

Can a dental hygienist take x-rays when acting under general supervision – Advisory Opinion.

The taking of radiographs is considered a preventative or therapeutic service that a dental hygienist can provide under general supervision pursuant to SDCL § 36-6A-40 in and in accordance with a written prescriptive plan determined by the dentist.

This advisory opinion was rendered by the Board following discussion of the submission of a 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 meeting of the South Dakota Board of Dentistry on June 16, 2017.