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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 41</b> [2003 Assembly Bill 34]	<b>Dentists and Dental Hygienists in Service Corporations</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

2003 Wisconsin Act 41 relates to the ability of dentists and dental hygienists to form service corporations with persons holding other credentials.

Under the statutes, one or more individuals licensed, certified, or registered under any provision of the statutes may organize and own shares in a service corporation if either of the following apply: (1) all have the same license, certificate, or registration; or (2) all are health care professionals. The term “health care professional” is defined in the statutes as an individual who is licensed, registered, or certified by either the Department of Regulation and Licensing or one of several enumerated examining boards or affiliated credentialing boards. Under prior law, the list of enumerated examining boards did not include the Dentistry Examining Board. Therefore, under prior law, dentists or dental hygienists could organize and own shares in service corporations only with individuals holding the same credential.

Act 41 amends the definition of “health care professional” by including a reference to persons licensed by the Dentistry Examining Board. As a result, dentists and dental hygienists may organize and own shares in a service corporation with other health care professionals.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,  
consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.