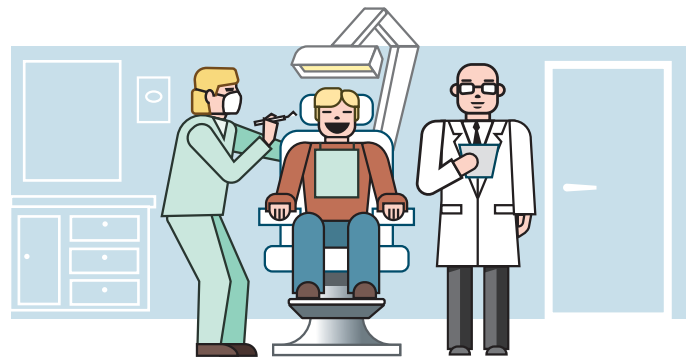


# HB 1256: SUPERVISION OF DENTAL THERAPISTS

**Under HB 1256 as amended, supervision of dental therapists by dentists would be limited to direct and indirect supervision...**

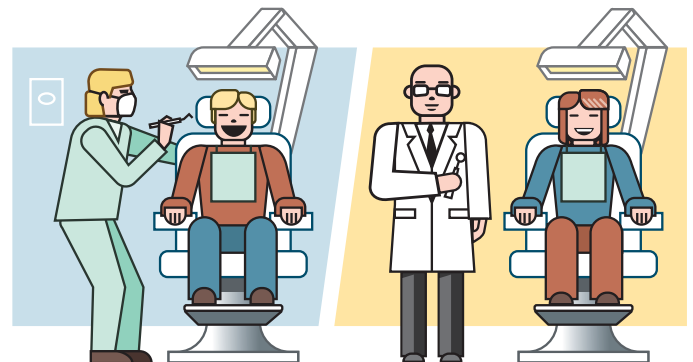
## **Direct Supervision**

As currently defined by the ND Board of Dental Examiners, direct supervision “means the dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental hygienist or dental assistant, and before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the dental hygienist or dental assistant.”



## **Indirect Supervision**

As currently defined by the Board, indirect supervision “means that a dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated, authorizes the procedures, and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental hygienist or dental assistant.”



**...unless the Board were to develop rules to allow for the use of “general supervision,” similar to rules already in place for supervising dental hygienists in North Dakota. According to the Board, general supervision “means the dentist has authorized the procedures and they are carried out in accordance with the dentist’s treatment plan and with the dentist’s diagnosis, if necessary. The dentist is not required to be in the treatment facility.”**

Source: North Dakota Administrative Code § 20-01-02-01.