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Orthodontic Module

- 8.09** (1) A dentist may delegate the provision of the following services to a practising certified dental assistant who has successfully completed an Orthodontic Module:
- (a) instructing in the use and care of orthodontic appliances;
 - (b) applying appropriate materials to irritating components or removing irritating components.
- (2) A dentist may authorize a practising certified dental assistant who has successfully completed the Orthodontic Module to provide the following services under the supervision of a dentist:
- (a) a service referred to in subsection (1);
 - (b) placing and removing orthodontic separators;
 - (c) preparing teeth for bonding or cementing of orthodontic attachments or bands;
 - (d) subject to subsection (3), fitting, placing, and light curing orthodontic bands or bondable attachments, with a dentist's assessment after fitting and again before light curing;
 - (e) removing excess adhesive material using appropriate hand instruments, or ultrasonic or slow-speed rotary instruments, following banding/bonding or debanding/debonding procedures;
 - (f) fitting and adjusting orthodontic appliances and archwires followed by assessment by a dentist;
 - (g) placing and ligating archwires after assessment by a dentist;
 - (h) removing ligating materials and archwires;
 - (i) removing orthodontic bands and bonded attachments using appropriate hand instruments.
- (3) Despite subsection (2)(d), attachment by self-curing materials must only be done by a dentist, and must not be delegated to or authorized to be performed by a person who is not a dentist.

Prosthodontic Module

- 8.10** A dentist may authorize a practising certified dental assistant who has successfully completed a Prosthodontic Module to provide the following services under the supervision of a dentist:
- (a) fabricating and trying-in provisional restorations intra-orally, including intra-coronal direct provisionals, and adjusting occlusion extra-orally, followed by assessment by a dentist before cementation;

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- (b) temporary cementation of provisional restorations and removal of temporary cement followed by assessment by a dentist;
- (c) performing non-surgical gingival retraction techniques excluding the use of epinephrine;
- (d) removing temporary and permanent cements using an appropriate hand instrument and excluding the use of dental handpieces;
- (e) removing provisional restorations.

Dental Radiography Module

8.11 A dentist may authorize a dental assistant who has successfully completed a Dental Radiography Module to expose dental radiographs under the supervision of a dentist.

Delegation to dental hygienists

- 8.12** (1) Subject to subsection (2), a dentist may delegate or authorize the provision of a service that includes the performance of a restricted activity by a dental hygienist, if the dentist
- (a) ensures that the service will be provided within
 - (i) 365 days after the dental hygienist's receipt of specific and appropriate instructions from the dentist for the provision of that service, or
 - (ii) such shorter period of time after receipt of such instructions as may be required under the standards of practice or as the dentist may otherwise consider necessary, and
 - (b) examines the patient, or ensures that another dentist examines the patient,
 - (i) during the course of the appointment at which the service is provided, unless the patient is returning for treatment that was authorized by a dentist who examined the patient within the previous 365 days and no further examination is required in accordance with the standards of practice, or
 - (ii) at the beginning of the appointment at which the service is provided, if required under the standards of practice or otherwise considered necessary by the dentist.
- (2) A dentist
- (a) must not delegate or authorize the provision of any of the services referred to in section 8.09(1) or (2) to a dental hygienist unless the dental hygienist has successfully completed an Orthodontic Module, and
 - (b) must not delegate or authorize the provision of any other orthodontic service that includes the performance of a restricted activity to a dental hygienist, other than a service referred to in section 8.09(1) or (2).