

Use of Botox/Dermal Fillers by Licensed Dentists - Advisory Opinion.

SDCL § 36-6A-26(13) defines dentistry as the healing art which is concerned with the examination, diagnosis, treatment, planning, and care of conditions within the human oral cavity and its adjacent tissues and structures. The use of Botox and dermal fillers in the adjacent or associated tissues and structures of the oral cavity would be considered within a dentist's scope of practice provided that the dentist has received the appropriate training and experience to perform such procedures.

This advisory opinion was rendered by the Board upon written request. Although advisory opinions are not judicially reviewable and do not have the force and effect of law, they do serve as a guideline for dentists who wish to engage in safe dental practices. This advisory opinion was adopted at the regular meeting of the South Dakota State Board of Dentistry on January 17, 2014.