

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.16658 Rules; study on licensing dental therapists; written report.

Sec. 16658. (1) Within 12 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the department, in consultation with the board, shall promulgate any rules that the department considers necessary to implement this section and sections 16651 to 16657.

(2) Within 7 years after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the department of health and human services, in consultation with the department, shall conduct and complete a study concerning the impact of licensing dental therapists on patient safety, cost-effectiveness, and access to dental services in this state. The study shall focus on the following outcome measures:

- (a) Number of new patients served.
- (b) Reduction in waiting time for needed services.
- (c) Decreased travel time for patients.
- (d) Impact on emergency room usage for dental care.
- (e) Costs to the health care system.

(3) Within 30 days after the completion of the study described in subsection (2), the department of health and human services shall provide a written report concerning the results of the study to the director of the department and the chairs of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives responsible for health policy.

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