

# SB2056



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Michael E. Hastings

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 25/17.2

Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Provides that a patient of record who is provided services through a mobile dental van or portable dental unit does not need to receive an in-person physical examination from a dentist prior to receiving treatment that utilizes teledentistry if such services are limited to certain procedures.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Dental Practice Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 17.2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 25/17.2)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

8 Sec. 17.2. Teledentistry.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "patient of record" means a  
10 patient for whom the patient's most recent Illinois-licensed  
11 dentist has obtained a relevant medical and dental history and  
12 on whom the dentist has (i) performed a physical examination  
13 within the last year; (ii) obtained relevant records that are  
14 appropriate for the type of teledentistry service being  
15 provided from an in-person examination within the previous 12  
16 months, including a review of the patient's most recent  
17 x-rays; or (iii) established a relationship with the patient  
18 through an exchange of protected health information for the  
19 purpose of providing emergency care, treatment, or services in  
20 accordance with subsection (c).

21 (b) A dentist may only practice or utilize teledentistry  
22 on a patient of record. A dentist practicing dentistry through  
23 teledentistry is subject to the same standard of care and

1 practice standards that are applicable to dental services  
2 provided in a clinic or office setting. A dentist may provide  
3 and delegate dental services using teledentistry only under  
4 the supervision requirements as specified in this Act for  
5 in-person care. Prior to providing teledentistry services to a  
6 patient, a dentist must obtain informed consent from the  
7 patient as to the treatment proposed to be offered through  
8 teledentistry by the dentist. A dentist providing  
9 teledentistry under this Section shall provide the patient  
10 with ~~the~~ his or her name, direct telephone number, and  
11 physical practice address. It is a violation of this Act for a  
12 provider of dental services rendering care through  
13 teledentistry to require a patient to sign an agreement that  
14 limits in any way the patient's ability to write a review of  
15 services received or file a complaint with the Department or  
16 other regulatory agency. The Department shall adopt rules to  
17 provide for the use of teledentistry in the State of Illinois.

18 (c) A dentist may treat a patient of record to provide  
19 emergent care or conduct an initial consultation using  
20 teledentistry for the purpose of treating or assessing for  
21 acute pain, infection, injury, or any intraoral or perioral  
22 condition that presents immediate harm or discomfort to the  
23 patient for which treatment cannot be postponed. A provider of  
24 dental services rendering emergent care or conducting an  
25 initial consultation through teledentistry must direct the  
26 patient to receive appropriate in-person care after the

1 provision of teledentistry services.

2 (d) A patient of record who is provided services through a  
3 mobile dental van or portable dental unit, as defined in  
4 Section 4, does not need to receive an in-person physical  
5 examination from a dentist prior to receiving treatment that  
6 utilizes teledentistry if such services are limited to the  
7 diagnostic, preventive, and periodontal procedures permitted  
8 within this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 103-902, eff. 8-9-24; revised 10-21-24.)