

1 54-902A. DEFINITION -- PRACTICE OF DENTAL THERAPY. The practice of  
2 dental therapy is the doing by one (1) person for a direct or indirect con-  
3 sideration of one (1) or more of the following with respect to the teeth or  
4 dental health of another person, namely, identifying oral and systemic con-  
5 ditions, performing dental prophylaxis, dispensing and administering non-  
6 narcotic analgesics, anti-inflammatory and antibiotic medications as pre-  
7 scribed by a licensed dentist, applying preventive agents, preparation and  
8 placement of direct restorations in primary and permanent teeth, indirect  
9 and direct pulp capping on permanent teeth, indirect pulp capping on primary  
10 teeth, and such other dental services as specified by the supervising den-  
11 tist and for which the dental therapist is trained unless prohibited by the  
12 board in its adopted rules. The board shall enter into negotiated rulemaking  
13 to establish the appropriate levels of supervision for each authorized ser-  
14 vice or procedure. Except as otherwise specified in this chapter, such ser-  
15 vices and procedures shall be limited to the discharge of official duties on  
16 behalf of the United States government, including through the United States  
17 public health service, the Indian health service, or tribal health programs  
18 contracted to perform services on behalf of the United States government in a  
19 practice setting within the exterior boundaries of a tribal reservation.

20 SECTION 3. That Section 54-903, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 54-903. GENERAL DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

23 (1) "Association" means the Idaho state dental association and the  
24 Idaho dental hygienists' association.

25 (2) "Board" means the state board of dentistry.

26 (3) "Conviction" or "convicted" means a finding of guilt by a judge  
27 or jury, an entry of a guilty plea by a defendant and its acceptance by  
28 the court, a forfeiture of a bail bond or collateral deposited to secure a  
29 defendant's appearance, a judgment of conviction, a suspended sentence,  
30 probation, a withheld judgment, or a finding of guilt under the uniform code  
31 of military justice.

32 (4) "Dental assistant" is a person who need not be licensed under this  
33 chapter, but who is regularly employed at a dental office, who works under  
34 a dentist's supervision, and is adequately trained and qualified according  
35 to standards established by the board to perform the dental services permit-  
36 ted to be performed by assistants by this chapter and applicable rules of the  
37 board.

38 (5) "Dental hygienist" is a person both qualified and licensed by the  
39 laws of Idaho to practice dental hygiene.

40 (6) "Dental specialist" is a dentist who has graduated from a board-ap-  
41 proved postgraduate program in the dentist's specialty and is a person both  
42 qualified and licensed by the laws of Idaho to practice a dental specialty  
43 recognized by the board.

44 (7) "Dental therapist" is a person both qualified and licensed by the  
45 laws of Idaho to practice dental therapy.

46 (8) "Dentist" is a person both qualified and licensed by the laws of  
47 Idaho to practice dentistry.

48 (89) "Direct supervision" is supervision of a dental therapist, dental  
49 assistant, or dental hygienist requiring that a dentist diagnose the condi-