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DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*)

CHAPTER 4. Dentistry [1600 - 1976] (*Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 415.*)

ARTICLE 2.9. Dental Restorative Materials [1648.10 - 1648.20] (*Article 2.9 added by Stats. 1992, Ch. 801, Sec. 1.*)

1648.10. (a) The Dental Board of California shall develop and distribute a fact sheet describing and comparing the risks and efficacy of the various types of dental restorative materials that may be used to repair a dental patient's oral condition or defect. The fact sheet shall include:

(1) A description of the groups of materials that are available to the profession for restoration of an oral condition or defect.

(2) A comparison of the relative benefits and detriments of each group of materials.

(3) A comparison of the cost considerations associated with each group of materials.

(4) A reference to encourage discussion between patient and dentist regarding materials and to inform the patient of his or her options.

(b) The fact sheet shall be made available by the Dental Board of California to all licensed dentists.

(c) The Dental Board of California shall update the fact sheet described in subdivision (a) as determined necessary by the board.

(*Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 426, Sec. 9. (SB 800) Effective January 1, 2016.*)

1648.15. The fact sheet set forth by Section 1648.10 shall be provided by a dentist to every new patient and to patients of record prior to the performance of dental restoration work. The dentist needs to provide the fact sheet to each patient only once pursuant to the previous requirements of this section. An acknowledgment of the receipt of the fact sheet by the patient shall be signed by the patient and a copy of it shall be placed in the patient's dental record. If updates to the fact sheet are made by the board, the updated fact sheet shall be given to patients in the manner provided above. A dentist shall also provide the fact sheet to the patient upon request.

(*Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 532, Sec. 13. Effective January 1, 2002.*)

1648.20. (a) This article shall not apply to any surgical, endodontic, periodontic, or orthodontic dental procedure in which dental restorative materials are not used.

(b) For purposes of this article, "dental restorative materials" means any structure or device placed into a patient's mouth with the intent that it remain there for an indefinite period beyond the completion of the dental procedure, including material used for filling cavities in, or rebuilding or repairing the organic structure of, a tooth or teeth, but excluding synthesized structures or devices intended to wholly replace an extracted tooth or teeth, such as implants.

(*Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1150, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2003.*)