

BORID Policy on Tooth Whitening Services

**Pursuant to MGL Chapter 112 §50 and
234 CMR Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.**

Tooth whitening services offered to the public are considered to be the practice of dentistry, and, therefore, must be provided by a dentist who is fully licensed to practice in the Commonwealth and performed by dental personnel under a licensed dentist's supervision.

Under the law, if an unlicensed individual holds himself out as offering or undertaking any method to diagnose, treat, operate or prescribe for any disease, pain, injury, deficiency, deformity or other condition of the teeth, alveolar process, gums, or jaws and associated parts intra-orally or extra-orally, this would constitute grounds for prosecution for unlawful practice of dentistry.