

Policy Statement

Policy For Appliances Used for Weight Loss

The position of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry is that the making of impressions for, construction of, insertion (delivery) of appliances used for weight loss and the maintenance of the oral health related to appliances used for weight loss is within the scope of practice of dentistry. The diagnosis and evaluation of the patient's suitability for the appliance for weight loss as well as the continued evaluation of the patient's use of the appliance is not within the scope of practice of dentistry.

Dentists can fabricate this appliance for the designated patient and conduct only those tasks allowed pursuant to T.C.A. 63-5-108(b) only under the orders of a physician who is treating the patient for weight loss.

Adopted by the Board of Dentistry on the 26th day of January, 2006.