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SUMMARY

- Requires the operator of a mobile dental facility to provide certain information to patients receiving services.
- Requires the operator of a mobile dental facility to inform the State Dental Board when the operator has a change of address or ceases to operate a facility.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Operation of a mobile dental facility

The bill establishes requirements for the operation of mobile dental facilities in Ohio. A mobile dental facility is defined under the bill as (1) a self-contained, intact facility that may be transported from one location to another in which dentistry or dental hygiene is practiced or (2) a site used on a temporary basis to provide dental or dental hygiene services using portable equipment.¹ Only a dentist holding a valid license issued by the State Dental Board may operate a mobile dental facility.²

When operating a mobile dental facility, the operator or the operator's representative must provide each patient receiving services from the facility (or the patient's representative) with all of the following information:

1. The name of each individual who arranged for or provided dental or dental hygiene services to the patient;

¹ R.C. 4715.70(C).

² R.C. 4715.70(D) and 4715.71.

2. The telephone number to reach the mobile dental facility operator or operator's representative in case of an emergency;
3. A list of the dental or dental hygiene services provided to the patient;
4. Any recommendations regarding further dental or dental hygiene services that are advisable;
5. A notice to the patient that the facility must provide access to the patient's complete dental records in accordance with state and federal law; and
6. Instructions for requesting a copy or transfer of the patient's records.³

Regulation by the State Dental Board

The bill requires the operator of a mobile dental facility to comply with notification requirements of the State Dental Board. An operator, or the operator's representative, must notify the State Dental Board and all treatment venues if the operator has a change of address or telephone number or if the operator ceases to operate the mobile dental facility. The notice must be provided in writing not later than 14 days after either of the changes occur.⁴

Continuing law requires every person licensed to practice dentistry in the state to register with the State Dental Board every two years. Under the bill, an operator of a mobile dental facility must include information regarding the mobile dental facility on the form used to register with the Board.⁵ The bill also authorizes the Board to initiate disciplinary action against a dentist who operates a mobile dental facility if the dentist fails to provide a patient or the Board with any information required under the bill.⁶

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³ R.C. 4715.71(A) through (F).

⁴ R.C. 4715.72.

⁵ R.C. 4715.14(A)(1).

⁶ R.C. 4715.30(A)(18).