

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
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333.21601 Definitions.

Sec. 21601.

(1) As used in this part:

(a) "Active patient" means a person who has received any type of dental care in a mobile dental facility in the preceding 24 months.

(b) "Assessment of a patient" means a limited clinical inspection that is performed to identify possible signs of oral or systemic disease, malformation, or injury, and the potential need for referral for diagnosis and treatment.

(c) "Clinical evaluation" means a diagnostic service provided by a dentist that includes a complete intra- and extra-oral inspection, may include other modalities of examination to identify signs of oral or systemic disease, malformation, or injury, and may include the completion of diagnosis and treatment planning to determine the treatment needs of an individual patient.

(d) "Comprehensive dental services" means clinical evaluation, including diagnosis and treatment planning; imagery services; and indicated treatment that may include preventative, restorative, and surgical procedures that are considered necessary for an individual patient.

(e) "Dental home" means a network of individualized care based on risk assessment, that includes oral health education, dental screenings, preventative dental services, diagnostic services, comprehensive dental services, and emergency services.

(f) "Department" means the department of community health.

(g) "Imagery" means visualization of oral and facial structures using specialized instruments and techniques for diagnostic purposes.

(h) "Memorandum of agreement" means written documentation of an agreement between parties to work together cooperatively on an agreed-upon project or meet an agreed-upon objective. The purpose of a memorandum of agreement is to have a written understanding of the agreement between the parties. A memorandum of agreement serves as a legal document that is binding and holds the parties responsible to their commitment along with describing the terms and details of the cooperative agreement. A memorandum of agreement may be used between agencies, the public, the federal or state government, communities, and individuals.

(i) "Mobile dental facility" means either of the following:

(i) A self-contained, intact facility in which dentistry or dental hygiene is practiced that may be transported from 1 location to another.

(ii) A site used on a temporary basis to provide dental services using portable equipment.

(j) "Operator" means either of the following:

(i) An individual with a valid, current license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state who utilizes and holds a permit under this part for a mobile dental facility.

(ii) A corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or any governmental agency contracting with individuals licensed to practice dentistry in this state or dental hygienists licensed in this state, that utilizes and holds a permit under this part for a mobile dental facility.

(k) "Preventative dental services" means dental services that include, but are not limited to, screening of a patient, assessment of a patient, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, and application of sealants. Imagery studies are not preventative dental services.

(l) "Screening of a patient" means screening, including state- or federally mandated screening, to determine an individual's need to be seen by a dentist for diagnosis.

(2) In addition, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to this part.

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