

## **Bills Relating to Dental Hygiene Sent to the Governor September 2007 to July 2008**



### **AK HB 319**

Signed 7/25/08

Creates collaborative practice for dental hygienists. Adds restorative services for both dental hygienists and dental assistants. Allows a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia under general supervision.

### **CA SB 853**

Signed 6/13/08

Creates a self regulating dental hygiene committee in conjunction with the Department of Consumer Affairs. The committee will consist of four dental hygienists, four public members and one dentist appointed by the governor.

### **CO HB 1134**

Signed 3/20/08

Exempts community health centers, state agencies, and for a period of one year legal heirs from the requirement that only a dentist may own a dental practice and only a dentist or dental hygienist may own a dental hygiene practice.

### **FL HB 923**

Signed 5/28/08

Allows dentists in practice for 5 years who are licensed in another state to obtain a Florida "health access" dental license without taking the clinical exam. Practice is limited to "health access" settings such as community health centers and head start centers.

### **IN HB 1172**

Signed 3/24/08

Allows dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia under direct supervision. Expands the current law to allow prescriptive supervision in hospitals, clinics, fixed charitable institutions, public health settings and correctional institutions. Under prescriptive supervision, the physical presence of a dentist is not required but the dentist must have examined the patient and prescribed the patient care within the previous 45 days.

### **KS HB 2781**

Signed 3/28/08

Removes the prohibition against dentists owning satellite office in rural counties with less than 10,000 people.

### **LA SB 312**

Signed 7/8/08

Requires water fluoridation for public water systems statewide with at least 5,000 connections. Communities can vote to opt out if 15 percent of registered voters sign a petition.

### **ME LD 2277**

Signed 4/15/08

Creates an independent practice dental hygienist. An independent practice dental hygienist must possess a bachelor's degree from a CODA accredited dental hygiene program and have 2,000 hours of clinical practice in a private dental practice; or possess an associate degree from a CODA accredited dental hygiene program and have 6,000 hours of clinical practice in a private dental practice. A referral plan must exist for patients in need of additional care.

**MD HB 1280**

Signed 4/24/08

Allows a public health dental hygienist to work in a variety of public health settings including: facilities owned and operated by federal, state, or local governments, schools and Head Start programs.

**MN SB 2942**

Signed 5/12/08

Establishes an Oral Health Practitioner (OHP) –formerly the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP) - in statute and convenes a workgroup to make recommendations and propose legislation that defines the scope of practice, supervision, education and regulation of the provider.

**NH HB1487**

Signed 6/18/08

Establishes a committee to study the ADHP and models proposed by the American Dental Hygienists' Association, the American Dental Association and other national and state groups to increase access to oral health care.

**NY SB 1239**

Signed 7/18/07

Requires that students entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or the first grade present a dental health certificate.

**PA SB 455**

Signed 7/20/07

Allows a public health dental hygiene practitioner to provide preventive health care to individuals in a variety of public health settings without dental supervision.

**UT SB 174**

Signed 3/17/08

Removes a provision that allowed for licensure of foreign-trained dentists and dental hygienists.

**WV HB 4129**

Signed 3/31/08

Establishes a special volunteer dental hygienist license for retired dental hygienists who wish to donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy patients.

**WV SB 13**

Signed 3/20/08

Authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners to promulgate rules allowing a dental hygienist to practice in public health settings under different degrees of supervision.

**Rules**

**NJ Adopted N.J.A.C. 13:30-1A.3**

Permits a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia under direct supervision. The rule requires passage of the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners' written examination in the administration of local anesthesia, and completion of a Board-approved course in local anesthesia that is at least 20 hours of didactic instruction and 12 hours of clinical training.

**TN Final Rule 0460-3-.12.**

Permits a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia under direct supervision. The rule requires completion of a board-approved course that is at least 32 hours in length and, of this, 24 hours must be didactic.

**VA Final 4/16/08**

Establishes guidelines, criteria and regulations to enable licensed dental hygienists to practice local anesthesia and administer nitrous oxide. A dental hygienist who completed a 36 hour course and successfully passed a CODA accredited exam is certified to administer nitrous oxide and local anesthesia to patients 18 years of age or older under the direction of a dentist.

**VT Approved 5/13/08**

The Board of Dental Examiners approved proposed rules that allow dental hygienists to provide hygiene services in public health settings under the supervision of a dentist via a general supervision agreement. The agreement authorizes the dental hygienist to provide services, agreed to between the dentist and the dental hygienist, including sealants, fluoride varnish and prophylaxis. The agreement does not require physical presence of the dentist but it stipulates that the supervising dentist review all patient records.

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