

65-1469. Mobile dental facility or portable dental operation; registration; application of section.

As used in this section:

(a) "Mobile dental facility or portable dental operation" means either of the following:

(1) Any self-contained facility in which dentistry will be practiced, which may be moved, towed or transported from one location to another.

(2) Any nonfacility in which dental equipment, utilized in the practice of dentistry, is transported to and utilized on a temporary basis at an out-of-office location, including, but not limited to: (A) Other dentists' offices; (B) patients' homes; (C) schools; (D) nursing homes; or (E) other institutions.

(b) (1) No person shall operate a mobile dental facility or portable dental operation in this state unless registered in accordance with this section.

(2) In order to operate a mobile dental facility or portable dental operation, the operator shall be a person or entity that is authorized to own a dental practice under Kansas law and possess a current registration issued by the board.

(3) To become registered, the operator shall:

(A) Complete an application in the form and manner required by the board; and

(B) pay a registration fee in the amount established by the board pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1447, and amendments thereto.

(c) (1) The registration under this section shall be renewed on March 1 of even-numbered years in the form and manner provided by the board by rules and regulations.

(2) The registrant shall pay a registration renewal fee in the amount fixed by the board under K.S.A. 65-1447, and amendments thereto.

(d) The board shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. The rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, requirements relating to the official address and telephone number of the mobile dental facility or portable dental operation, the proper maintenance of dental records, procedures for emergency follow-up care for patients, appropriate communications facilities, appropriate authorizations for treatment by dental patients, follow-up treatment and services, personnel and address changes, notice to be provided on cessation of operation and such other matters as the board deems necessary to protect the public health and welfare.

(e) The board may refuse to issue a registration under this section or may revoke or suspend a registration upon a finding by the board that an applicant or person registered under this section has failed to comply with any provision of the section or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section. No order refusing to issue a registration or order of suspension or revocation shall be made or entered except after notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. Any final order of suspension or revocation of a license shall be reviewable in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.

(f) (1) This section applies to each operator of a mobile dental facility or portable dental operation that provides dental services except those specifically exempted by subsection (2).

(2) This section shall not apply to:

(A) Dentists providing dental services for federal, state and local governmental agencies;

(B) dentists licensed to practice in Kansas providing emergency treatment for their patients of record;

(C) dentists who are not employed by or independently contracting with a mobile dental facility or portable dental operation who provide nonemergency treatment for their patients of record outside the dentist's physically stationary office fewer than 30 days per calendar year;

(D) dental hygienists who are providing dental hygiene services as authorized by the Kansas dental act and the board's rules and regulations;

(E) a dentist who is providing dental services as a charitable health care provider under K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto;

(F) a dental hygienist who is providing dental hygiene services as a charitable health care provider under K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto; and

(G) a not-for-profit organization providing dental services.

(g) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the dental practices act.

History: L. 2005, ch. 115, § 2; L. 2010, ch. 17, § 132; July 1.