

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 147—ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARZOLA

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to dentistry.
(BDR 54-74)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to dentistry; requiring dental hygienists and dental therapists to comply with certain requirements governing the provision of health care; requiring providers of dental care to receive training on teledentistry before providing services through teledentistry; prescribing certain requirements relating to the secure storage of electronic records; providing for the issuance of special endorsements for a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist to administer immunizations; imposing certain requirements relating to the administration of immunizations by the holder of such an endorsement; requiring a dentist or dental hygienist to refer a minor to a dental home when appropriate; deeming certain conduct by a provider of dental care to be unprofessional conduct; authorizing the imposition of disciplinary action against a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist for certain violations; requiring hospitals and issuers of Medicaid managed care plans to take certain measures to ensure access by recipients of Medicaid to teledentistry; imposing certain requirements relating to the provision of services through teledentistry; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



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Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law defines the term "provider of health care" as a person who practices certain professions related to the provision of health care. (NRS 629.031) Existing law imposes certain requirements upon providers of health care, including requirements for billing, standards for advertisements and criminal penalties for acquiring certain debts. (NRS 629.071, 629.076, 629.078) **Section 1** of this bill includes dental hygienists and dental therapists in the definition of "provider of health care," thereby subjecting dental hygienists and dental therapists to those requirements.

Existing law defines the term "telehealth" to mean the delivery of services from a provider of health care to a patient at a different location through the use of information and audio-visual communication technology, not including facsimile or electronic mail. (NRS 629.515) **Section 5** of this bill defines the term "teledentistry" to mean the use of telehealth by a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist to facilitate the diagnosis, treatment, education, care management and self-management of or consultation with a patient. **Sections 3, 4 and 6** of this bill define certain other terms related to teledentistry. **Section 20** of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the proper placement of **sections 3-6** in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Section 7 of this bill requires a person who provides services through teledentistry to a patient located in this State to be licensed in this State as a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist, to have completed certain training and to adhere to the applicable laws, regulations and standards of care to the same extent as when providing services in person. **Section 8** of this bill requires a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist who provides services through teledentistry to patients in this State to be insured against liabilities arising from dental services provided through teledentistry. **Section 9** of this bill authorizes the use of teledentistry for certain purposes relating to the provision of a diagnosis. **Section 10** of this bill requires a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist to establish a bona fide relationship with a patient, confirm certain facts about a patient and obtain informed consent before providing services through teledentistry. **Section 10** also requires a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist to provide certain information to a patient receiving services through teledentistry concerning the license and practice of the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist before providing the services and upon request of a patient. **Section 11** of this bill requires a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist to: (1) use communications technology that complies with certain federal requirements relating to the privacy of information relating to patients when providing services through teledentistry; and (2) create a complete record of each encounter with a patient through teledentistry. **Section 12** of this bill imposes certain requirements to ensure that adequate, in-person care is available to a patient who receives services through teledentistry, if needed. **Section 13** of this bill requires the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to adopt regulations governing teledentistry. **Section 40.5** of this bill requires the Board to report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor on or before January 1, 2024, concerning the adoption of those regulations.

Sections 21 and 40 of this bill require an applicant for a license to practice dentistry, dental therapy or dental hygiene or the holder of such a license who intends to provide services through teledentistry to complete certain training on teledentistry. **Section 22** of this bill makes a conforming change to revise a reference to the section of existing law amended by **section 21**. **Section 24** of this bill requires the Board to adopt regulations prescribing specific criteria for the accreditation of a course in teledentistry.

Section 14 of this bill prescribes certain requirements for the secure storage of electronic information concerning patients.



Section 25 of this bill provides that it is unprofessional conduct for which the Board is authorized to impose disciplinary action if a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist: (1) fails to actively involve a patient in decisions relating to his or her treatment; (2) requires a patient to enter into an agreement that restricts the ability of the patient to submit a complaint to the Board; (3) fails to review certain radiographs before an initial diagnosis and correction of malpositions of teeth or the initial use of orthodontic appliances; or (4) fails to provide the information required by **section 10**.

Sections 30, 38 and 39 of this bill require hospitals and issuers of plans that provide coverage to recipients of Medicaid, including managed care plans, to take certain measures to improve the access of recipients of Medicaid to teledentistry. **Sections 31-37** of this bill make conforming changes to indicate the proper placement of **section 30** in the Nevada Revised Statutes and provide for the enforcement of the requirements of **section 30**. **Section 19.5** of this bill requires a dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist performing an initial dental examination, screening or assessment on a minor to refer the minor or his or her parent or guardian to a dental home if appropriate.

Existing law authorizes, in general, a dental hygienist or dental therapist to perform only the tasks authorized by a licensed dentist. (NRS 631.310, 631.3122) **Section 15** of this bill requires the Board to issue to a licensed dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist a special endorsement to administer immunizations only if the licensed dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist completes a course of training in the administration of immunizations that is approved by the Board. **Section 24** prescribes the continuing education required to maintain such an endorsement.

Section 17 of this bill requires a dentist who holds a special endorsement to administer immunizations issued pursuant to **section 15** and who administers immunizations, or under whose authorization a dental hygienist or dental therapist administers immunizations, to: (1) issue or obtain from certain persons a standing order for the administration of the immunizations; (2) establish certain policies and procedures relating to the administration of immunizations; and (3) comply with the instructions of the manufacturer of an immunization and certain federal guidelines for administering immunizations. **Section 18** of this bill requires a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist to: (1) provide certain information to the patient, obtain the informed written consent of the patient and review the medical history of the patient before administering an immunization; and (2) thereafter, act in conformance with the conclusions of a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse regarding the advisability of administering an immunization to a patient. **Section 19** of this bill requires a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist who holds a special endorsement to administer immunizations to maintain certain records of the administration of immunizations. **Section 25** provides that it is unprofessional conduct, for which the Board is authorized to impose disciplinary action, for a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist to: (1) administer an immunization without the proper special endorsement; or (2) fail to comply with existing requirements to report certain information relating to immunizations. The Board would also be authorized under existing law to impose disciplinary action against a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist who willfully or repeatedly violates other provisions of this bill governing the administration of immunizations. (NRS 631.3485)



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 629.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

629.031 Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute:

1. "Provider of health care" means:

(a) A physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630, 630A or 633 of NRS;

(b) A physician assistant;

(c) A dentist;

(d) *A dental therapist;*

(e) A dental hygienist;

(f) A licensed nurse;

~~((e))~~ (g) A person who holds a license as an attendant or who is certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS;

~~((f))~~ (h) A dispensing optician;

~~((g))~~ (i) An optometrist;

~~((h))~~ (j) A speech-language pathologist;

~~((i))~~ (k) An audiologist;

~~((j))~~ (l) A practitioner of respiratory care;

~~((k))~~ (m) A licensed physical therapist;

~~((l))~~ (n) An occupational therapist;

~~((m))~~ (o) A podiatric physician;

~~((n))~~ (p) A licensed psychologist;

~~((o))~~ (q) A licensed marriage and family therapist;

~~((p))~~ (r) A licensed clinical professional counselor;

~~((q))~~ (s) A music therapist;

~~((r))~~ (t) A chiropractic physician;

~~((s))~~ (u) An athletic trainer;

~~((t))~~ (v) A perfusionist;

~~((u))~~ (w) A doctor of Oriental medicine in any form;

~~((v))~~ (x) A medical laboratory director or technician;

~~((w))~~ (y) A pharmacist;

~~((x))~~ (z) A licensed dietitian;

~~((y))~~ (aa) An associate in social work, a social worker, a master social worker, an independent social worker or a clinical social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;

~~((z))~~ (bb) An alcohol and drug counselor or a problem gambling counselor who is certified pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS;

~~((aa))~~ (cc) An alcohol and drug counselor or a clinical alcohol and drug counselor who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS;

~~((bb))~~ (dd) A behavior analyst, assistant behavior analyst or registered behavior technician; or



~~[(ee)]~~ (ee) A medical facility as the employer of any person specified in this subsection.

2. For the purposes of NRS 629.400 to 629.490, inclusive, the term includes ~~[-]~~

~~—(a) A person who holds a license or certificate issued pursuant to chapter 631 of NRS; and~~

~~—(b) A]~~ a person who holds a current license or certificate to practice his or her respective discipline pursuant to the applicable provisions of law of another state or territory of the United States.

Sec. 2. Chapter 631 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3 to 19.5, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 3. *“Distant site” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.*

Sec. 4. *“Originating site” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.*

Sec. 5. *“Teledentistry” means the use of telehealth by a licensee described in subsection 1 of section 7 of this act who is located at a distant site to facilitate the diagnosis, treatment, education, care management and self-management of or consultation with a patient who is located at an originating site. The term includes, without limitation:*

1. Real-time interactions between a patient at an originating site and a licensee at a distant site;

2. The asynchronous transmission of medical and dental information concerning a patient from an originating site to a licensee at a distant site;

3. Interaction between a licensee who is providing dental services to a patient at an originating site and another licensee at an originating site; and

4. Monitoring of a patient at an originating site by a licensee at a distant site.

Sec. 6. *“Telehealth” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.*

Sec. 7. 1. *A person shall not provide dental services through teledentistry to a patient who is located at an originating site in this State unless the person:*

(a) Is licensed to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy in this State; and

(b) Has complied with subsection 2 of NRS 631.220.

2. The provisions of this chapter and the regulations adopted thereto, including, without limitation, clinical requirements, ethical standards and requirements concerning the confidentiality of information concerning patients, apply to services provided



1 *through teledentistry to the same extent as if such services were*
2 *provided in person or by other means.*

3 3. A licensee who provides dental services through
4 *teledentistry, including, without limitation, providing consultation*
5 *and recommendations for treatment, issuing a prescription,*
6 *diagnosing, correcting the position of teeth and using orthodontic*
7 *appliances, shall provide such services in accordance with the*
8 *same standards of care and professional conduct as when*
9 *providing those services in person or by other means.*

10 4. A licensee shall not:

11 (a) *Provide treatment for any condition based solely on the*
12 *results of an online questionnaire; or*

13 (b) *Engage in activity that is outside his or her scope of*
14 *practice while providing services through teledentistry.*

15 5. Nothing in sections 7 to 13, inclusive, of this act prohibits
16 *an organization for dental care or an administrator of a health*
17 *benefit plan that provides dental coverage from negotiating rates*
18 *of reimbursement for services provided through teledentistry with*
19 *a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist.*

20 6. As used in this section:

21 (a) *“Health benefit plan” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
22 *NRS 695G.019.*

23 (b) *“Organization for dental care” has the meaning ascribed*
24 *to it in NRS 695D.060.*

25 **Sec. 8.** A licensee who provides dental services through
26 *teledentistry to patients located at an originating site in this State*
27 *must possess and maintain a policy of professional liability*
28 *insurance which insures the licensee against any liability arising*
29 *from the provision of dental services.*

30 **Sec. 9.** 1. A licensee may:

31 (a) *Use teledentistry to examine an existing patient for the*
32 *purpose of providing a new diagnosis, or to examine a new patient*
33 *if the examination is sufficient, in accordance with evidence-based*
34 *standards of practice, to provide an informed diagnosis.*

35 (b) *Collaborate in real time through teledentistry with a person*
36 *who is not licensed pursuant to this chapter, including, without*
37 *limitation, a community health worker, provider of health care or*
38 *student who is enrolled in a program of study in dentistry, dental*
39 *therapy or dental hygiene, to provide diagnostic services or plan*
40 *treatment for a dental emergency.*

41 2. As used in this section, *“provider of health care” has the*
42 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.031.*

43 **Sec. 10.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
44 *a licensee must establish a bona fide relationship, as defined by*
45 *regulation of the Board, with a patient before providing services to*



1 *the patient through teledentistry. A licensee may establish such a*
2 *relationship through teledentistry only:*

3 (a) *For the purpose of emergent care;*
4 (b) *In connection with a public health program; or*
5 (c) *To make an initial diagnosis of a malposition of teeth and a*
6 *determination of the need for an orthodontic appliance. Such an*
7 *initial diagnosis and determination must be confirmed through an*
8 *in-person visit before the patient begins using the orthodontic*
9 *appliance.*

10 2. *Before providing services to a patient through teledentistry,*
11 *a licensee shall:*

12 (a) *Confirm the identity of the patient;*
13 (b) *If the patient is a minor who is not authorized by law to*
14 *consent to the services, confirm that the parent or legal guardian*
15 *of the patient is present;*

16 (c) *Confirm that the patient is located in a jurisdiction where*
17 *the licensee is licensed or otherwise authorized to practice and*
18 *document the location of the patient in the record of the patient;*

19 (d) *Obtain:*
20 (1) *Informed verbal or written consent that meets the*
21 *requirements of subsection 4 from a patient who is an adult or a*
22 *minor authorized by law to provide consent; or*

23 (2) *Informed written consent that meets the requirements of*
24 *subsection 4 from the parent or guardian of a patient who is a*
25 *minor and is not authorized by law to provide consent; and*

26 (e) *Document the informed consent provided pursuant to*
27 *paragraph (d) in the record of the patient.*

28 3. *Before providing services through teledentistry and upon*
29 *the request of a patient to whom services are provided through*
30 *teledentistry, a licensee or any partnership, corporation or other*
31 *entity through which a licensee provides services shall make*
32 *available to the patient proof of the identity of the licensee, the*
33 *telephone number of the licensee, the address at which the*
34 *licensee practices, the license number of the licensee and any*
35 *other relevant information concerning the qualifications of the*
36 *licensee and any other licensee who will be involved in providing*
37 *the services through teledentistry.*

38 4. *Informed consent to the provision of services through*
39 *teledentistry requires the patient or his or her parent or guardian,*
40 *as applicable, to be informed of:*

41 (a) *The types of services that will be provided through*
42 *teledentistry and any limitations on the provision of those services*
43 *through teledentistry;*

44 (b) *The information prescribed by subsection 3 for each*
45 *licensee who will provide services through teledentistry;*



(c) *Precautions that will be taken in the event of a technological failure or an emergency; and*

(d) *Any other information prescribed by regulation of the Board.*

5. As used in this section:

(a) *“Emergent care” means treatment of pain, infection or any other intraoral or perioral condition which presents immediate harm to the well-being of the patient and for which treatment cannot be postponed.*

(b) *“Public health program” means a program approved by the Board or any program administered by:*

(1) The Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) A health district; or

(3) A school district.

Sec. 11. *A licensee who provides services through teledentistry shall:*

1. Use communications technology that complies with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

2. Create a complete record of each encounter with a patient through teledentistry and maintain such records in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including, without limitation:

(a) The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto;

(b) NRS 629.051 to 629.069, inclusive;

(c) The regulations adopted pursuant to section 13 of this act; and

(d) Section 14 of this act.

Sec. 12. *1. A licensee who provides services through teledentistry must be adequately familiar with the nature and availability of dental care in the geographical area in which the patient is located to ensure that the patient receives appropriate care after the provision of the services.*

2. If a licensee is not able to competently provide services through teledentistry, including, without limitation, because the licensee is unable to receive adequate information about the patient, the licensee must notify the patient of that fact and:

(a) Provide the services in person;

(b) Request any additional information necessary to competently provide the services through teledentistry; or

(c) Refer the patient to an appropriate licensee to receive the services in person.



3. A licensee who provides services through teledentistry shall refer a patient to the emergency department of a hospital or another provider of acute care in an emergency or any other situation where the provision of acute care is necessary to protect the health and safety of the patient.

Sec. 13. 1. The Board shall adopt regulations governing the provision of dental services through teledentistry. Those regulations must include, without limitation, requirements concerning:

(a) The issuance of a prescription through teledentistry;

(b) The maintenance of records concerning patients to whom services are provided through teledentistry and the protection of the privacy of such patients;

(c) The use of teledentistry for collaboration between:

(1) Licensees and the office of a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse; and

(2) Licensees who practice in different specialty areas; and

(d) Interaction between licensees using teledentistry, including, without limitation:

(1) The supervision of a dental therapist who has not completed the hours of clinical practice set forth in NRS 631.3122 or of a dental hygienist by a dentist using teledentistry; and

(2) Interaction between different licensees who are providing care to the same patient.

2. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 may prescribe evidence-based standards of practice that must be used when providing services through teledentistry to ensure the safety of patients, the quality of care and positive outcomes.

Sec. 14. A licensee who electronically stores information concerning patients shall:

1. Store and share such information using a secure server; and

2. Ensure that any electronic device on which such information is stored or that may be used to access such information is encrypted and requires a password.

Sec. 15. 1. The Board shall, upon application by a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist licensed pursuant to this chapter who has completed a course of training in the administration of immunizations that is approved by the Board pursuant to subsection 2, issue a special endorsement of the license allowing the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist to administer immunizations.

2. The Board may approve a course of training in the administration of immunizations if the course:



(a) Provides participants with practical training and written instructional materials concerning the administration of immunizations;

(b) Includes an evaluation of the technique of participants in the administration of immunizations; and

(c) Includes instruction consistent with the guidelines prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services concerning:

(1) Practices for administering immunizations to children, adolescents and adults;

(2) Basic immunology and the mechanism by which immunizations induce protection from disease;

(3) Diseases that are preventable through immunizations;

(4) Storage and management of immunizations;

(5) Recommended schedules for immunization;

(6) Informed consent to immunization;

(7) Physiology and techniques for administering immunizations;

(8) Assessment and counseling before and after administering an immunization;

(9) Maintenance of records relating to immunizations; and

(10) Identifying, responding to and reporting adverse events resulting from immunizations.

3. A dentist who holds a special endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 1 may administer immunizations by an intranasal, intramuscular or subcutaneous injection.

4. A dental hygienist or dental therapist who holds a special endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 1 may administer immunizations by an intranasal, intramuscular or subcutaneous injection only under authorization from a dentist who also holds such a special endorsement.

Sec. 16. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 17. 1. A dentist who holds a special endorsement issued pursuant to section 15 of this act and who administers immunizations or under whose authorization a dental hygienist or dental therapist who holds such an endorsement administers immunizations must:

(a) Issue or obtain from a dentist, physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse a standing order for the administration of the immunizations that is approved by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(b) Establish written policies and procedures for the handling and disposal of used or contaminated equipment; and



(c) *Establish a written plan for addressing emergencies and ensure that the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist administering immunizations has immediate access to equipment that may be needed in an emergency, including, without limitation, equipment for administering oxygen and epinephrine and other equipment necessary to respond to an allergic reaction.*

2. *A dentist who holds a special endorsement issued pursuant to section 15 of this act and who administers an immunization or under whose authorization a dental hygienist or dental therapist who holds such an endorsement administers an immunization shall report any severe reaction to the immunization as required by any applicable regulations adopted by the State Board of Health.*

3. *A dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist who holds a special endorsement issued pursuant to section 15 of this act shall comply with:*

(a) *The instructions for storing and handling an immunization prescribed by the manufacturer; and*

(b) *To the extent that such guidelines do not conflict with the instructions of the manufacturer, any applicable guidelines issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, including, without limitation, guidelines for storing, handling and administering immunizations, guidelines for documenting the administration of an immunization and contraindications and precautions for immunizations.*

Sec. 18. 1. *Before administering an immunization, a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist who holds a special endorsement issued pursuant to section 15 of this act shall:*

(a) *Provide to the patient or, if the patient is a minor and is not authorized by law to provide consent, his or her parent or guardian, the most current Vaccine Information Statement prescribed for the immunization by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, require him or her to read the Vaccine Information Statement and answer any questions that he or she has concerning the information in the Vaccine Information Statement;*

(b) *Obtain the informed written consent of the patient, or, if the patient is a minor and is not authorized by law to provide consent, from the parent or guardian of the patient; and*

(c) *Review the medical history of the patient, including, without limitation, asking the patient or, if the patient is a minor and is not authorized by law to provide consent, the parent or*



guardian of the patient, to describe any medications or other treatments that the patient is currently receiving, allergies to drugs, medical conditions that the patient is currently experiencing, surgeries the patient had or plans to have, past pregnancy or plans to become pregnant and any previous adverse reactions to immunizations.

2. If a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist who holds a special endorsement issued pursuant to section 15 of this act requests a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse to conduct an examination and evaluation of a patient to determine whether the patient has a medical condition that would make it inadvisable to administer an immunization, the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist must rely on and act in conformance with the conclusions of the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

Sec. 19. 1. A dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist who holds a special endorsement issued pursuant to section 15 of this act shall include in the record of each patient to whom he or she administers an immunization:

(a) The date on which the immunization was administered;
(b) The site at which the immunization was administered;
(c) The brand name of the immunization, the National Drug Code number assigned to the immunization by the United States Food and Drug Administration or the code number assigned to the immunization under another nationally recognized system of coding for immunizations;

(d) The dose, manufacturer, lot number and expiration date of the immunization;

(e) The name or initials of the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist;

(f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the address of the location where the immunization was administered;

(g) The date on which the Vaccine Information Statement was provided to the patient pursuant to section 18 of this act and the date on which the Vaccine Information Statement was published; and

(h) A copy of the questions asked by the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist and the information provided by the patient or his or her parent or guardian, as applicable, as part of the review of the medical history of the patient conducted pursuant to section 18 of this act, which must be signed by the patient or, if the patient is a minor and is not authorized by law to provide consent, his or her parent or guardian.

2. A dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist is not required to include the information described in paragraph (f) of



subsection 1 if that information is automatically included in a report made pursuant to NRS 439.265.

3. The records described in subsection 1 must be maintained in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including, without limitation:

(a) The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and any applicable regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

(b) NRS 629.051 to 629.069, inclusive, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Sec. 19.5. 1. A dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist that performs an initial dental examination, screening or assessment on a minor shall refer the minor or his or her parent or guardian to a dental home, which may include, without limitation, a virtual dental home, when appropriate.

2. As used in this section:

(a) “Dental home” means an entity that arranges for the provision of oral health care that is continuously available and delivered in a comprehensive, coordinated and family-centered manner by a dentist licensed in this State.

(b) “Virtual dental home” means a dental home that uses teams of persons licensed pursuant to chapter 631 of NRS who are connected to the patient and each other through teledentistry to provide comprehensive oral health care in a community setting.

Sec. 20. NRS 631.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.005 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 631.015 to 631.105, inclusive, *and sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 21. NRS 631.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.220 1. Every applicant for a license to practice dental hygiene, dental therapy or dentistry, or any of its special branches, must:

(a) File an application with the Board.

(b) Accompany the application with a recent photograph of the applicant together with the required fee and such other documentation as the Board may require by regulation.

(c) Submit with the application a complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report.

(d) If the applicant is required to take an examination pursuant to NRS 631.240, 631.300 or 631.3121, submit with the application proof satisfactory that the applicant passed the examination.



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2. *In addition to satisfying the requirements of subsection 1, if an applicant for a license to practice dental hygiene, dental therapy or dentistry, or any of its special branches, intends to provide services through teledentistry, the applicant must submit to the Board proof that the applicant has completed:*

(a) *At least 2 hours of continuing education concerning teledentistry; or*

(b) *A course in teledentistry as part of the requirements for graduation from an accredited institution.*

3. An application must include all information required to complete the application.

~~§ 4.~~ 4. The Secretary-Treasurer may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board and if the Secretary-Treasurer determines that an application is:

(a) Sufficient, advise the Executive Director of the sufficiency of the application. Upon the advice of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Director may issue a license to the applicant without further review by the Board.

(b) Insufficient, reject the application by sending written notice of the rejection to the applicant.

Sec. 22. NRS 631.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.260 Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~§ 4~~ 4 of NRS 631.220, as soon as possible after the examination has been given, the Board, under rules and regulations adopted by it, shall determine the qualifications of the applicant and shall issue to each person found by the Board to have the qualifications therefor a license which will entitle the person to practice dental hygiene, dental therapy or dentistry, or any special branch of dentistry, as in such license defined, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 23. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 24. NRS 631.342 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.342 1. The Board shall adopt regulations concerning continuing education in dentistry, dental hygiene and dental therapy. The regulations must include:

(a) Except as provided in NRS 631.3425, the number of hours of credit required annually;

(b) The criteria used to accredit each course ~~§ 4~~, *including, without limitation, specific criteria used to accredit a course in teledentistry;* and

(c) The requirements for submission of proof of attendance at courses.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, as part of continuing education, each licensee must complete a course of instruction, within 2 years after initial licensure, relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of



1 a weapon of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4
2 hours of instruction that includes instruction in the following
3 subjects:

4 (a) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass
5 destruction;

6 (b) Personal protective equipment required for acts of terrorism;

7 (c) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated
8 with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological,
9 radioactive and nuclear agents;

10 (d) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts of
11 terrorism that involve biological agents; and

12 (e) An overview of the information available on, and the use of,
13 the Health Alert Network.

14 3. Instead of the course described in subsection 2, a licensee
15 may complete:

16 (a) A course in Basic Disaster Life Support or a course in Core
17 Disaster Life Support if the course is offered by a provider of
18 continuing education accredited by the National Disaster Life
19 Support Foundation; or

20 (b) Any other course that the Board determines to be the
21 equivalent of a course specified in paragraph (a).

22 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 2 and 3, the
23 Board may determine whether to include in a program of continuing
24 education additional courses of instruction relating to the medical
25 consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a
26 weapon of mass destruction.

27 5. Each licensee must complete, as part of continuing
28 education, at least 2 hours of training in the screening, brief
29 intervention and referral to treatment approach to substance use
30 disorder within 2 years after initial licensure.

31 6. *In addition to any other continuing education required*
32 *pursuant to this section, a licensee who holds a special*
33 *endorsement issued pursuant to section 15 of this act must*
34 *biennially complete:*

35 (a) *At least 2 hours of continuing education concerning the*
36 *life cycle of diseases, drugs and the administration of*
37 *immunizations;*

38 (b) *A course offered by the Centers for Disease Control and*
39 *Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human*
40 *Services concerning the epidemiology and prevention of diseases*
41 *that are preventable by immunization;*

42 (c) *A course of training in the administration of*
43 *immunizations offered by Immunize Nevada or its successor*
44 *organization or, if that organization ceases to exist, another*
45 *organization prescribed by regulation of the Board; or*



(d) *Another course of instruction relating to immunizations that is approved by:*

(1) *The Board;*

(2) *The American Dental Association, or its successor organization, or the societies which are a part of it;*

(3) *The American Dental Hygienists' Association, or its successor organization, or the societies which are a part of it;*

(4) *The Academy of General Dentistry, or its successor organization;*

(5) *Any nationally recognized association of dental or medical specialists;*

(6) *Any university, college or community college located inside or outside this State; or*

(7) *Any hospital accredited by The Joint Commission.*

7. As used in this section:

(a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4415.

(b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.442.

(c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4425.

(d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4437.

(e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4445.

Sec. 25. NRS 631.3475 is hereby amended to read as follows:
631.3475 The following acts, among others, constitute unprofessional conduct:

1. Malpractice;

2. Professional incompetence;

3. Suspension or revocation of a license to practice dentistry, the imposition of a fine or other disciplinary action by any agency of another state authorized to regulate the practice of dentistry in that state;

4. More than one act by the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist constituting substandard care in the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy;

5. Administering, dispensing or prescribing any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS, if it is not required to treat the dentist's patient;

6. Knowingly procuring or administering a controlled substance or a dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, unless the unapproved controlled substance or dangerous drug:



(a) Was procured through a retail pharmacy licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS;

(b) Was procured through a Canadian pharmacy which is licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS and which has been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328; or

(c) Is cannabis being used for medical purposes in accordance with chapter 678C of NRS;

7. Having an alcohol or other substance use disorder to such an extent as to render the person unsafe or unreliable as a practitioner, or such gross immorality as tends to bring reproach upon the dental profession;

8. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or which relates to the practice of dentistry in this State, or conviction of any criminal violation of this chapter;

9. Conviction of violating any of the provisions of NRS 616D.200, 616D.220, 616D.240 or 616D.300 to 616D.440, inclusive;

10. Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 453.163, 453.164, 453.226, 639.23507, 639.23535 and 639.2391 to 639.23916, inclusive, and any regulations adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant thereto.

11. Fraudulent, illegal, unauthorized or otherwise inappropriate prescribing, administering or dispensing of a controlled substance listed in schedule II, III or IV;

12. Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 454.217 or 629.086;

13. Failure to obtain any training required by the Board pursuant to NRS 631.344;

14. *Failure to actively involve a patient in decisions concerning his or her treatment;*

15. *Requiring a patient to enter into an agreement that restricts the ability of the patient to submit a complaint to the Board;*

16. The performance or supervision of the performance of a pelvic examination in violation of NRS 629.085; ~~for~~

~~—15.;~~ 17. *Administering an immunization if the dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist does not hold a special endorsement issued pursuant to section 15 of this act;*

18. *Failure to comply with:*

(a) *The requirements of NRS 439.265; or*

(b) *Any requirement of section 17, 18 or 19 of this act;*

19. *Failure to review diagnostic digital or conventional radiographs for orthodontia before:*



(a) *Making an initial diagnosis of or taking any action to correct malpositions of teeth; or*

(b) *The initial use of an orthodontic appliance;*

20. *Failure to comply with the requirements of subsection 3 of section 10 of this act; or*

21. Operation of a medical facility, as defined in NRS 449.0151, at any time during which:

(a) The license of the facility is suspended or revoked; or

(b) An act or omission occurs which results in the suspension or revocation of the license pursuant to NRS 449.160.

➤ This subsection applies to an owner or other principal responsible for the operation of the facility.

Sec. 26. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 27. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 28. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 29. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 30. Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

If a recipient of Medicaid presents in the emergency department of a hospital in this State with a nontraumatic dental injury, the hospital must notify the patient of providers of dental services included in the network of each health maintenance organization or managed care organization that provides services through teledentistry to recipients of Medicaid. The hospital shall provide such notice by:

1. *Posting signs on the premises of the hospital that include the list of providers who offer services through teledentistry submitted to the hospital pursuant to NRS 695C.1708 or 695G.162, as applicable, or which direct patients to an Internet website on which such lists are available; or*

2. *Making available to patients a pamphlet or other written document that includes the list of providers who offer services through teledentistry submitted to the hospital pursuant to NRS 695C.1708 or 695G.162, as applicable, or which directs patients to an Internet website on which those lists are available.*

Sec. 31. NRS 449.029 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.029 As used in NRS 449.029 to 449.240, inclusive, *and section 30 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, "medical facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0151 and includes a program of hospice care described in NRS 449.196.

Sec. 32. NRS 449.0301 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.0301 The provisions of NRS 449.029 to 449.2428, inclusive, *and section 30 of this act* do not apply to:

1. Any facility conducted by and for the adherents of any church or religious denomination for the purpose of providing



1 facilities for the care and treatment of the sick who depend solely
2 upon spiritual means through prayer for healing in the practice of
3 the religion of the church or denomination, except that such a
4 facility shall comply with all regulations relative to sanitation and
5 safety applicable to other facilities of a similar category.

6 2. Foster homes as defined in NRS 424.014.

7 3. Any medical facility, facility for the dependent or facility
8 which is otherwise required by the regulations adopted by the Board
9 pursuant to NRS 449.0303 to be licensed that is operated and
10 maintained by the United States Government or an agency thereof.

11 **Sec. 33.** NRS 449.089 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 449.089 1. Each license issued pursuant to NRS 449.029 to
13 449.2428, inclusive, *and section 30 of this act* expires on
14 December 31 following its issuance and is renewable for 1 year
15 upon reapplication and payment of all fees required pursuant to
16 subsection 4 and NRS 449.050, as applicable, unless the Division
17 finds, after an investigation, that the facility has not:

18 (a) Satisfactorily complied with the provisions of NRS 449.029
19 to 449.2428, inclusive, *and section 30 of this act* or the standards
20 and regulations adopted by the Board;

21 (b) Obtained the approval of the Director of the Department of
22 Health and Human Services before undertaking a project, if such
23 approval is required by NRS 439A.100; or

24 (c) Conformed to all applicable local zoning regulations.

25 2. Each reapplication for an agency to provide personal care
26 services in the home, an agency to provide nursing in the home, a
27 community health worker pool, a facility for intermediate care, a
28 facility for skilled nursing, a provider of community-based living
29 arrangement services, a hospital described in 42 U.S.C. §
30 1395ww(d)(1)(B)(iv), a psychiatric hospital that provides inpatient
31 services to children, a psychiatric residential treatment facility, a
32 residential facility for groups, a program of hospice care, a home for
33 individual residential care, a facility for the care of adults during the
34 day, a facility for hospice care, a nursing pool, the distinct part of a
35 hospital which meets the requirements of a skilled nursing facility or
36 nursing facility pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 483.5, a hospital that
37 provides swing-bed services as described in 42 C.F.R. § 482.58 or,
38 if residential services are provided to children, a medical facility or
39 facility for the treatment of alcohol or other substance use disorders
40 must include, without limitation, a statement that the facility,
41 hospital, agency, program, pool or home is in compliance with the
42 provisions of NRS 449.115 to 449.125, inclusive, and 449.174.

43 3. Each reapplication for an agency to provide personal care
44 services in the home, a community health worker pool, a facility for
45 intermediate care, a facility for skilled nursing, a facility for the care



1 of adults during the day, a residential facility for groups or a home
2 for individual residential care must include, without limitation, a
3 statement that the holder of the license to operate, and the
4 administrator or other person in charge and employees of, the
5 facility, agency, pool or home are in compliance with the provisions
6 of NRS 449.093.

7 4. Each reapplication for a surgical center for ambulatory
8 patients, facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease,
9 facility for hospice care, program of hospice care, hospital, facility
10 for intermediate care, facility for skilled nursing, agency to provide
11 personal care services in the home or rural clinic must be
12 accompanied by the fee prescribed by the State Board of Health
13 pursuant to NRS 457.240, in addition to the fees imposed pursuant
14 to NRS 449.050.

15 **Sec. 34.** NRS 449.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 449.160 1. The Division may deny an application for a
17 license or may suspend or revoke any license issued under the
18 provisions of NRS 449.029 to 449.2428, inclusive, *and section 30*
19 *of this act* upon any of the following grounds:

20 (a) Violation by the applicant or the licensee of any of the
21 provisions of NRS 439B.410 or 449.029 to 449.245, inclusive, *and*
22 *section 30 of this act* or of any other law of this State or of the
23 standards, rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

24 (b) Aiding, abetting or permitting the commission of any illegal
25 act.

26 (c) Conduct inimical to the public health, morals, welfare and
27 safety of the people of the State of Nevada in the maintenance and
28 operation of the premises for which a license is issued.

29 (d) Conduct or practice detrimental to the health or safety of the
30 occupants or employees of the facility.

31 (e) Failure of the applicant to obtain written approval from the
32 Director of the Department of Health and Human Services as
33 required by NRS 439A.100 or as provided in any regulation adopted
34 pursuant to NRS 449.001 to 449.430, inclusive, *and section 30 of*
35 *this act* and 449.435 to 449.531, inclusive, and chapter 449A of
36 NRS if such approval is required.

37 (f) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 441A.315 and
38 any regulations adopted pursuant thereto or NRS 449.2486.

39 (g) Violation of the provisions of NRS 458.112.

40 2. In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, the Division
41 may revoke a license to operate a facility for the dependent if, with
42 respect to that facility, the licensee that operates the facility, or an
43 agent or employee of the licensee:

44 (a) Is convicted of violating any of the provisions of
45 NRS 202.470;



(b) Is ordered to but fails to abate a nuisance pursuant to NRS 244.360, 244.3603 or 268.4124; or

(c) Is ordered by the appropriate governmental agency to correct a violation of a building, safety or health code or regulation but fails to correct the violation.

3. The Division shall maintain a log of any complaints that it receives relating to activities for which the Division may revoke the license to operate a facility for the dependent pursuant to subsection 2. The Division shall provide to a facility for the care of adults during the day:

(a) A summary of a complaint against the facility if the investigation of the complaint by the Division either substantiates the complaint or is inconclusive;

(b) A report of any investigation conducted with respect to the complaint; and

(c) A report of any disciplinary action taken against the facility. ➤ The facility shall make the information available to the public pursuant to NRS 449.2486.

4. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Division shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau a written report setting forth, for the previous biennium:

(a) Any complaints included in the log maintained by the Division pursuant to subsection 3; and

(b) Any disciplinary actions taken by the Division pursuant to subsection 2.

Sec. 35. NRS 449.163 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.163 1. In addition to the payment of the amount required by NRS 449.0308, if a medical facility, facility for the dependent or facility which is required by the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 449.0303 to be licensed violates any provision related to its licensure, including any provision of NRS 439B.410 or 449.029 to 449.2428, inclusive, *and section 30 of this act* or any condition, standard or regulation adopted by the Board, the Division, in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 449.165, may:

(a) Prohibit the facility from admitting any patient until it determines that the facility has corrected the violation;

(b) Limit the occupancy of the facility to the number of beds occupied when the violation occurred, until it determines that the facility has corrected the violation;

(c) If the license of the facility limits the occupancy of the facility and the facility has exceeded the approved occupancy, require the facility, at its own expense, to move patients to another facility that is licensed;



(d) Impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$5,000 per day for each violation, together with interest thereon at a rate not to exceed 10 percent per annum; and

(e) Appoint temporary management to oversee the operation of the facility and to ensure the health and safety of the patients of the facility, until:

(1) It determines that the facility has corrected the violation and has management which is capable of ensuring continued compliance with the applicable statutes, conditions, standards and regulations; or

(2) Improvements are made to correct the violation.

2. If the facility fails to pay any administrative penalty imposed pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1, the Division may:

(a) Suspend the license of the facility until the administrative penalty is paid; and

(b) Collect court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and other costs incurred to collect the administrative penalty.

3. The Division may require any facility that violates any provision of NRS 439B.410 or 449.029 to 449.2428, inclusive, *and section 30 of this act* or any condition, standard or regulation adopted by the Board to make any improvements necessary to correct the violation.

4. Any money collected as administrative penalties pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 must be accounted for separately and used to administer and carry out the provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.430, inclusive, *and section 30 of this act*, 449.435 to 449.531, inclusive, and chapter 449A of NRS to protect the health, safety, well-being and property of the patients and residents of facilities in accordance with applicable state and federal standards or for any other purpose authorized by the Legislature.

Sec. 36. NRS 449.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.220 1. The Division may bring an action in the name of the State to enjoin any person, state or local government unit or agency thereof from operating or maintaining any facility within the meaning of NRS 449.029 to 449.2428, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 30 of this act*:

(a) Without first obtaining a license therefor; or

(b) After his or her license has been revoked or suspended by the Division.

2. It is sufficient in such action to allege that the defendant did, on a certain date and in a certain place, operate and maintain such a facility without a license.

Sec. 37. NRS 449.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.240 The district attorney of the county in which the facility is located shall, upon application by the Division, institute and



conduct the prosecution of any action for violation of any provisions of NRS 449.029 to 449.245, inclusive ~~H~~, and section 30 of this act.

Sec. 38. NRS 695C.1708 is hereby amended to read as follows:

695C.1708 1. A health care plan of a health maintenance organization must include coverage for services provided to an enrollee through telehealth to the same extent as though provided in person or by other means.

2. A health maintenance organization shall not:

(a) Require an enrollee to establish a relationship in person with a provider of health care or provide any additional consent to or reason for obtaining services through telehealth as a condition to providing the coverage described in subsection 1;

(b) Require a provider of health care to demonstrate that it is necessary to provide services to an enrollee through telehealth or receive any additional type of certification or license to provide services through telehealth as a condition to providing the coverage described in subsection 1;

(c) Refuse to provide the coverage described in subsection 1 because of:

(1) The distant site from which a provider of health care provides services through telehealth or the originating site at which an enrollee receives services through telehealth; or

(2) The technology used to provide the services;

(d) Require covered services to be provided through telehealth as a condition to providing coverage for such services; or

(e) Categorize a service provided through telehealth differently for purposes relating to coverage than if the service had been provided in person or through other means.

3. A health care plan of a health maintenance organization must not require an enrollee to obtain prior authorization for any service provided through telehealth that is not required for the service when provided in person. Such a health care plan may require prior authorization for a service provided through telehealth if such prior authorization would be required if the service were provided in person or by other means.

4. *A health maintenance organization that provides medical services to recipients of Medicaid under the State Plan for Medicaid or insurance pursuant to the Children's Health Insurance Program pursuant to a contract with the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide referrals to providers of dental services who provide services through teledentistry.*



5. *A health maintenance organization that provides dental services to recipients of Medicaid under the State Plan for Medicaid or insurance pursuant to the Children's Health Insurance Program pursuant to a contract with the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services shall:*

(a) *Maintain a list of providers of dental services included in the network of the health maintenance organization who offer services through teledentistry;*

(b) *At least quarterly, update the list and submit a copy of the updated list to the emergency department of each hospital located in this State; and*

(c) *Allow such providers of dental services to include on claim forms codes for teledentistry services provided through both real-time interactions and asynchronous transmissions of medical and dental information.*

6. The provisions of this section do not require a health maintenance organization to:

(a) Ensure that covered services are available to an enrollee through telehealth at a particular originating site;

(b) Provide coverage for a service that is not a covered service or that is not provided by a covered provider of health care; or

(c) Enter into a contract with any provider of health care or cover any service if the health maintenance organization is not otherwise required by law to do so.

~~§ 7.~~ Evidence of coverage subject to the provisions of this chapter that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed on or after October 1, 2021, has the legal effect of including the coverage required by this section, and any provision of the plan or the renewal which is in conflict with this section is void.

~~§ 8.~~ As used in this section:

(a) "Distant site" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.

(b) "Originating site" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.

(c) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 439.820.

(d) *"Teledentistry" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 5 of this act.*

(e) "Telehealth" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.

Sec. 39. NRS 695G.162 is hereby amended to read as follows:

695G.162 1. A health care plan issued by a managed care organization for group coverage must include coverage for services provided to an insured through telehealth to the same extent as though provided in person or by other means.

2. A managed care organization shall not:



(a) Require an insured to establish a relationship in person with a provider of health care or provide any additional consent to or reason for obtaining services through telehealth as a condition to providing the coverage described in subsection 1;

(b) Require a provider of health care to demonstrate that it is necessary to provide services to an insured through telehealth or receive any additional type of certification or license to provide services through telehealth as a condition to providing the coverage described in subsection 1;

(c) Refuse to provide the coverage described in subsection 1 because of:

(1) The distant site from which a provider of health care provides services through telehealth or the originating site at which an insured receives services through telehealth; or

(2) The technology used to provide the services;

(d) Require covered services to be provided through telehealth as a condition to providing coverage for such services; or

(e) Categorize a service provided through telehealth differently for purposes relating to coverage than if the service had been provided in person or through other means.

3. A health care plan of a managed care organization must not require an insured to obtain prior authorization for any service provided through telehealth that is not required for the service when provided in person. Such a health care plan may require prior authorization for a service provided through telehealth if such prior authorization would be required if the service were provided in person or by other means.

4. *A managed care organization that provides medical services to recipients of Medicaid under the State Plan for Medicaid or insurance pursuant to a contract with the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide referrals to providers of dental services who provide services through teledentistry.*

5. *A managed care organization that provides dental services to recipients of Medicaid under the State Plan for Medicaid or insurance pursuant to a contract with the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services shall:*

(a) *Maintain a list of providers of dental services included in the network of the managed care organization who offer services through teledentistry;*



(b) *At least quarterly, update the list and submit a copy of the updated list to the emergency department of each hospital located in this State; and*

(c) *Allow such providers of dental services to include on claim forms codes for teledentistry services provided through both real-time interactions and asynchronous transmissions of medical and dental information.*

6. The provisions of this section do not require a managed care organization to:

(a) Ensure that covered services are available to an insured through telehealth at a particular originating site;

(b) Provide coverage for a service that is not a covered service or that is not provided by a covered provider of health care; or

(c) Enter into a contract with any provider of health care or cover any service if the managed care organization is not otherwise required by law to do so.

~~§~~ 7. Evidence of coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed on or after October 1, 2021, has the legal effect of including the coverage required by this section, and any provision of the plan or the renewal which is in conflict with this section is void.

~~§~~ 8. As used in this section:

(a) “Distant site” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.

(b) “Originating site” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.

(c) “Provider of health care” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 439.820.

(d) *“Teledentistry” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 5 of this act.*

(e) “Telehealth” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.515.

Sec. 40. 1. Each person who, on January 1, 2024, holds a license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy issued pursuant to chapter 631 of NRS and intends to provide services through teledentistry shall submit to the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada with the next application to renew that license after that date proof that the licensee has completed:

(a) At least 2 hours of continuing education concerning teledentistry; or

(b) A course in teledentistry as part of the requirements for graduation from an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor entity.

2. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 7 of this act do not apply to a person described in subsection 1 until:



(a) The next renewal of the license of the person to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy on or after January 1, 2024; or

(b) The denial of the next application to renew the license of the person to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental therapy submitted on or after January 1, 2024.

3. As used in this section, “teledentistry” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 5 of this act.

Sec. 40.5. Not later than January 1, 2024, the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada shall:

1. Compile a report concerning the adoption of regulations pursuant to section 13 of this act. The report must include, without limitation:

(a) A summary of the progress of the Board in adopting those regulations; and

(b) A copy of any such regulations that have been adopted or proposed to be adopted, the reasons for the content of those regulations and a summary of any comment received by the Board concerning those regulations.

2. Submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Sec. 41. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 40.5, inclusive, of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

