



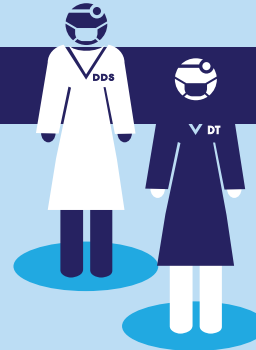
ORAL HEALTH IN MICHIGAN

SB 1013: Supervision of Dental Therapists

Supervision and Collaboration

GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST

If choosing to hire a dental therapist, the dentist would determine which procedures the DT could and could not perform. A formal **COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT**, unique to each employing relationship, would be based on skill level, the needs of the practice and their patients.



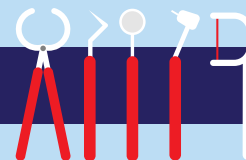
APPROVED PROCEDURES

Just as physician assistants work as part of a physician-led team, dental therapists can **ONLY** perform the procedures **APPROVED BY THEIR SUPERVISING DENTIST** under the collaborative agreement.



COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

Components of collaborative agreements include: Services and procedures allowed, practice settings, plans for **MANAGING MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**, quality assurance plans for monitoring care such as chart review, **PROTOCOLS** for administering and dispensing medications, and **CRITERIA FOR PROVIDING CARE** to patients with complex medical histories.



Q. Who carries the malpractice insurance?

A. BOTH In states where they currently practice together, **BOTH** the dental therapist and collaborating dentist **CARRY MALPRACTICE INSURANCE** which is typically \$150-\$300 annually.



To learn more about how dental therapists can help provide access to care visit MIDentalAccess.org.

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