

**3701-58-01 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Dental practice site" means nonprofit dental clinics or privately owned dental practices that provide services for medicaid recipients and offer sliding fee schedules based on the patient's family income, significantly reduced fees or free care to clients who otherwise could not afford private dental care.
- (B) "Dental health resource shortage area" means an area in Ohio that experiences special dental health problems and dentist practice patterns that limit access to dental care as set forth by the director in accordance with rule 3701-58-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) "Dental hygiene services" means the provision of preventive services provided by licensed dental hygienists under the supervision of a licensed dentist. The provision of dental hygiene services includes a reasonable amount of time for performing administrative tasks related to the services as defined under paragraph (A) of rule 3701-58-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) "Dental hygienist" means a person who is licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code to practice dental hygiene.
- (E) "Department" means the Ohio department of health.
- (F) "Director" means the director of the Ohio department of health or the director's designee.
- (G) "Educational expenses" means all or part of the principal and interest of a government or commercial loan which has been taken by an individual and which meets the following criteria:
  - (1) The expenses were incurred while an individual was enrolled in, for up to a maximum of four years, a college of dental hygiene in the United States accredited by the American dental association commission on dental education to accredit dental hygiene education programs; and
  - (2) The expenses were incurred for:
    - (a) Tuition;
    - (b) Other educational expenses such as fees, books and laboratory expenses, for specific purposes and in amounts determined as reasonable by the director;
    - (c) Room and board in an amount determined reasonable by the director; and
    - (d) Loans incurred for educational or education-related expenses that have not already been paid for by the individual or a member of his or her family.

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