**20:43:04:04.  Dental hygienist -- Practice -- Supervision.** A licensed hygienist may practice dental hygiene as allowed by SDCL 36-6A-40 and may perform a hygienist's duties in a public or private institution under general supervision of a licensed dentist. A licensed dental hygienist may in addition perform preliminary examination of the oral cavity and surrounding structures, including periodontal screenings; complete prophylaxis; placement of sealants; and polishing of restorations. This section does not apply to licensed dental hygienists employed by the United States Public Health Service.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 87, effective March 2, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 18 SDR 132, effective February 17, 1992.

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