

**TITLE 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AND INSURANCE
Division 2110—Missouri Dental Board
Chapter 2—General Rules**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2110-2.120 Dental Assistants. The board is amending sections (1), (2), (4), and (5).

PURPOSE: This amendment will create a new category of periodontal expanded function permits.

(1) Definitions.

- (G) Expanded functions permit—A permit issued by the Missouri Dental Board authorizing a dental assistant, certified dental assistant, or Missouri licensed dental hygienist to perform expanded functions duties upon delegation from a Missouri licensed dentist. Expanded functions permits will be issued in the following categories: restorative I, restorative II, removable prosthodontics, fixed prosthodontics, **periodontal**, and orthodontics.

(2) Prohibited Acts.

- (A) A registered and currently licensed dentist may not delegate to a dental assistant or certified dental assistant, as defined in subsections (1)(B) and (C) respectively, the performance of the following procedures:
1. Diagnosis, including interpretation of dental radiographs and treatment planning;
 2. Cutting of tooth structure;
 3. Surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissues;
 4. The prescription, injection, and parenteral administration of drugs;
 5. The final bending of archwire prior to ligation;
 6. **[The] Subgingival** scaling of teeth; and
 7. Administration of nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia except that a dental assistant or certified dental assistant may assist in the administration of and monitor nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia with specific training as provided in section (3) of this rule.

(4) Expanded Functions Permits.

- (B) The board shall issue the appropriate expanded functions permit upon receipt of a completed application form, payment of the appropriate fee specified in 20 CSR 2110-2.170, and proof of competence as defined in subsection (1)(I) that the dental assistant has complied with the requirements of subsection (4)(A) of this rule. The requirements of this section must be completed within one (1) year of the date of submission of the application form. The board-issued expanded functions permit must be displayed in plain view in any facility where the dental assistant will be providing expanded functions prior to delegation of expanded functions to that dental assistant.

[[C)] 1. Any dental assistant or certified dental assistant to whom a dentist could legally delegate expanded functions duties prior to December 1, 2012, or any dental assistant

or certified dental assistant who meets the qualifications for a board-issued expanded functions permit prior to December 1, 2012, may submit their proof of competence to the Missouri Dental Board and be issued an expanded functions permit prior to December 1, 2012.

- 2. Any dental assistant or certified dental assistant who received a board-issued expanded functions permit as an oral preventative assistant prior to August 26, 2026, pursuant to the Oral Preventative Assistant Pilot Project specified in 20 CSR 2110-2.134 may submit their proof of competence to the Missouri Dental Board and be issued an expanded functions permit prior to February 1, 2027.**

~~[(D)]~~(C) Beginning March 1, 2013, every expanded functions permit issued by the board shall be renewed every five (5) years. In order to renew an expanded functions permit, the dental assistant shall submit to the board—

1. A completed renewal application form provided by the board for each permit the permit holder wishes to renew;
2. The renewal fee specified in 20 CSR 2110-2.170 payable to the Missouri Dental Board for each permit the permit holder wishes to renew;
3. Satisfactory evidence of completion of sixteen (16) hours of continuing education from board-approved sponsors as specified in 20 CSR 2110-2.240(1)(C) during the five- (5-) year period immediately preceding the expiration date. All sixteen (16) hours of continuing education for renewal must be directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. Permit holders shall only be required to complete sixteen (16) hours of continuing education regardless of the number of permits the permit holder wishes to renew. For any permits that are issued twelve (12) months or less from the expiration date of that permit, the permit holder shall only be required to obtain four (4) hours of board-approved continuing education to renew those permits. Each permit holder shall maintain documentation of completion of the required continuing education hours for five (5) years after the completion of the permit period in which the continuing education was earned; and
4. Evidence of current certification in the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider (BLS), or an equivalent certification approved by the Missouri Dental Board. Board-approved courses shall meet the American Heart Association guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiovascular care (ECC) and provide written and manikin testing on the course material by an instructor who is physically present with the students. Online only courses will not be accepted to satisfy the BLS requirement.

~~[(E)]~~(D) An expanded functions permit shall expire if not renewed on or before the permit expiration date. An expired permit can be renewed at any time within one (1) year of the permit expiration date. Any expired expanded functions permit that is not renewed within one (1) year of the expiration date shall be void.

(5) Categories.

- (A) Functions delegable to a dental assistant possessing a board-issued permit to perform expanded functions are divided into five (5) categories; restorative I, restorative II,

removable prosthodontics, fixed prosthodontics, **periodontal**, and orthodontics and are listed below by category.

1. Restorative I—

- A. Sizing and cementing of prefabricated crowns;
- B. Placing, condensing, carving, and finishing amalgam for Class I, V, and VI restorations;
- C. Placing and finishing composite for Class I, V, and VI restorations; and
- D. Minor palliative care of dental emergencies (place sedative filling).

2. Restorative II—

- A. Sizing and cementing of prefabricated crowns;
- B. Placing, condensing, carving, and finishing amalgam for Class I, II, III, IV, V, and VI restorations;
- C. Placing and finishing composite for Class I, II, III, IV, V, and VI restorations; and
- D. Minor palliative care of dental emergencies (place sedative filling).

3. Orthodontics—

- A. Preliminary bending of archwire;
- B. Removal of orthodontic bands and bonds;
- C. Final cementation of any permanent orthodontic appliance or prosthesis;
- D. Making impressions for the fabrication of any orthodontic prosthesis/appliance; and
- E. Placement and cementation of orthodontic brackets and/or bands.

4. Prosthodontics—Fixed—

- A. Apply tissue retracting material prior to impression of a fixed prosthesis;
- B. Extra-oral adjustments of fixed prosthesis;
- C. Final cementation of any permanent appliance or prosthesis;
- D. Making impressions for the fabrication of any removable or fixed prosthesis/appliance; and
- E. Sizing and cementing of prefabricated crowns.

5. Prosthodontics—Removable—

- A. Placement of temporary soft liners in a removable prosthesis;
- B. Extra-oral adjustments of removable prosthesis during and after insertion; and
- C. Making impressions for the fabrication of any removable or fixed prosthesis/appliance.

6. Periodontal—

- A. Supragingival scaling; and**
- B. Comprehensive periodontal charting.**

AUTHORITY: sections 332.011, 332.031.2., and 332.098, RSMo 2016. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 110-2.120. Original rule filed Dec. 12, 1975, effective Jan. 12, 1976. For intervening history, please consult the **Code of State Regulations**. Amended: Filed Aug. 17, 2026.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Dental Board, PO Box 1367, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at (573) 751-8216, or via email at dental@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*