

Whether it is within the scope of a dental hygienist to prepare and place a protective restoration (such as an application of Fuji Triage, ZOE, or Miracle Mix sedative filling; and if so, under what level of supervision.

It is the opinion of the Board of Dentistry (“Board”) that the placement of the restorative compounds as listed above is a reversible procedure and is included within a dental hygienist’s expanded function if said hygienist has had the required professional proficiency and training SDCL § 36-6A-1(19). The performance of this expanded function must be performed under the direct supervision of a dentist as defined in SDCL § 36-6A-18 and 19.

This advisory opinion was rendered by the Board upon submission of a written request. Although advisory opinions are not judicially reviewable and do not have the force and effect of law, they do serve as a guideline for dental hygienists who wish to engage in safe dental hygiene practices. This advisory opinion was adopted at the meeting of the South Dakota Board of Dentistry on June 17, 2016.