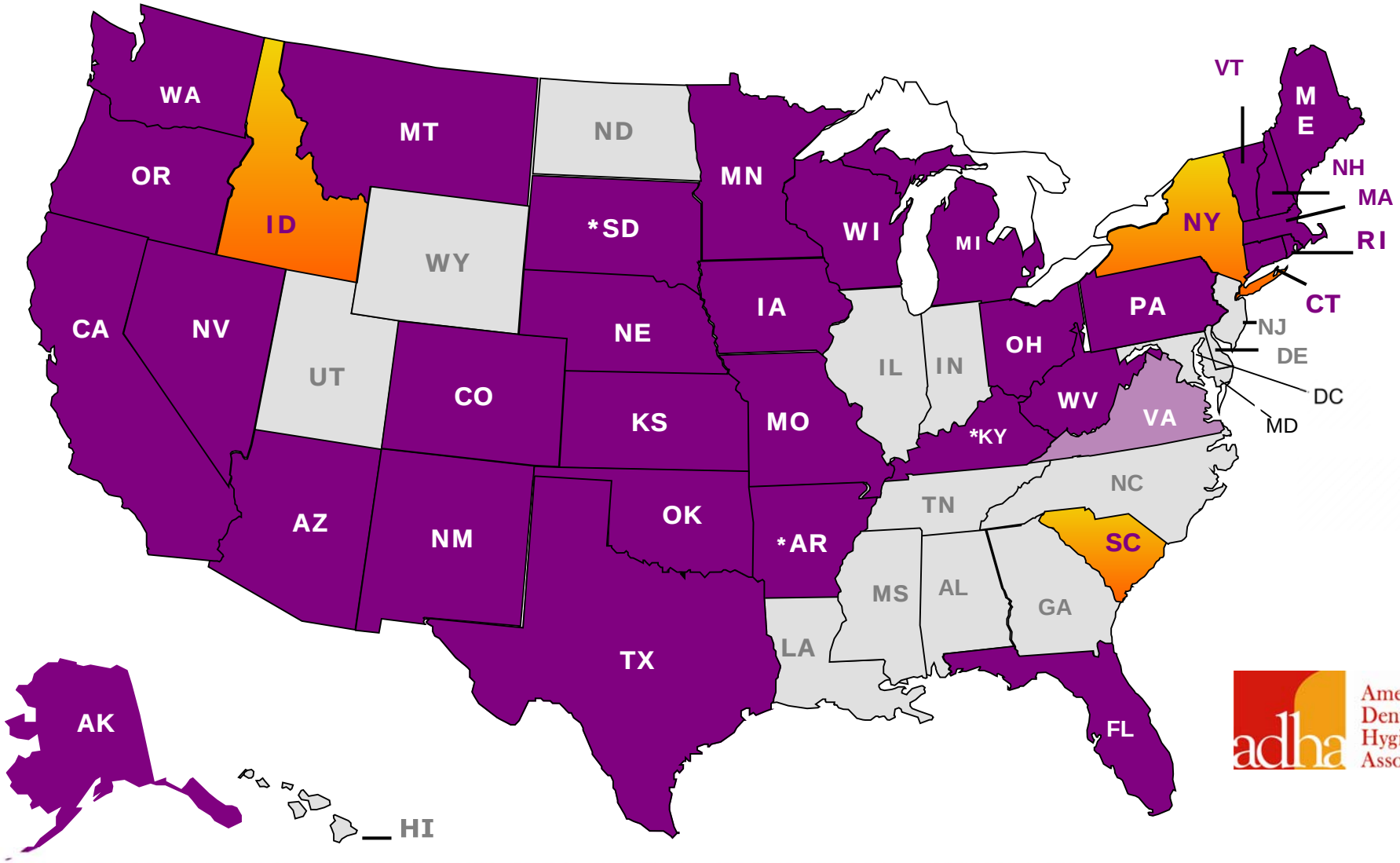
Direct Access in Some Settings Outside the Dental Office



Dentist need not examine or authorize dental hygiene services in certain settings outside the office.

Dentist need not examine patient before hygienist performs services in certain settings outside the office

Virginia Pilot Project seeks to assess the impact dental hygienists practicing in an expanded capacity have on increasing access to dental health care for underserved populations in three dental health professional shortage areas (Cumberland Plateau, Lenowisco and Southside counties).

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