 heart attack, or pregnancy-related emergency.

358 (c) "Rural community" has the same meaning as provided in  
359 s. 288.0657.

360 (4) GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—

361 (a) The department shall award grants to high-risk care  
362 providers serving rural communities to accomplish at least one  
363 of the following initiatives:

364 1. Implement a blended learning training program for  
365 health care providers in stroke care protocols and best  
366 practices.

367 2. Purchase simulation equipment and technology for  
368 training.

369 3. Establish telehealth capabilities between prehospital  
370 providers, such as paramedics or emergency medical technicians,  
371 and in-hospital providers, such as neurologists, to expedite  
372 emergency stroke care, emergency cardiac care, or emergency  
373 obstetric care.

374 4. Develop quality improvement programs in one or more of  
375 the following specialty areas: emergency stroke care, emergency

376 cardiac care, or emergency obstetric care.

377 (b) Priority must be given to proposals that:

378 1. Demonstrate collaboration between prehospital and in-  
379 hospital providers; or

380 2. Show potential for significant improvement in patient  
381 outcomes in rural communities.

382 (5) FUNDING LIMITS; REPORTING.—

383 (a) Individual grants may not exceed \$100,000 per year.

384 (b) Grant recipients must submit quarterly reports to the  
385 department documenting program activities, expenditures, and  
386 outcomes.

387 (6) ADMINISTRATION.—The department shall monitor program  
388 implementation and outcomes. The department shall submit an  
389 annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
390 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1 of  
391 each year, detailing program implementation and outcomes.

392 (7) RULEMAKING.—The department may adopt rules to  
393 implement this section.

394 (8) IMPLEMENTATION.—This section may be implemented only  
395 to the extent specifically funded by legislative appropriation.

396 (9) REPEAL.—This section is repealed July 1, 2030, unless  
397 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
398 Legislature.

399 **Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 395.6061, Florida**  
400 **Statutes, is amended to read:**



401 395.6061 Rural hospital capital improvement.—There is  
402 established a rural hospital capital improvement grant program.

403 (2) (a) Each rural hospital as defined in s. 395.602 shall  
404 receive a minimum of \$100,000 annually, subject to legislative  
405 appropriation, upon application to the Department of Health, for  
406 projects to acquire, repair, improve, or upgrade systems,  
407 facilities, or equipment. Such projects may include, but are not  
408 limited to, the following:

409 1. Establishing mobile care units to provide primary care  
410 services, behavioral health services, or obstetric and  
411 gynecological services in rural health professional shortage  
412 areas.

413 2. Establishing telehealth kiosks to provide urgent care  
414 and primary care services remotely in rural health professional  
415 shortage areas.

416 (b) As used in this subsection, the term:

417 1. "Preventive care" means routine health care services  
418 designed to prevent illness. The term includes, but is not  
419 limited to, general physical examinations provided on an annual  
420 basis, screenings for acute or chronic illnesses, and patient  
421 counseling to promote overall wellness and avoid the need for  
422 emergency services.

423 2. "Primary care" means health care services focused  
424 primarily on preventive care, wellness care, and treatment for  
425 common illnesses. The term may include the health care provider

426 serving as a patient's entry point into the overall health care  
427 system and coordinating a patient's care among specialists or  
428 acute care settings. The term does not include elective services  
429 provided solely for cosmetic purposes.

430 3. "Rural health professional shortage area" means a rural  
431 community as defined in s. 288.0657 which is also designated as  
432 a health professional shortage area by the Health Resources and  
433 Services Administration of the United States Department of  
434 Health and Human Services.

435 **Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section**  
436 **409.906, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is**  
437 **added to subsection (6) of that section, to read:**

438 409.906 Optional Medicaid services.—Subject to specific  
439 appropriations, the agency may make payments for services which  
440 are optional to the state under Title XIX of the Social Security  
441 Act and are furnished by Medicaid providers to recipients who  
442 are determined to be eligible on the dates on which the services  
443 were provided. Any optional service that is provided shall be  
444 provided only when medically necessary and in accordance with  
445 state and federal law. Optional services rendered by providers  
446 in mobile units to Medicaid recipients may be restricted or  
447 prohibited by the agency. Nothing in this section shall be  
448 construed to prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees,  
449 reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or  
450 number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to

451 comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or  
452 directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act or  
453 chapter 216. If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of  
454 providing services to elderly and disabled persons and subject  
455 to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor  
456 may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend  
457 the Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service  
458 known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally  
459 Disabled." Optional services may include:

460 (1) ADULT DENTAL SERVICES.—

461 (c) However, Medicaid will not provide reimbursement for  
462 dental services provided in a mobile dental unit, except for a  
463 mobile dental unit:

464 1. Owned by, operated by, or having a contractual  
465 agreement with the Department of Health and complying with  
466 Medicaid's county health department clinic services program  
467 specifications as a county health department clinic services  
468 provider.

469 2. Owned by, operated by, or having a contractual  
470 arrangement with a federally qualified health center and  
471 complying with Medicaid's federally qualified health center  
472 specifications as a federally qualified health center provider.

473 3. Rendering dental services to Medicaid recipients, 21  
474 years of age and older, at nursing facilities.

475 4. Owned by, operated by, or having a contractual

476 agreement with a state-approved dental educational institution.

477 5. Owned by, operated by, or having a contractual  
478 agreement with a health access setting as defined in s. 466.003  
479 or a similar setting or program.

480 (6) CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICES.—The agency may pay for  
481 diagnostic, preventive, or corrective procedures, including  
482 orthodontia in severe cases, provided to a recipient under age  
483 21, by or under the supervision of a licensed dentist. The  
484 agency may also reimburse a health access setting as defined in  
485 s. 466.003 for the remediable tasks that a licensed dental  
486 hygienist is authorized to perform under s. 466.024(2). Services  
487 provided under this program include treatment of the teeth and  
488 associated structures of the oral cavity, as well as treatment  
489 of disease, injury, or impairment that may affect the oral or  
490 general health of the individual. However, Medicaid will not  
491 provide reimbursement for dental services provided in a mobile  
492 dental unit, except for a mobile dental unit:

493 (e) Owned by, operated by, or having a contractual  
494 agreement with a health access setting as defined in s. 466.003  
495 or a similar setting or program.

496 **Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 456.0575, Florida**  
497 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (3), and a new subsection**  
498 **(2) is added to that section to read:**

499 456.0575 Duty to notify patients.—

500 (2) A health care practitioner shall notify a patient in

501 writing upon referring the patient to a nonparticipating  
 502 provider for nonemergency services, as those terms are defined  
 503 in s. 627.64194(1), or to a provider, as defined in s. 641.47,  
 504 that is not under contract with the patient's health maintenance  
 505 organization. Such notice must state that the services will be  
 506 provided on an out-of-network basis, which may result in  
 507 additional cost-sharing responsibilities for the patient, and  
 508 such notice must be documented in the patient's medical record.  
 509 The practitioner or his or her employee may confirm the referral  
 510 provider's participation by contacting the referral provider or  
 511 the patient's health insurer or health maintenance organization,  
 512 as necessary, or may rely on the online provider directory of  
 513 the health insurer or health maintenance organization. Failure  
 514 to comply with this subsection, without good cause, shall result  
 515 in disciplinary action against the health care practitioner.

516 **Section 7. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 456.42,**  
 517 **Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2) and (3),**  
 518 **respectively, and present subsection (3) of that section is**  
 519 **renumbered as subsection (1) and amended, to read:**

520 456.42 ~~Written~~ Prescriptions for medicinal drugs.—  
 521 (1)-(3) A health care practitioner licensed by law to  
 522 prescribe a medicinal drug who ~~maintains a system of electronic~~  
 523 ~~health records as defined in s. 408.051(2)(c), or who prescribes~~  
 524 medicinal drugs as an owner, an employee, or a contractor of a  
 525 licensed health care facility or practice that maintains ~~such a~~

526 | system of electronic health records as defined in s.  
527 | 408.051(2)(c) and who is prescribing in his or her capacity as  
528 | such an owner, an employee, or a contractor, may only  
529 | electronically transmit prescriptions for such drugs. This  
530 | requirement applies to such a health care practitioner upon  
531 | renewal of the health care practitioner's license or by July 1,  
532 | 2026 ~~2021~~, whichever is earlier, but does not apply if:  
533 |     (a) The practitioner prescribes fewer than 100 such  
534 | prescriptions annually;  
535 |     (b) The practitioner is located in an area for which a  
536 | state of emergency is declared pursuant to s. 252.36;  
537 |     ~~(a) The practitioner and the dispenser are the same~~  
538 | ~~entity;~~  
539 |     ~~(b) The prescription cannot be transmitted electronically~~  
540 | ~~under the most recently implemented version of the National~~  
541 | ~~Council for Prescription Drug Programs SCRIPT Standard;~~  
542 |     (c) The practitioner has been issued a waiver by the  
543 | department, not to exceed 1 year in duration, from the  
544 | requirement to use electronic prescribing due to demonstrated  
545 | economic hardship, technological limitations that are not  
546 | reasonably within the control of the practitioner, or another  
547 | exceptional circumstance demonstrated by the practitioner; or  
548 |     (d) Electronic prescribing is not available due to a  
549 | temporary technological or electrical failure that is not in the  
550 | control of the prescribing practitioner, and such failure is

551 documented in the patient record

552 ~~(d) The practitioner reasonably determines that it would~~  
553 ~~be impractical for the patient in question to obtain a medicinal~~  
554 ~~drug prescribed by electronic prescription in a timely manner~~  
555 ~~and such delay would adversely impact the patient's medical~~  
556 ~~condition;~~

557 ~~(e) The practitioner is prescribing a drug under a~~  
558 ~~research protocol;~~

559 ~~(f) The prescription is for a drug for which the federal~~  
560 ~~Food and Drug Administration requires the prescription to~~  
561 ~~contain elements that may not be included in electronic~~  
562 ~~prescribing;~~

563 ~~(g) The prescription is issued to an individual receiving~~  
564 ~~hospice care or who is a resident of a nursing home facility; or~~

565 ~~(h) The practitioner determines that it is in the best~~  
566 ~~interest of the patient, or the patient determines that it is in~~  
567 ~~his or her own best interest, to compare prescription drug~~  
568 ~~prices among area pharmacies. The practitioner must document~~  
569 ~~such determination in the patient's medical record.~~

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571 The department, in consultation with the Board of Medicine, the  
572 Board of Osteopathic Medicine, the Board of Podiatric Medicine,  
573 the Board of Dentistry, the Board of Nursing, and the Board of  
574 Optometry, may adopt rules to implement this subsection. This  
575 subsection does not prohibit a pharmacist licensed in this state

576 from filling or refilling a valid prescription submitted  
577 electronically or in writing, or require or authorize a change  
578 in prescription drug claims adjudication and review procedures  
579 by payors related to filling or refilling a valid prescription  
580 submitted electronically or in writing. This subsection does not  
581 prohibit a pharmacist licensed in this state from filling or  
582 refilling a valid prescription issued in writing by a prescriber  
583 located in another state.

584 **Section 8. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section**  
585 **458.347, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

586 458.347 Physician assistants.—

587 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

588 (e) A supervising physician may delegate to a fully  
589 licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe or  
590 dispense any medication used in the supervising physician's  
591 practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary  
592 created pursuant to paragraph (f). A fully licensed physician  
593 assistant may only prescribe or dispense such medication under  
594 the following circumstances:

595 1. A physician assistant must clearly identify to the  
596 patient that he or she is a physician assistant.

597 2. The supervising physician must notify the department of  
598 his or her intent to delegate, on a department-approved form,  
599 before delegating such authority and of any change in  
600 prescriptive privileges of the physician assistant. Authority to



601 dispense may be delegated only by a supervising physician who is  
602 registered as a dispensing practitioner in compliance with s.  
603 465.0276.

604 3. A fully licensed physician assistant may procure  
605 medical devices and drugs unless the medication is listed on the  
606 formulary created pursuant to paragraph (f).

607 4. The physician assistant must complete a minimum of 10  
608 continuing medical education hours in the specialty practice in  
609 which the physician assistant has prescriptive privileges with  
610 each licensure renewal. Three of the 10 hours must consist of a  
611 continuing education course on the safe and effective  
612 prescribing of controlled substance medications which is offered  
613 by a statewide professional association of physicians in this  
614 state accredited to provide educational activities designated  
615 for the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition  
616 Award Category 1 credit, designated by the American Academy of  
617 Physician Assistants as a Category 1 credit, or designated by  
618 the American Osteopathic Association as a Category 1-A credit.

619 5. The prescription may be in paper or electronic form but  
620 must comply with ss. 456.0392(1) and 456.42(2) ~~456.42(1)~~ and  
621 chapter 499 and must contain the physician assistant's name,  
622 address, and telephone number and the name of each of his or her  
623 supervising physicians. Unless it is a drug or drug sample  
624 dispensed by the physician assistant, the prescription must be  
625 filled in a pharmacy permitted under chapter 465 and must be

626 dispensed in that pharmacy by a pharmacist licensed under  
 627 chapter 465.

628 6. The physician assistant must note the prescription or  
 629 dispensing of medication in the appropriate medical record.

630 **Section 9. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section**  
 631 **459.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

632 459.022 Physician assistants.—

633 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

634 (e) A supervising physician may delegate to a fully  
 635 licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe or  
 636 dispense any medication used in the supervising physician's  
 637 practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary  
 638 created pursuant to s. 458.347. A fully licensed physician  
 639 assistant may only prescribe or dispense such medication under  
 640 the following circumstances:

641 1. A physician assistant must clearly identify to the  
 642 patient that she or he is a physician assistant.

643 2. The supervising physician must notify the department of  
 644 her or his intent to delegate, on a department-approved form,  
 645 before delegating such authority and of any change in  
 646 prescriptive privileges of the physician assistant. Authority to  
 647 dispense may be delegated only by a supervising physician who is  
 648 registered as a dispensing practitioner in compliance with s.  
 649 465.0276.

650 3. A fully licensed physician assistant may procure

651 | medical devices and drugs unless the medication is listed on the  
652 | formulary created pursuant to s. 458.347(4)(f).

653 |         4. The physician assistant must complete a minimum of 10  
654 | continuing medical education hours in the specialty practice in  
655 | which the physician assistant has prescriptive privileges with  
656 | each licensure renewal. Three of the 10 hours must consist of a  
657 | continuing education course on the safe and effective  
658 | prescribing of controlled substance medications which is offered  
659 | by a provider that has been approved by the American Academy of  
660 | Physician Assistants and which is designated for the American  
661 | Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 1  
662 | credit, designated by the American Academy of Physician  
663 | Assistants as a Category 1 credit, or designated by the American  
664 | Osteopathic Association as a Category 1-A credit.

665 |         5. The prescription may be in paper or electronic form but  
666 | must comply with ss. 456.0392(1) and 456.42(2) ~~456.42(1)~~ and  
667 | chapter 499 and must contain the physician assistant's name,  
668 | address, and telephone number and the name of each of his or her  
669 | supervising physicians. Unless it is a drug or drug sample  
670 | dispensed by the physician assistant, the prescription must be  
671 | filled in a pharmacy permitted under chapter 465, and must be  
672 | dispensed in that pharmacy by a pharmacist licensed under  
673 | chapter 465.

674 |         6. The physician assistant must note the prescription or  
675 | dispensing of medication in the appropriate medical record.

676           **Section 10. Section 466.001, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 677 **to read:**

678           466.001 Legislative purpose and intent.—The legislative  
 679 purpose for enacting this chapter is to ensure that every  
 680 dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist practicing in  
 681 this state meets minimum requirements for safe practice without  
 682 undue clinical interference by persons not licensed under this  
 683 chapter. It is the legislative intent that dental services be  
 684 provided only in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter  
 685 and not be delegated to unauthorized individuals. It is the  
 686 further legislative intent that dentists, dental therapists, and  
 687 dental hygienists who fall below minimum competency or who  
 688 otherwise present a danger to the public ~~shall~~ be prohibited  
 689 from practicing in this state. All provisions of this chapter  
 690 relating to the practice of dentistry, dental therapy, and  
 691 dental hygiene shall be liberally construed to carry out such  
 692 purpose and intent.

693           **Section 11. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 466.002,**  
 694 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

695           466.002 Persons exempt from operation of chapter.—~~Nothing~~  
 696 ~~in~~ This chapter does not ~~shall~~ apply to the following practices,  
 697 acts, and operations:

698           (5) Students in Florida schools of dentistry, dental  
 699 therapy, and dental hygiene or dental assistant educational  
 700 programs, while performing regularly assigned work under the

701 curriculum of such schools or programs.

702 (6) Instructors in Florida schools of dentistry,  
 703 instructors in dental programs that prepare persons holding  
 704 D.D.S. or D.M.D. degrees for certification by a specialty board  
 705 and that are accredited in the United States by January 1, 2005,  
 706 in the same manner as the board recognizes accreditation for  
 707 Florida schools of dentistry that are not otherwise affiliated  
 708 with a Florida school of dentistry, or instructors in Florida  
 709 schools of dental hygiene, dental therapy, or dental assistant  
 710 educational programs, while performing regularly assigned  
 711 instructional duties under the curriculum of such schools or  
 712 programs. A full-time dental instructor at a dental school or  
 713 dental program approved by the board may be allowed to practice  
 714 dentistry at the teaching facilities of such school or program,  
 715 upon receiving a teaching permit issued by the board, in strict  
 716 compliance with such rules as are adopted by the board  
 717 pertaining to the teaching permit and with the established rules  
 718 and procedures of the dental school or program as recognized in  
 719 this section.

720 **Section 12. Section 466.003, Florida Statutes, is**  
 721 **reordered and amended to read:**

722 466.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

723 (1) "Board" means the Board of Dentistry.

724 (2)~~(6)~~ "Dental assistant" means a person, other than a  
 725 dental hygienist, who, under the supervision and authorization

726 of a dentist, provides dental care services directly to a  
727 patient. This term does ~~shall~~ not include a certified registered  
728 nurse anesthetist licensed under part I of chapter 464.

729 ~~(3)-(4)~~ "Dental hygiene" means the rendering of  
730 educational, preventive, and therapeutic dental services  
731 pursuant to ss. 466.023 and 466.024 and any related extra-oral  
732 procedure required in the performance of such services.

733 ~~(4)-(5)~~ "Dental hygienist" means a person licensed to  
734 practice dental hygiene pursuant to this chapter.

735 (5) "Dental therapist" means a person licensed to practice  
736 dental therapy pursuant to s. 466.0225.

737 (6) "Dental therapy" means the rendering of services  
738 pursuant to s. 466.0227 and any related extraoral services or  
739 procedures required in the performance of such services.

740 ~~(7)-(2)~~ "Dentist" means a person licensed to practice  
741 dentistry pursuant to this chapter.

742 ~~(8)-(3)~~ "Dentistry" means the healing art which is  
743 concerned with the examination, diagnosis, treatment planning,  
744 and care of conditions within the human oral cavity and its  
745 adjacent tissues and structures. It includes the performance or  
746 attempted performance of any dental operation, or oral or oral-  
747 maxillofacial surgery and any procedures adjunct thereto,  
748 including physical evaluation directly related to such operation  
749 or surgery pursuant to hospital rules and regulations. It also  
750 includes dental service of any kind gratuitously or for any

751 remuneration paid, or to be paid, directly or indirectly, to any  
752 person or agency. The term "dentistry" ~~shall~~ also includes  
753 ~~include~~ the following:

754 (a) ~~The Taking of~~ an impression of the human tooth, teeth,  
755 or jaws directly or indirectly and by any means or method.

756 (b) Supplying artificial substitutes for the natural teeth  
757 or furnishing, supplying, constructing, reproducing, or  
758 repairing any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or any  
759 other structure designed to be worn in the human mouth except on  
760 the written work order of a duly licensed dentist.

761 (c) ~~The Placing of~~ an appliance or structure in the human  
762 mouth or the adjusting or attempting to adjust the same.

763 (d) Delivering the same to any person other than the  
764 dentist upon whose work order the work was performed.

765 (e) Professing to the public by any method to furnish,  
766 supply, construct, reproduce, or repair any prosthetic denture,  
767 bridge, appliance, or other structure designed to be worn in the  
768 human mouth.

769 (f) Diagnosing, prescribing, or treating or professing to  
770 diagnose, prescribe, or treat disease, pain, deformity,  
771 deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human teeth or  
772 jaws or oral-maxillofacial region.

773 (g) Extracting or attempting to extract human teeth.

774 (h) Correcting or attempting to correct malformations of  
775 teeth or of jaws.

776 (i) Repairing or attempting to repair cavities in the  
777 human teeth.

778 (9)~~(7)~~ "Department" means the Department of Health.

779 (10)~~(8)~~ "Digital scanning" means the use of digital  
780 technology that creates a computer-generated replica of the hard  
781 and soft tissue of the oral cavity using enhanced digital  
782 photography, lasers, or other optical scanning devices.

783 (11)~~(9)~~ "Direct supervision" means supervision whereby a  
784 dentist diagnoses the condition to be treated, a dentist  
785 authorizes the procedure to be performed, a dentist remains on  
786 the premises while the procedures are performed, and a dentist  
787 approves the work performed before dismissal of the patient.

788 (12)~~(11)~~ "General supervision" means supervision whereby a  
789 dentist authorizes the procedures which are being carried out  
790 but need not be present when the authorized procedures are being  
791 performed. The authorized procedures may also be performed at a  
792 place other than the dentist's usual place of practice. The  
793 issuance of a written work authorization to a commercial dental  
794 laboratory by a dentist does not constitute general supervision.

795 (13)~~(15)~~ "Health access setting" means a program or an  
796 institution of the Department of Children and Families, the  
797 Department of Health, the Department of Juvenile Justice, a  
798 nonprofit community health center, a Head Start center, a  
799 federally qualified health center or look-alike as defined by  
800 federal law, a school-based prevention program, a clinic



801 operated by an accredited college of dentistry, or an accredited  
802 dental hygiene program in this state if such community service  
803 program or institution immediately reports to the Board of  
804 Dentistry all violations of s. 466.027, s. 466.028, or other  
805 practice act or standard of care violations related to the  
806 actions or inactions of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental  
807 assistant engaged in the delivery of dental care in such  
808 setting.

809 (14)~~(10)~~ "Indirect supervision" means supervision whereby  
810 a dentist authorizes the procedure and a dentist is on the  
811 premises while the procedures are performed.

812 (15)~~(12)~~ "Irremediable tasks" are those intraoral  
813 treatment tasks which, when performed, are irreversible and  
814 create unalterable changes within the oral cavity or the  
815 contiguous structures or which cause an increased risk to the  
816 patient. The administration of anesthetics other than topical  
817 anesthesia is considered to be an "irremediable task" for  
818 purposes of this chapter.

819 (16)~~(14)~~ "Oral and maxillofacial surgery" means the  
820 specialty of dentistry involving diagnosis, surgery, and  
821 adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries, and defects  
822 involving the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and  
823 soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial regions. This term  
824 may not be construed to apply to any individual exempt under s.  
825 466.002(1).

826            (17)~~(13)~~ "Remediable tasks" are those intraoral treatment  
 827 tasks which are reversible and do not create unalterable changes  
 828 within the oral cavity or the contiguous structures and which do  
 829 not cause an increased risk to the patient. The use of a laser  
 830 or laser device of any type is not a remediable task, unless  
 831 used as an assessment device.

832            (18)~~(16)~~ "School-based prevention program" means  
 833 preventive oral health services offered at a school by one of  
 834 the entities described ~~defined~~ in subsection (13) ~~(15)~~ or by a  
 835 nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income  
 836 taxation under s. 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and  
 837 described in s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

838            **Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 466.004, Florida**  
 839 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

840            466.004 Board of Dentistry.—

841            (2) To advise the board, it is the intent of the  
 842 Legislature that councils be appointed as specified in  
 843 paragraphs (a)-(d) ~~(a), (b), and (c)~~. The department shall  
 844 provide administrative support to the councils and shall provide  
 845 public notice of meetings and agendas ~~agenda~~ of the councils.  
 846 Councils must ~~shall~~ include at least one board member, who shall  
 847 serve as chair, ~~the council~~ and must ~~shall~~ include nonboard  
 848 members. All council members shall be appointed by the board  
 849 chair. Council members shall be appointed for 4-year terms, and  
 850 all members are ~~shall be~~ eligible for reimbursement of expenses

851 in the manner of board members.

852 (a) A Council on Dental Hygiene shall be appointed by the  
853 board chair and shall include one dental hygienist member of the  
854 board, who shall chair the council, one dental member of the  
855 board, and three dental hygienists who are actively engaged in  
856 the practice of dental hygiene in this state. In making the  
857 appointments, the chair shall consider recommendations from the  
858 Florida Dental Hygiene Association. The council shall meet at  
859 the request of the board chair, a majority of the members of the  
860 board, or the council chair; however, the council must meet at  
861 least three times a year. The council is charged with the  
862 responsibility of and shall meet for the purpose of developing  
863 rules and policies for recommendation to the board, which the  
864 board shall consider, on matters pertaining to that part of  
865 dentistry consisting of educational, preventive, or therapeutic  
866 dental hygiene services; dental hygiene licensure, discipline,  
867 or regulation; and dental hygiene education. Rule and policy  
868 recommendations of the council must ~~shall~~ be considered by the  
869 board at its next regularly scheduled meeting in the same manner  
870 in which it considers rule and policy recommendations from  
871 designated subcommittees of the board. Any rule or policy  
872 proposed by the board pertaining to the specified part of  
873 dentistry identified ~~defined~~ by this subsection must ~~shall~~ be  
874 referred to the council for a recommendation before final action  
875 by the board. The board may take final action on rules

876 | pertaining to the specified part of dentistry identified ~~defined~~  
877 | by this subsection without a council recommendation if the  
878 | council fails to submit a recommendation in a timely fashion as  
879 | prescribed by the board.

880 |       (b) A Council on Dental Assisting shall be appointed by  
881 | the board chair and shall include one board member who shall  
882 | chair the council and three dental assistants who are actively  
883 | engaged in dental assisting in this state. The council shall  
884 | meet at the request of the board chair or a majority of the  
885 | members of the board. The council shall meet for the purpose of  
886 | developing recommendations to the board on matters pertaining to  
887 | that part of dentistry related to dental assisting.

888 |       (c) Effective 28 months after the first dental therapy  
889 | license is granted by the board, the board chair shall appoint a  
890 | Council on Dental Therapy, which must include one board member  
891 | who shall chair the council and three dental therapists who are  
892 | actively engaged in the practice of dental therapy in this  
893 | state. The council shall meet at the request of the board chair,  
894 | a majority of the members of the board, or the council chair;  
895 | however, the council shall meet at least three times per year.  
896 | The council is charged with the responsibility of, and shall  
897 | meet for the purpose of, developing rules and policies for  
898 | recommendation to the board on matters pertaining to that part  
899 | of dentistry consisting of educational, preventive, or  
900 | therapeutic dental therapy services; dental therapy licensure,

901 discipline, or regulation; and dental therapy education. Rule  
 902 and policy recommendations of the council must be considered by  
 903 the board at its next regularly scheduled meeting in the same  
 904 manner in which it considers rule and policy recommendations  
 905 from designated subcommittees of the board. Any rule or policy  
 906 proposed by the board pertaining to the specified part of  
 907 dentistry identified by this subsection must be referred to the  
 908 council for a recommendation before final action by the board.  
 909 The board may take final action on rules pertaining to the  
 910 specified part of dentistry identified by this subsection  
 911 without a council recommendation if the council fails to submit  
 912 a recommendation in a timely fashion as prescribed by the board.

913 (d)-(e) With the concurrence of the State Surgeon General,  
 914 the board chair may create and abolish other advisory councils  
 915 relating to dental subjects, including, but not limited to:  
 916 examinations, access to dental care, indigent care, nursing home  
 917 and institutional care, public health, disciplinary guidelines,  
 918 and other subjects as appropriate. Such councils shall be  
 919 appointed by the board chair and shall include at least one  
 920 board member who shall serve as chair.

921 **Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section**  
 922 **466.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

923 466.006 Examination of dentists.—

924 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law in chapter  
 925 456 pertaining to the clinical dental licensure examination or

926 national examinations, to be licensed as a dentist in this  
927 state, an applicant must successfully complete both of the  
928 following:

929 (b) A practical or clinical examination, which must be the  
930 American Dental Licensing Examination produced by the American  
931 Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if  
932 any, which is administered in this state, provided that the  
933 board has attained, and continues to maintain thereafter,  
934 representation on the board of directors of the American Board  
935 of Dental Examiners, the examination development committee of  
936 the American Board of Dental Examiners, and such other  
937 committees of the American Board of Dental Examiners as the  
938 board deems appropriate by rule to assure that the standards  
939 established herein are maintained organizationally.

940 1. As an alternative to such practical or clinical  
941 examination, an applicant may submit scores from an American  
942 Dental Licensing Examination previously administered in a  
943 jurisdiction other than this state after October 1, 2011, and  
944 such examination results are recognized as valid for the purpose  
945 of licensure in this state. A passing score on the American  
946 Dental Licensing Examination administered out of state is the  
947 same as the passing score for the American Dental Licensing  
948 Examination administered in this state. The applicant must have  
949 completed the examination after October 1, 2011. This  
950 subparagraph may not be given retroactive application.

951           2. If the date of an applicant's passing American Dental  
952 Licensing Examination scores from an examination previously  
953 administered in a jurisdiction other than this state under  
954 subparagraph 1. is older than 365 days, such scores are  
955 nevertheless valid for the purpose of licensure in this state,  
956 but only if the applicant demonstrates that all of the following  
957 additional standards have been met:

958           a. The applicant completed the American Dental Licensing  
959 Examination after October 1, 2011. This sub-subparagraph may not  
960 be given retroactive application.

961           b. The applicant graduated from a dental school accredited  
962 by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
963 Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other  
964 dental accrediting organization recognized by the United States  
965 Department of Education. Provided, however, if the applicant did  
966 not graduate from such a dental school, the applicant may submit  
967 proof of having successfully completed a full-time supplemental  
968 general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental  
969 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation of at least 2  
970 consecutive academic years at such accredited sponsoring  
971 institution. Such program must provide didactic and clinical  
972 education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited  
973 by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
974 Accreditation. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, a  
975 supplemental general dentistry program does not include an

976 advanced education program in a dental specialty.

977 c. The applicant currently possesses a valid and active  
978 dental license in good standing, with no restriction, which has  
979 never been revoked, suspended, restricted, or otherwise  
980 disciplined, from another state or territory of the United  
981 States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto  
982 Rico.

983 d. The applicant must disclose to the board during the  
984 application process if he or she has been reported to the  
985 National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and  
986 Protection Data Bank, or the American Association of Dental  
987 Boards Clearinghouse. This sub-subparagraph does not apply if  
988 the applicant successfully appealed to have his or her name  
989 removed from the data banks of these agencies.

990 e.(I) (A) The applicant submits proof of having been  
991 consecutively engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry in  
992 another state or territory of the United States, the District of  
993 Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in the 5 years  
994 immediately preceding the date of application for licensure in  
995 this state; or

996 (B) If the applicant has been licensed in another state or  
997 territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the  
998 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for less than 5 years, the applicant  
999 submits proof of having been engaged in the full-time practice  
1000 of dentistry since the date of his or her initial licensure.



1001 (II) As used in this section, "full-time practice" is  
 1002 defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each year in  
 1003 the consecutive 5-year period or, when applicable, the period  
 1004 since initial licensure, and must include any combination of the  
 1005 following:

1006 (A) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct  
 1007 patient care.

1008 (B) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a  
 1009 dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene school approved by the  
 1010 board or accredited by the American Dental Association  
 1011 Commission on Dental Accreditation.

1012 (C) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate  
 1013 dental education program approved by the board or accredited by  
 1014 the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
 1015 Accreditation.

1016 (III) The board shall develop rules to determine what type  
 1017 of proof of full-time practice is required and to recoup the  
 1018 cost to the board of verifying full-time practice under this  
 1019 section. Such proof must, at a minimum, be:

1020 (A) Admissible as evidence in an administrative  
 1021 proceeding;

1022 (B) Submitted in writing;

1023 (C) Further documented by an applicant's annual income tax  
 1024 return filed with the Internal Revenue Service for each year in  
 1025 the preceding 5-year period or, if the applicant has been

1026 practicing for less than 5 years, the period since initial  
 1027 licensure; and

1028 (D) Specifically found by the board to be both credible  
 1029 and admissible.

1030 (IV) The board may excuse applicants from the 1,200-hour  
 1031 requirement in the event of hardship, as defined by the board.

1032 f. The applicant submits documentation that he or she has  
 1033 completed, or will complete before he or she is licensed in this  
 1034 state, continuing education equivalent to this state's  
 1035 requirements for the last full reporting biennium.

1036 g. The applicant proves that he or she has never been  
 1037 convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of  
 1038 adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice  
 1039 of a health care profession in any jurisdiction.

1040 h. The applicant has successfully passed a written  
 1041 examination on the laws and rules of this state regulating the  
 1042 practice of dentistry and the computer-based diagnostic skills  
 1043 examination.

1044 i. The applicant submits documentation that he or she has  
 1045 successfully completed the applicable examination administered  
 1046 by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or its  
 1047 successor organization.

1048 **Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 466.009, Florida**  
 1049 **Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that**  
 1050 **section, to read:**

1051 466.009 Reexamination.—

1052 (1) Any person who fails an examination that is required  
 1053 under s. 466.006, ~~or~~ s. 466.007, or s. 466.0225 may retake the  
 1054 examination.

1055 (4) If an applicant for a license to practice dental  
 1056 therapy fails the practical or clinical examination and she or  
 1057 he has failed only one part or procedure of such examination,  
 1058 she or he may be required to retake only that part or procedure  
 1059 to pass such examination. However, if any such applicant fails  
 1060 more than one part or procedure of any such examination, she or  
 1061 he must be required to retake the entire examination.

1062 **Section 16. Section 466.011, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 1063 **to read:**

1064 466.011 Licensure.—The board shall certify for licensure  
 1065 by the department any applicant who satisfies the requirements  
 1066 of s. 466.006, s. 466.0067, ~~or~~ s. 466.007, or s. 466.0225. The  
 1067 board may refuse to certify an applicant who has violated ~~any of~~  
 1068 ~~the provisions of~~ s. 466.026 or s. 466.028.

1069 **Section 17. Section 466.0136, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 1070 **to read:**

1071 466.0136 Continuing education; dental therapists.—In  
 1072 addition to any other requirements for relicensure for dental  
 1073 therapists specified in this chapter, the board shall require  
 1074 each licensed dental therapist to complete at least 24 hours,  
 1075 but not more than 36 hours, biennially of continuing education

1076 in dental subjects in programs approved by the board or in  
 1077 equivalent programs of continuing education. Programs of  
 1078 continuing education approved by the board must be programs of  
 1079 learning which, in the opinion of the board, contribute directly  
 1080 to the dental education of the dental therapist. An individual  
 1081 who is licensed as both a dental therapist and a dental  
 1082 hygienist may use 2 hours of continuing education that is  
 1083 approved for both dental therapy and dental hygiene education to  
 1084 satisfy both dental therapy and dental hygiene continuing  
 1085 education requirements. The board shall adopt rules and  
 1086 guidelines to administer and enforce this section. The dental  
 1087 therapist shall retain in her or his records any receipts,  
 1088 vouchers, or certificates necessary to document completion of  
 1089 the continuing education. Compliance with the continuing  
 1090 education requirements is mandatory for issuance of the renewal  
 1091 certificate. The board may excuse licensees, as a group or as  
 1092 individuals, from all or part of the continuing education  
 1093 requirements if an unusual circumstance, emergency, or hardship  
 1094 prevents compliance with this section.

1095 **Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 466.016, Florida**  
 1096 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1097 466.016 License to be displayed.—

1098 (1) Every practitioner of dentistry, dental therapy, or  
 1099 dental hygiene within the meaning of this chapter shall post and  
 1100 keep conspicuously displayed her or his license in the office

1101 where ~~wherein~~ she or he practices, in plain sight of the  
 1102 practitioner's patients. Any dentist, dental therapist, or  
 1103 dental hygienist who practices at more than one location must  
 1104 display a copy of her or his license in each office where she or  
 1105 he practices.

1106 **Section 19. Section 466.017, Florida Statutes, is amended,**  
 1107 **to read:**

1108 466.017 Prescription of drugs; anesthesia.—

1109 (1) A dentist shall have the right to prescribe drugs or  
 1110 medicine, subject to limitations imposed by law; perform  
 1111 surgical operations within the scope of her or his practice and  
 1112 training; administer general or local anesthesia or sedation,  
 1113 subject to limitations imposed by law; and use such appliances  
 1114 as may be necessary to the proper practice of dentistry.

1115 (2) Pharmacists licensed pursuant to chapter 465 may fill  
 1116 prescriptions of legally licensed dentists in this state for any  
 1117 drugs necessary for the practice of dentistry.

1118 (3) The board shall adopt rules which:

1119 (a) Define general anesthesia.

1120 (b) Specify which methods of general or local anesthesia  
 1121 or sedation, if any, are limited or prohibited for use by  
 1122 dentists.

1123 (c) Establish minimal training, education, experience, or  
 1124 certification for a dentist to use general anesthesia or  
 1125 sedation, which rules may exclude, in the board's discretion,

1126 those dentists using general anesthesia or sedation in a  
1127 competent and effective manner as of the effective date of the  
1128 rules.

1129 (d) Establish further requirements relating to the use of  
1130 general anesthesia or sedation, including, but not limited to,  
1131 office equipment and the training of dental assistants, dental  
1132 therapists, or dental hygienists who work with dentists using  
1133 general anesthesia or sedation.

1134 (e) Establish an administrative mechanism enabling the  
1135 board to verify compliance with training, education, experience,  
1136 equipment, or certification requirements of dentists, dental  
1137 therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants adopted  
1138 pursuant to this subsection. The board may charge a fee to  
1139 defray the cost of verifying compliance with requirements  
1140 adopted pursuant to this paragraph.

1141 (4) A dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist who  
1142 administers or employs the use of any form of anesthesia must  
1143 possess a certification in either basic cardiopulmonary  
1144 resuscitation for health professionals or advanced cardiac life  
1145 support approved by the American Heart Association or the  
1146 American Red Cross or an equivalent agency-sponsored course with  
1147 recertification every 2 years. Each dental office that ~~which~~  
1148 uses any form of anesthesia must have immediately available and  
1149 in good working order such resuscitative equipment, oxygen, and  
1150 other resuscitative drugs as are specified by rule of the board

1151 | in order to manage possible adverse reactions.

1152 |         (5) A dental hygienist under the direct supervision of a  
 1153 | dentist may administer local anesthesia, including intraoral  
 1154 | block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both,  
 1155 | to a nonsedated patient who is 18 years of age or older, if the  
 1156 | following criteria are met:

1157 |         (a) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a  
 1158 | course in the administration of local anesthesia which is  
 1159 | offered by a dental or dental hygiene program accredited by the  
 1160 | Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental  
 1161 | Association or approved by the board. The course must include a  
 1162 | minimum of 30 hours of didactic instruction and 30 hours of  
 1163 | clinical experience, and instruction in:

- 1164 |             1. Theory of pain control.
- 1165 |             2. Selection-of-pain-control modalities.
- 1166 |             3. Anatomy.
- 1167 |             4. Neurophysiology.
- 1168 |             5. Pharmacology of local anesthetics.
- 1169 |             6. Pharmacology of vasoconstrictors.
- 1170 |             7. Psychological aspects of pain control.
- 1171 |             8. Systematic complications.
- 1172 |             9. Techniques of maxillary anesthesia.
- 1173 |             10. Techniques of mandibular anesthesia.
- 1174 |             11. Infection control.
- 1175 |             12. Medical emergencies involving local anesthesia.

1176 (b) The dental hygienist presents evidence of current  
 1177 certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.

1178 (c) The dental hygienist possesses a valid certificate  
 1179 issued under subsection (8) ~~(6)~~.

1180 (6) A dental therapist, under the direct supervision of a  
 1181 dentist may administer local anesthesia, including intraoral  
 1182 block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both,  
 1183 if the following criteria are met:

1184 (a) The dental therapist has successfully completed a  
 1185 course in the administration of local anesthesia that meets the  
 1186 requirements described in paragraph (5) (a).

1187 (b) The dental therapist presents evidence of current  
 1188 certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.

1189 (c) The dental therapist possesses a valid certificate  
 1190 issued under subsection (8).

1191 (7) A dental therapist providing services in a mobile  
 1192 dental unit may administer local anesthesia, including intraoral  
 1193 block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both,  
 1194 under the general supervision of a dentist, if she or he meets  
 1195 the criteria described in subsection (6).

1196 ~~(8)(6)~~ Any dental therapist or dental hygienist seeking a  
 1197 certificate to administer local anesthesia must apply to the  
 1198 department, remit an application fee, and submit proof of  
 1199 successful completion of a course in the administration of local  
 1200 anesthesia pursuant to subsection (5). The board shall certify,



1201 and the department shall issue a certificate to, any dental  
 1202 therapist or dental hygienist who fulfills the qualifications of  
 1203 subsection (5). The board shall establish a one-time application  
 1204 fee not to exceed \$35. The certificate is not subject to renewal  
 1205 but is part of the dental therapist's or dental hygienist's  
 1206 permanent record and must be prominently displayed at the  
 1207 location where the dental therapist or dental hygienist is  
 1208 authorized to administer local anesthesia. The board shall adopt  
 1209 rules necessary to administer subsections ~~subsection~~ (5), (6),  
 1210 and (7) and this subsection.

1211 (9)-(7) A licensed dentist, or a dental therapist who is  
 1212 authorized by her or his supervising dentist, may operate  
 1213 ~~utilize~~ an X-ray machine, expose dental X-ray films, and  
 1214 interpret or read such films. Notwithstanding ~~The provisions of~~  
 1215 ~~part IV of chapter 468 to the contrary notwithstanding,~~ a  
 1216 licensed dentist, or a dental therapist who is authorized by her  
 1217 or his supervising dentist, may authorize or direct a dental  
 1218 assistant to operate such equipment and expose such films under  
 1219 her or his direction and supervision, pursuant to rules adopted  
 1220 by the board in accordance with s. 466.024 which ensure that the  
 1221 ~~said~~ assistant is competent by reason of training and experience  
 1222 to operate the X-ray ~~said~~ equipment in a safe and efficient  
 1223 manner. The board may charge a fee not to exceed \$35 to defray  
 1224 the cost of verifying compliance with requirements adopted  
 1225 pursuant to this section.

1226            (10)~~(8)~~ Notwithstanding ~~The provisions of~~ s. 465.0276  
 1227 ~~notwithstanding~~, a dentist need not register with the board or  
 1228 comply with the continuing education requirements of that  
 1229 section if the dentist confines her or his dispensing activity  
 1230 to the dispensing of fluorides and chlorhexidine ~~chlrohexidine~~  
 1231 rinse solutions; provided that the dentist complies with and is  
 1232 subject to all laws and rules applicable to pharmacists and  
 1233 pharmacies, including, but not limited to, chapters 465, 499,  
 1234 and 893, and all applicable federal laws and regulations, when  
 1235 dispensing such products.

1236            (11)~~(9)~~ Any adverse incident that occurs in an office  
 1237 maintained by a dentist must be reported to the department. The  
 1238 required notification to the department must be submitted in  
 1239 writing by certified mail and postmarked within 48 hours after  
 1240 the incident occurs.

1241            (12)~~(10)~~ A dentist practicing in this state must notify  
 1242 the board in writing by certified mail within 48 hours after any  
 1243 adverse incident that occurs in the dentist's outpatient  
 1244 facility. A complete written report must be filed with the board  
 1245 within 30 days after the incident occurs.

1246            (13)~~(11)~~ Any certified registered dental hygienist  
 1247 administering local anesthesia must notify the board in writing  
 1248 by registered mail within 48 hours after any adverse incident  
 1249 that was related to or the result of the administration of local  
 1250 anesthesia. A complete written report must be filed with the

1251 board within 30 days after the mortality or other adverse  
1252 incident.

1253 (14) A dental therapist must notify the board in writing  
1254 by registered mail within 48 hours after any adverse incident  
1255 related to or resulting from the administration of local  
1256 anesthesia. A complete written report must be filed with the  
1257 board within 30 days after the mortality or other adverse  
1258 incident.

1259 (15)~~(12)~~ A failure by the dentist, dental therapist, or  
1260 dental hygienist to timely and completely comply with all the  
1261 reporting requirements in this section is the basis for  
1262 disciplinary action by the board pursuant to s. 466.028(1).

1263 (16)~~(13)~~ The department shall review each adverse incident  
1264 and determine whether it involved conduct by a health care  
1265 professional subject to disciplinary action, in which case s.  
1266 456.073 applies. Disciplinary action, if any, shall be taken by  
1267 the board under which the health care professional is licensed.

1268 (17)~~(14)~~ As used in subsections (11)-(16) ~~(9)-(13)~~, the  
1269 term "adverse incident" means any mortality that occurs during  
1270 or as the result of a dental procedure, or an incident that  
1271 results in a temporary or permanent physical or mental injury  
1272 that requires hospitalization or emergency room treatment of a  
1273 dental patient which occurs during or as a direct result of the  
1274 use of general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation,  
1275 pediatric moderate sedation, oral sedation, minimal sedation

1276 (anxiolysis), nitrous oxide, or local anesthesia.

1277 ~~(18)(15)~~ The board may adopt rules to administer this  
1278 section.

1279 **Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 466.018, Florida**  
1280 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1281 466.018 Dentist of record; patient records.—

1282 (1) Each patient must ~~shall~~ have a dentist of record. The  
1283 dentist of record shall remain primarily responsible for all  
1284 dental treatment on such patient regardless of whether the  
1285 treatment is rendered by that ~~the~~ dentist or by another dentist,  
1286 a dental therapist, a dental hygienist, or a dental assistant  
1287 rendering such treatment in conjunction with, at the direction  
1288 or request of, or under the supervision of such dentist of  
1289 record. The dentist of record must ~~shall~~ be identified in the  
1290 record of the patient. If treatment is rendered by a dentist  
1291 other than the dentist of record or by a dental hygienist,  
1292 dental therapist, or dental assistant, the name or initials of  
1293 such person must ~~shall~~ be placed in the record of the patient.  
1294 In any disciplinary proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter  
1295 or chapter 456, it must ~~shall~~ be presumed as a matter of law  
1296 that treatment was rendered by the dentist of record unless  
1297 otherwise noted on the patient record pursuant to this section.  
1298 The dentist of record and any other treating dentist are subject  
1299 to discipline pursuant to this chapter or chapter 456 for  
1300 treatment rendered to the patient and performed in violation of

1301 such chapter. One of the purposes of this section is to ensure  
 1302 that the responsibility for each patient is assigned to one  
 1303 dentist in a multidentist practice of any nature and to assign  
 1304 primary responsibility to the dentist for treatment rendered by  
 1305 a dental hygienist, dental therapist, or dental assistant under  
 1306 her or his supervision. This section may ~~shall~~ not be construed  
 1307 to assign any responsibility to a dentist of record for  
 1308 treatment rendered pursuant to a proper referral to another  
 1309 dentist who does not ~~in~~ practice with the dentist of record or  
 1310 to prohibit a patient from voluntarily selecting a new dentist  
 1311 without permission of the dentist of record.

1312 **Section 21. Section 466.0225, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 1313 **to read:**

1314 466.0225 Examination of dental therapists; licensing.—

1315 (1) (a) Any person desiring to be licensed as a dental  
 1316 therapist must apply to the department.

1317 (b) Applicants for licensure must also submit to  
 1318 background screening in accordance with s. 456.0135.

1319 (2) The department shall issue a license to an applicant  
 1320 who the board certifies meets all of the following criteria:

1321 (a) Is 18 years of age or older.

1322 (b) Is a graduate of a dental therapy college or school  
 1323 accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on  
 1324 Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any  
 1325 other dental therapy accrediting entity recognized by the United

1326 States Department of Education. For applicants applying for a  
1327 dental therapy license before January 1, 2030, the board must  
1328 approve the applicant's dental therapy education program if the  
1329 program was administered by a college or school that operates an  
1330 accredited dental or dental hygiene program and the college or  
1331 school certifies to the board that the applicant's education  
1332 substantially conformed to the education standards established  
1333 by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
1334 Accreditation or its successor entity.

1335 (c) Has successfully completed a dental therapy practical  
1336 or clinical examination produced by the American Board of Dental  
1337 Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, if the board  
1338 finds that the successor entity's examination meets or exceeds  
1339 the requirements of this section. If an applicant fails to pass  
1340 such an examination in three attempts, the applicant is not  
1341 eligible to retake the examination unless the applicant  
1342 completes additional education requirements as specified by the  
1343 board.

1344 (d) Has successfully completed a written examination on  
1345 the laws and rules of this state regulating the practice of  
1346 dental therapy.

1347 (e) Has not been disciplined by a board, except for  
1348 citation offenses or minor violations.

1349 (f) Has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to,  
1350 regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to

1351 the practice of a health care profession.

1352 (3) An applicant who meets the requirements of this  
1353 section and who has successfully completed an examination  
1354 identified in paragraph (2)(c) in a jurisdiction other than this  
1355 state, or who has successfully completed a comparable  
1356 examination administered or approved by the licensing authority  
1357 in a jurisdiction other than this state, shall be licensed to  
1358 practice dental therapy in this state if the board determines  
1359 that the other jurisdiction's examination is substantially  
1360 similar to those identified in paragraph (2)(c).

1361 **Section 22. Section 466.0227, Florida Statutes, is created**  
1362 **to read:**

1363 466.0227 Dental therapists; scope and area of practice.—

1364 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a dental  
1365 therapist may perform the dental therapy services specified in  
1366 subsection (2) under the general supervision of a dentist if  
1367 providing services in a mobile dental unit and under direct  
1368 supervision of a dentist in all other service scenarios to the  
1369 extent authorized by the supervising dentist and provided within  
1370 the terms of a written collaborative management agreement signed  
1371 by the dental therapist and the supervising dentist which meets  
1372 the requirements of subsection (3).

1373 (2) The scope of practice of a dental therapist, subject  
1374 to the terms of a written collaborative management agreement,  
1375 includes all of the following:

- 1376        (a) Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and  
1377 formulation of an individualized treatment plan.
- 1378        (b) Identification of oral and systemic conditions  
1379 requiring evaluation or treatment by dentists, physicians, or  
1380 other health care providers and managing referrals.
- 1381        (c) Comprehensive charting of the oral cavity.
- 1382        (d) Oral health instruction and disease prevention  
1383 education, including, but not limited to, nutritional counseling  
1384 and dietary analysis.
- 1385        (e) Exposure and evaluation of radiographic images.
- 1386        (f) Dental prophylaxis, including, but not limited to,  
1387 subgingival scaling and polishing procedures.
- 1388        (g) Dispensing and administration via the oral or topical  
1389 route of nonnarcotic analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and  
1390 antibiotic medications as prescribed by a licensed health care  
1391 provider.
- 1392        (h) Application of topical preventive or prophylactic  
1393 agents, including, but not limited to, fluoride varnish,  
1394 antimicrobial agents, caries arresting medicaments, and pit and  
1395 fissure sealants.
- 1396        (i) Pulp vitality testing.
- 1397        (j) Application of desensitizing medications or resins.
- 1398        (k) Fabrication of athletic mouth guards and soft occlusal  
1399 guards.
- 1400        (l) Changing of periodontal dressings.



- 1401        (m) Administration of local anesthetic and nitrous oxide.
- 1402        (n) Simple extraction of erupted primary teeth.
- 1403        (o) Nonsurgical extraction of periodontally diseased  
 1404 permanent teeth with tooth mobility of +3 to +4 to the extent  
 1405 authorized in the dental therapist's collaborative management  
 1406 agreement, except for the extraction of a tooth that is  
 1407 unerupted, impacted, or fractured or that needs to be sectioned  
 1408 for removal.
- 1409        (p) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain limited  
 1410 to the procedures in this subsection.
- 1411        (q) Preparation and placement of direct restoration in  
 1412 primary and permanent teeth.
- 1413        (r) Fabrication and placement of single-tooth temporary  
 1414 crowns.
- 1415        (s) Preparation and placement of preformed crowns on  
 1416 primary teeth.
- 1417        (t) Indirect and direct pulp capping on permanent teeth.
- 1418        (u) Indirect pulp capping on primary teeth.
- 1419        (v) Intraoral suture placement and removal.
- 1420        (w) Minor adjustment and repair of removable prostheses.
- 1421        (x) Placement and removal of space maintainers.
- 1422        (y) Pulpotomy on primary teeth.
- 1423        (z) Tooth reimplantation and stabilization.
- 1424        (aa) Recementing of a permanent crown.
- 1425        (bb) Additional services, treatments, or procedures as the

1426 board deems appropriate by rule.

1427 (3) Before performing any of the services authorized in  
1428 subsection (2), a dental therapist must enter into a written  
1429 collaborative management agreement with a supervising dentist.  
1430 The agreement must be signed by the dental therapist and the  
1431 supervising dentist and must include all of the following  
1432 information:

1433 (a) Practice settings where services may be provided by  
1434 the dental therapist and the populations to be served by the  
1435 dental therapist.

1436 (b) Any limitations on the services that may be provided  
1437 by the dental therapist, including the level of supervision  
1438 required by the supervising dentist. This may include  
1439 telehealth.

1440 (c) Age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols  
1441 for the dental therapist, including case selection criteria,  
1442 assessment guidelines, and imaging frequency.

1443 (d) A procedure for creating and maintaining dental  
1444 records for the patients who are treated by the dental  
1445 therapist.

1446 (e) A plan to manage medical emergencies in each practice  
1447 setting where the dental therapist provides care.

1448 (f) A quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided  
1449 by the dental therapist, including patient care review, referral  
1450 follow-up, and a quality assurance chart review.

1451 (g) Protocols for the dental therapist to administer and  
1452 dispense medications, including the specific conditions and  
1453 circumstances under which the medications are to be dispensed  
1454 and administered.

1455 (h) Criteria relating to the provision of care by the  
1456 dental therapist to patients with specific medical conditions or  
1457 complex medication histories, including requirements for  
1458 consultation before the initiation of care.

1459 (i) Supervision criteria of dental therapists.

1460 (j) A plan for the provision of clinical resources and  
1461 referrals in situations that are beyond the capabilities of the  
1462 dental therapist.

1463 (4) A supervising dentist shall determine the number of  
1464 hours of practice that a dental therapist must complete under  
1465 direct or indirect supervision of the supervising dentist before  
1466 the dental therapist may perform any of the services authorized  
1467 in subsection (2) under general or direct supervision.

1468 (5) A supervising dentist may restrict or limit the dental  
1469 therapist's practice in the written collaborative management  
1470 agreement to be less than the full scope of practice for dental  
1471 therapists which is authorized in subsection (2).

1472 (6) A supervising dentist may authorize a dental therapist  
1473 to provide dental therapy services to a patient before the  
1474 supervising dentist examines or diagnoses the patient if the  
1475 authority, conditions, and protocols are established in a

1476 written collaborative management agreement and if the patient is  
1477 subsequently referred to a dentist for any needed additional  
1478 services that exceed the dental therapist's scope of practice or  
1479 authorization under the collaborative management agreement.

1480 (7) A supervising dentist must be licensed and practicing  
1481 in this state. The supervising dentist is responsible for all  
1482 services authorized and performed by the dental therapist  
1483 pursuant to the collaborative management agreement and for  
1484 providing or arranging followup services to be provided by a  
1485 dentist for any additional services that exceed the dental  
1486 therapist's scope of practice or authorization under the  
1487 collaborative management agreement.

1488 **Section 23. Subsection (8) is added to section 466.023,**  
1489 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

1490 466.023 Dental hygienists; scope and area of practice.—

1491 (8) Dental hygienists may use lasers in the practice of  
1492 dental hygiene under the general supervision of a dentist, so  
1493 long as he or she does not perform any procedure that is  
1494 irreversible or involves the intentional cutting of soft or hard  
1495 tissue.

1496 (a) Before using a laser for nondiagnostic purposes,  
1497 dental hygienists must complete no less than 12 hours of in-  
1498 person continuing education in laser use specific to the  
1499 procedures to be performed by the dental hygienist using the  
1500 laser, and of the 12 required hours, 3 hours must include

1501 clinical simulation laser training similar to the procedures to  
1502 be performed by the dental hygienist. The continuing education  
1503 must be provided by an educational course provider recognized by  
1504 the board. Dental hygienists must maintain documentation of the  
1505 satisfactory completion of the required continuing education  
1506 courses.

1507 (b) Laser use by a dental hygienist must be in accordance  
1508 with the minimum standards of care and limited to the dental  
1509 hygienist's scope of practice.

1510 (c) A dentist who supervises a dental hygienist in the use  
1511 of lasers must have laser education and training sufficient to  
1512 adequately supervise the dental hygienist, including, but not  
1513 limited to, meeting the continuing education requirements  
1514 provided in paragraph (b). Pursuant to s. 466.024, the  
1515 delegating dentist is primarily responsible for all procedures  
1516 delegated to the dental hygienist, including the use of lasers.

1517 **Section 24. Section 466.026, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1518 **to read:**

1519 466.026 Prohibitions; penalties.—

1520 (1) Each of the following acts constitutes a felony of the  
1521 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
1522 or s. 775.084:

1523 (a) Practicing dentistry, dental therapy, or dental  
1524 hygiene unless the person has an appropriate, active license  
1525 issued by the department pursuant to this chapter.

1526 (b) Using or attempting to use a license issued pursuant  
 1527 to this chapter which license has been suspended or revoked.

1528 (c) Knowingly employing any person to perform duties  
 1529 outside the scope allowed such person under this chapter or the  
 1530 rules of the board.

1531 (d) Giving false or forged evidence to the department or  
 1532 board for the purpose of obtaining a license.

1533 (e) Selling or offering to sell a diploma conferring a  
 1534 degree from a dental college, ~~or~~ dental hygiene school or  
 1535 college, or dental therapy school or college, or a license  
 1536 issued pursuant to this chapter, or procuring such diploma or  
 1537 license with intent that it will ~~shall~~ be used as evidence of  
 1538 that which the document stands for, by a person other than the  
 1539 one upon whom it was conferred or to whom it was granted.

1540 (2) Each of the following acts constitutes a misdemeanor  
 1541 of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
 1542 775.083:

1543 (a) Using the name or title "dentist," the letters  
 1544 "D.D.S." or "D.M.D.", or any other words, letters, title, or  
 1545 descriptive matter which in any way represents a person as being  
 1546 able to diagnose, treat, prescribe, or operate for any disease,  
 1547 pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of  
 1548 the teeth or jaws or oral-maxillofacial region unless the person  
 1549 has an active dentist's license issued by the department  
 1550 pursuant to this chapter.

1551 (b) Using the name "dental hygienist" or the initials  
 1552 "R.D.H." or otherwise holding herself or himself out as an  
 1553 actively licensed dental hygienist or implying to any patient or  
 1554 consumer that she or he is an actively licensed dental hygienist  
 1555 unless that person has an active dental hygienist's license  
 1556 issued by the department pursuant to this chapter.

1557 (c) Using the name "dental therapist" or the initials  
 1558 "D.T." or otherwise holding herself or himself out as an  
 1559 actively licensed dental therapist or implying to any patient or  
 1560 consumer that she or he is an actively licensed dental therapist  
 1561 unless that person has an active dental therapist's license  
 1562 issued by the department pursuant to this chapter.

1563 (d)~~(e)~~ Presenting as her or his own the license of  
 1564 another.

1565 (e)~~(d)~~ Knowingly concealing information relative to  
 1566 violations of this chapter.

1567 (f)~~(e)~~ Performing any services as a dental assistant as  
 1568 defined herein, except in the office of a licensed dentist,  
 1569 unless authorized by this chapter or by rule of the board.

1570 **Section 25. Paragraphs (b), (c), (g), (s), and (t) of**  
 1571 **subsection (1) of section 466.028, Florida Statutes, are amended**  
 1572 **to read:**

1573 466.028 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the  
 1574 board.—

1575 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a

1576 license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

1577 (b) Having a license to practice dentistry, dental  
1578 therapy, or dental hygiene revoked, suspended, or otherwise  
1579 acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the  
1580 licensing authority of another state, territory, or country.

1581 (c) Being convicted or found guilty of or entering a plea  
1582 of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in  
1583 any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of dentistry,  
1584 dental therapy, or dental hygiene. A plea of nolo contendere  
1585 creates ~~shall create~~ a rebuttable presumption of guilt to the  
1586 underlying criminal charges.

1587 (g) Aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising any  
1588 unlicensed person to practice dentistry, dental therapy, or  
1589 dental hygiene contrary to this chapter or to a rule of the  
1590 department or the board.

1591 (s) Being unable to practice her or his profession with  
1592 reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or  
1593 use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type  
1594 of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.  
1595 In enforcing this paragraph, the department ~~shall have,~~ upon a  
1596 finding of the State Surgeon General or her or his designee that  
1597 probable cause exists to believe that the licensee is unable to  
1598 practice dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene because of  
1599 the reasons stated in this paragraph, has the authority to issue  
1600 an order to compel a licensee to submit to a mental or physical



1601 examination by physicians designated by the department. If the  
1602 licensee refuses to comply with such order, the department's  
1603 order directing such examination may be enforced by filing a  
1604 petition for enforcement in the circuit court where the licensee  
1605 resides or does business. The licensee against whom the petition  
1606 is filed may ~~shall~~ not be named or identified by initials in any  
1607 public court records or documents, and the proceedings must  
1608 ~~shall~~ be closed to the public. The department is ~~shall be~~  
1609 entitled to the summary procedure provided in s. 51.011. A  
1610 licensee affected under this paragraph must ~~shall~~ at reasonable  
1611 intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that she or  
1612 he can resume the competent practice of her or his profession  
1613 with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

1614 (t) Fraud, deceit, or misconduct in the practice of  
1615 dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene.

1616 **Section 26. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of**  
1617 **section 466.0285, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1618 466.0285 Proprietorship by nondentists.—

1619 (1) No person other than a dentist licensed pursuant to  
1620 this chapter, nor any entity other than a professional  
1621 corporation or limited liability company composed of dentists,  
1622 may:

1623 (a) Employ a dentist, a dental therapist, or a dental  
1624 hygienist in the operation of a dental office.

1625 (b) Control the use of any dental equipment or material

1626 while such equipment or material is being used for the provision  
 1627 of dental services, whether those services are provided by a  
 1628 dentist, a dental therapist, a dental hygienist, or a dental  
 1629 assistant.

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 1631 Any lease agreement, rental agreement, or other arrangement  
 1632 between a nondentist and a dentist whereby the nondentist  
 1633 provides the dentist with dental equipment or dental materials  
 1634 shall contain a provision whereby the dentist expressly  
 1635 maintains complete care, custody, and control of the equipment  
 1636 or practice.

1637 **Section 27. Subsection (7) of section 627.6471, Florida**  
 1638 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), and a new subsection**  
 1639 **(7) is added to that section to read:**

1640 627.6471 Contracts for reduced rates of payment;  
 1641 limitations; coinsurance and deductibles.-

1642 (7) Any insurer issuing a policy of health insurance in  
 1643 this state shall apply the payment for a service provided to an  
 1644 insured by a nonpreferred provider toward the insured's  
 1645 deductible and out-of-pocket maximum as if the service had been  
 1646 provided by a preferred provider if all of the following apply:

1647 (a) The insured requests that the insurer apply the  
 1648 payment for the service provided to the insured by the  
 1649 nonpreferred provider toward the insured's deductible and out-  
 1650 of-pocket maximum.

1651 (b) The service provided to the insured by the  
 1652 nonpreferred provider is within the scope of services covered  
 1653 under the insured's policy.

1654 (c) The amount that the nonpreferred provider charged the  
 1655 insured for the service is the same as or less than:

1656 1. The average amount that the insured's preferred  
 1657 provider network charges for the service; or

1658 2. The statewide average amount for the service based on  
 1659 data reported on the Florida Health Price Finder website.

1661 **Section 28. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section**  
 1662 **921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1663 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity  
 1664 ranking chart.—

1665 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

1666 (g) LEVEL 7

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
316.027(2)(c)	1st	Accident involving death, failure to stop; leaving scene.
316.193(3)(c)2.	3rd	DUI resulting in serious bodily injury.

1670	316.1935 (3) (b)	1st	Causing serious bodily injury or death to another person; driving at high speed or with wanton disregard for safety while fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer who is in a patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
1671	327.35 (3) (c) 2.	3rd	Vessel BUI resulting in serious bodily injury.
1672	402.319 (2)	2nd	Misrepresentation and negligence or intentional act resulting in great bodily harm, permanent disfiguration, permanent disability, or death.
1673	409.920 (2) (b) 1.a.	3rd	Medicaid provider fraud; \$10,000 or less.
1674	409.920 (2) (b) 1.b.	2nd	Medicaid provider fraud; more than \$10,000, but less than \$50,000.

1675	456.065 (2)	3rd	Practicing a health care profession without a license.
1676	456.065 (2)	2nd	Practicing a health care profession without a license which results in serious bodily injury.
1677	458.327 (1)	3rd	Practicing medicine without a license.
1678	459.013 (1)	3rd	Practicing osteopathic medicine without a license.
1679	460.411 (1)	3rd	Practicing chiropractic medicine without a license.
1680	461.012 (1)	3rd	Practicing podiatric medicine without a license.
1681	462.17	3rd	Practicing naturopathy without a license.
1682	463.015 (1)	3rd	Practicing optometry without a

1683			license.
	464.016 (1)	3rd	Practicing nursing without a license.
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	465.015 (2)	3rd	Practicing pharmacy without a license.
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	466.026 (1)	3rd	Practicing dentistry, <u>dental therapy</u> , or dental hygiene without a license.
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	467.201	3rd	Practicing midwifery without a license.
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	468.366	3rd	Delivering respiratory care services without a license.
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	483.828 (1)	3rd	Practicing as clinical laboratory personnel without a license.
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	483.901 (7)	3rd	Practicing medical physics without a license.
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1691	484.013 (1) (c)	3rd	Preparing or dispensing optical devices without a prescription.
1692	484.053	3rd	Dispensing hearing aids without a license.
1693	494.0018 (2)	1st	Conviction of any violation of chapter 494 in which the total money and property unlawfully obtained exceeded \$50,000 and there were five or more victims.
1694	560.123 (8) (b) 1.	3rd	Failure to report currency or payment instruments exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000 by a money services business.
1695	560.125 (5) (a)	3rd	Money services business by unauthorized person, currency or payment instruments exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
	655.50 (10) (b) 1.	3rd	Failure to report financial

			transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000 by financial institution.
1696	775.21 (10) (a)	3rd	Sexual predator; failure to register; failure to renew driver license or identification card; other registration violations.
1697	775.21 (10) (b)	3rd	Sexual predator working where children regularly congregate.
1698	775.21 (10) (g)	3rd	Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual predator; harbor or conceal a sexual predator.
1699	782.051 (3)	2nd	Attempted felony murder of a person by a person other than the perpetrator or the perpetrator of an attempted felony.
1700	782.07 (1)	2nd	Killing of a human being by the



1701			act, procurement, or culpable negligence of another (manslaughter).
	782.071	2nd	Killing of a human being or unborn child by the operation of a motor vehicle in a reckless manner (vehicular homicide).
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	782.072	2nd	Killing of a human being by the operation of a vessel in a reckless manner (vessel homicide).
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	784.045 (1) (a) 1.	2nd	Aggravated battery; intentionally causing great bodily harm or disfigurement.
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	784.045 (1) (a) 2.	2nd	Aggravated battery; using deadly weapon.
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	784.045 (1) (b)	2nd	Aggravated battery; perpetrator aware victim pregnant.
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1707	784.048 (4)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of injunction or court order.
1708	784.048 (7)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of court order.
1709	784.07 (2) (d)	1st	Aggravated battery on law enforcement officer.
1710	784.074 (1) (a)	1st	Aggravated battery on sexually violent predators facility staff.
1711	784.08 (2) (a)	1st	Aggravated battery on a person 65 years of age or older.
1712	784.081 (1)	1st	Aggravated battery on specified official or employee.
1713	784.082 (1)	1st	Aggravated battery by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
	784.083 (1)	1st	Aggravated battery on code inspector.

1714	787.06(3)(a)2.	1st	Human trafficking using coercion for labor and services of an adult.
1715	787.06(3)(e)2.	1st	Human trafficking using coercion for labor and services by the transfer or transport of an adult from outside Florida to within the state.
1716	790.07(4)	1st	Specified weapons violation subsequent to previous conviction of s. 790.07(1) or (2).
1717	790.16(1)	1st	Discharge of a machine gun under specified circumstances.
1718	790.165(2)	2nd	Manufacture, sell, possess, or deliver hoax bomb.
1719	790.165(3)	2nd	Possessing, displaying, or threatening to use any hoax bomb while committing or

1720			attempting to commit a felony.
	790.166 (3)	2nd	Possessing, selling, using, or attempting to use a hoax weapon of mass destruction.
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	790.166 (4)	2nd	Possessing, displaying, or threatening to use a hoax weapon of mass destruction while committing or attempting to commit a felony.
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	790.23	1st, PBL	Possession of a firearm by a person who qualifies for the penalty enhancements provided for in s. 874.04.
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	794.08 (4)	3rd	Female genital mutilation; consent by a parent, guardian, or a person in custodial authority to a victim younger than 18 years of age.
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	796.05 (1)	1st	Live on earnings of a prostitute; 2nd offense.

1725	796.05 (1)	1st	Live on earnings of a prostitute; 3rd and subsequent offense.
1726	800.04 (5) (c) 1.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim younger than 12 years of age; offender younger than 18 years of age.
1727	800.04 (5) (c) 2.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but younger than 16 years of age; offender 18 years of age or older.
1728	800.04 (5) (e)	1st	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but younger than 16 years; offender 18 years or older; prior conviction for specified sex offense.
1729	806.01 (2)	2nd	Maliciously damage structure by fire or explosive.

1730	810.02 (3) (a)	2nd	Burglary of occupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or battery.
1731	810.02 (3) (b)	2nd	Burglary of unoccupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or battery.
1732	810.02 (3) (d)	2nd	Burglary of occupied conveyance; unarmed; no assault or battery.
1733	810.02 (3) (e)	2nd	Burglary of authorized emergency vehicle.
1734	812.014 (2) (a) 1.	1st	Property stolen, valued at \$100,000 or more or a semitrailer deployed by a law enforcement officer; property stolen while causing other property damage; 1st degree grand theft.
1735	812.014 (2) (b) 2.	2nd	Property stolen, cargo valued at less than \$50,000, grand

1736			theft in 2nd degree.
	812.014 (2) (b) 3.	2nd	Property stolen, emergency medical equipment; 2nd degree grand theft.
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	812.014 (2) (b) 4.	2nd	Property stolen, law enforcement equipment from authorized emergency vehicle.
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	812.014 (2) (g)	2nd	Grand theft; second degree; firearm with previous conviction of s. 812.014 (2) (c) 5.
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	812.0145 (2) (a)	1st	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$50,000 or more.
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	812.019 (2)	1st	Stolen property; initiates, organizes, plans, etc., the theft of property and traffics in stolen property.
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	812.131 (2) (a)	2nd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
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1743	812.133 (2) (b)	1st	Carjacking; no firearm, deadly weapon, or other weapon.
1744	817.034 (4) (a) 1.	1st	Communications fraud, value greater than \$50,000.
1745	817.234 (8) (a)	2nd	Solicitation of motor vehicle accident victims with intent to defraud.
1746	817.234 (9)	2nd	Organizing, planning, or participating in an intentional motor vehicle collision.
1747	817.234 (11) (c)	1st	Insurance fraud; property value \$100,000 or more.
1748	817.2341 (2) (b) & (3) (b)	1st	Making false entries of material fact or false statements regarding property values relating to the solvency of an insuring entity which are a significant cause of the insolvency of that entity.



1749	817.418 (2) (a)	3rd	Offering for sale or advertising personal protective equipment with intent to defraud.
1750	817.504 (1) (a)	3rd	Offering or advertising a vaccine with intent to defraud.
1751	817.535 (2) (a)	3rd	Filing false lien or other unauthorized document.
1752	817.611 (2) (b)	2nd	Traffic in or possess 15 to 49 counterfeit credit cards or related documents.
1753	825.102 (3) (b)	2nd	Neglecting an elderly person or disabled adult causing great bodily harm, disability, or disfigurement.
1754	825.103 (3) (b)	2nd	Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at \$10,000 or more, but less than \$50,000.

1755	827.03 (2) (b)	2nd	Neglect of a child causing great bodily harm, disability, or disfigurement.
1756	827.04 (3)	3rd	Impregnation of a child under 16 years of age by person 21 years of age or older.
1757	827.071 (2) & (3)	2nd	Use or induce a child in a sexual performance, or promote or direct such performance.
1758	827.071 (4)	2nd	Possess with intent to promote any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which includes child pornography.
1759	837.05 (2)	3rd	Giving false information about alleged capital felony to a law enforcement officer.
1760	838.015	2nd	Bribery.
	838.016	2nd	Unlawful compensation or reward for official behavior.

1761	838.021 (3) (a)	2nd	Unlawful harm to a public servant.
1762	838.22	2nd	Bid tampering.
1763	843.0855 (2)	3rd	Impersonation of a public officer or employee.
1764	843.0855 (3)	3rd	Unlawful simulation of legal process.
1765	843.0855 (4)	3rd	Intimidation of a public officer or employee.
1766	847.0135 (3)	3rd	Solicitation of a child, via a computer service, to commit an unlawful sex act.
1767	847.0135 (4)	2nd	Traveling to meet a minor to commit an unlawful sex act.
1768	872.06	2nd	Abuse of a dead human body.
1769	874.05 (2) (b)	1st	Encouraging or recruiting

1770	874.10	1st, PBL	<p>person under 13 to join a criminal gang; second or subsequent offense.</p> <p>Knowingly initiates, organizes, plans, finances, directs, manages, or supervises criminal gang-related activity.</p>
1771	893.13 (1) (c) 1.	1st	<p>Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03 (1) (a), (1) (b), (1) (d), (2) (a), (2) (b), or (2) (c) 5.) within 1,000 feet of a child care facility, school, or state, county, or municipal park or publicly owned recreational facility or community center.</p>
1772	893.13 (1) (e) 1.	1st	<p>Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03 (1) (a), (1) (b), (1) (d),</p>

1773			(2) (a), (2) (b), or (2) (c)5., within 1,000 feet of property used for religious services or a specified business site.
	893.13 (4) (a)	1st	Use or hire of minor; deliver to minor other controlled substance.
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	893.135 (1) (a) 1.	1st	Trafficking in cannabis, more than 25 lbs., less than 2,000 lbs.
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	893.135 (1) (b) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in cocaine, more than 28 grams, less than 200 grams.
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	893.135 (1) (c) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs, more than 4 grams, less than 14 grams.
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	893.135 (1) (c) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in hydrocodone, 28 grams or more, less than 50 grams.
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1779	893.135 (1) (c) 2.b.	1st	Trafficking in hydrocodone, 50 grams or more, less than 100 grams.
1780	893.135 (1) (c) 3.a.	1st	Trafficking in oxycodone, 7 grams or more, less than 14 grams.
1781	893.135 (1) (c) 3.b.	1st	Trafficking in oxycodone, 14 grams or more, less than 25 grams.
1782	893.135 (1) (c) 4.b. (I)	1st	Trafficking in fentanyl, 4 grams or more, less than 14 grams.
1783	893.135 (1) (d) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine, 28 grams or more, less than 200 grams.
1784	893.135 (1) (e) 1.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone, 200 grams or more, less than 5 kilograms.
	893.135 (1) (f) 1.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, 14

			grams or more, less than 28 grams.
1785	893.135 (1) (g) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in flunitrazepam, 4 grams or more, less than 14 grams.
1786	893.135 (1) (h) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in gamma- hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), 1 kilogram or more, less than 5 kilograms.
1787	893.135 (1) (j) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 1 kilogram or more, less than 5 kilograms.
1788	893.135 (1) (k) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines, 10 grams or more, less than 200 grams.
1789	893.135 (1) (m) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in synthetic cannabinoids, 280 grams or more, less than 500 grams.
1790	893.135	1st	Trafficking in synthetic

1791	(1) (m) 2.b.		cannabinoids, 500 grams or more, less than 1,000 grams.
1792	893.135 (1) (n) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in n-benzyl phenethylamines, 14 grams or more, less than 100 grams.
1793	893.1351 (2)	2nd	Possession of place for trafficking in or manufacturing of controlled substance.
1794	896.101 (5) (a)	3rd	Money laundering, financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
1795	896.104 (4) (a) 1.	3rd	Structuring transactions to evade reporting or registration requirements, financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
	943.0435 (4) (c)	2nd	Sexual offender vacating permanent residence; failure to comply with reporting requirements.



1796	943.0435 (8)	2nd	Sexual offender; remains in state after indicating intent to leave; failure to comply with reporting requirements.
1797	943.0435 (9) (a)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to comply with reporting requirements.
1798	943.0435 (13)	3rd	Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.
1799	943.0435 (14)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to report and reregister; failure to respond to address verification; providing false registration information.
1800	944.607 (9)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to comply with reporting requirements.
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1802	944.607(10) (a)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to submit to the taking of a digitized photograph.
1803	944.607(12)	3rd	Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.
1804	944.607(13)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to report and reregister; failure to respond to address verification; providing false registration information.
1805	985.4815(10)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to submit to the taking of a digitized photograph.
1806	985.4815(12)	3rd	Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.
	985.4815(13)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to

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**Section 29.** The Department of Health, in consultation with the Board of Dentistry and the Agency for Health Care Administration, shall submit a progress report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2028, and a final report 4 years after the first dental therapy license is issued. The reports must include all of the following information and recommendations:

(1) The progress that has been made in this state to implement dental therapy training programs, licensing, and Medicaid reimbursement.

(2) Data demonstrating the effects of dental therapy in this state on all of the following:

(a) Patient access to dental services.

(b) Costs to dental providers, patients, dental insurance carriers, and the state.

(c) The quality and safety of dental services.

(3) Specific recommendations for any necessary legislative, administrative, or regulatory reform relating to the practice of dental therapy.

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1828 |           (4) Any other information the department deems  
1829 | appropriate.

1830 |           **Section 30.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.