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Statement of The North Dakota Dental Assistants Association

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The North Dakota Dental Assistants Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Dental Services study as authorized by HB 1454 as follows:

1. The NDDAA opposes workforce changes that create a new licensed category of provider that fragments the dental team.
2. Registered Dental Assistants in North Dakota are trained in the efficient delivery of dental procedures under the supervision of a dentist as part of a team. The NDDAA supports the expansion of dental assisting training programs in the state to establish training standards for expanded function dental assistants (EFDA's). Besides traditional restorative dental procedures, these additional duties of EFDA's could also include case management functions (under supervision of dentists) in communities where barriers to care exist.