

Bills Relating to Dental Hygiene sent to the Governor July 1, 2006 - June 1, 2007

AR HB 1282 **Adopted** **2/16/07**
Grants civil immunity for licensed health care providers who provide care for free or low-cost public health clinics.

AR HB 1323 **Adopted** **2/8/07**
Permits the state board of dental examiners to discipline licensed health care providers who were disciplined for infractions in other states and failed to disclose that information to the state of Arkansas when applying for licensure.

CA AB 1334 **Signed by the Governor** **9/30/06**
Allows a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice (RDHAP) to provide services to a patient for up to 18 months without written verification that a dentist or physician has examined the patient

CA SB 1472 **Vetoed** **9/30/06**
Created a dental hygiene bureau within the Department of Consumer affairs to regulate dental hygiene separately from dentistry.

CO SB 152 **Signed by the Governor** **5/03/07**
Allows licensees from other states to provide volunteer services for up to 5 days per year.

ID SB 1092 **Signed by the Governor** **3/20/07**
Authorizes the board of dentistry to issue a volunteer license to qualified dental hygienist.

IN HB 1376 **Signed by the Governor** **5/2/07**
Enables dental hygienists working for a local health department or hospital to practice with less supervision when administering care to children in schools. The bill also includes language to allow dental hygiene students to learn about and administer local anesthesia within the context of their dental hygiene education program.

IA HB 906 **Signed by the Governor** **5/09/07**
Requires children enrolling in elementary or high school to have a dental screening, effective 7-1-08. Dental hygienists authorized to screen.

IA HB 925 **Signed by the Governor** **5/11/07**
Establishes the office of public health dental director and an oral health bureau.

KS HB 2214 **Signed by the Governor** **4/16/07**
Expands the settings where Limited Access Permit hygienists may practice.

LA HB 355 **Signed by the Governor** **6/18/07**
Amends the practice act to add to the list of public health settings a dental hygienist can work to include more state and federal institutions and specifies which duties a dentist can delegate to a dental hygienist. The bill also clarifies several points already contained in the statutes.



TN SB 718 **Signed by Governor** **6/5/07**
Amends continuing education requirements to note that each person licensed as a dental hygienist, or registered as a dental assistant is required to attend and complete during each two-year cycle (except for the two-year cycle of initial licensure) a number of board-approved continuing education courses that total a minimum of 24 and a maximum of 60 clock hours.

VA HB 2994 **Signed by the Governor** **3/21/07**
Allows dental hygienists and nurses to administer topical fluoride varnishes to children ages 6 months to 3 years under the standing orders of a medical doctor. The legislation eliminates the requirement that a doctor prescribe a fluoride treatment for each child.

WA HB 1298 **Signed by the Governor** **5/02/07**
Adds “senior centers.” to settings where unsupervised practice is allowed, provided that dental hygienist at the center has a practice agreement with a dentist. Also allows dental hygienists working unsupervised in community-based sealant programs carried out in schools to perform the prophylaxis

WA HB 1099 **Signed by the Governor** **5/02/07**
Provides for the licensure of dental assistants under the dental quality assurance commission. (This body regulates only dentists—dental hygienists are regulated by a dental hygiene committee) Also creates expanded function dental auxiliaries whose duties will include some restorative functions.

WY SB119 **Signed by the Governor** **3/08/07**
Updating language of dental practice act, includes authority for the dental board to require continuing education for dental hygiene license renewal

RULES

ID ID ADC 19,01..01.029.02 Proposed 10/04/06
Creates Extended Access Dental Hygiene Restorative Endorsement, allowing placing/carving/finishing restorations.

IA IA ADC 650-10.5 Issued as emergency rule 5/23/07
Adds nursing homes to settings for public health supervision

MN 3100.8700 **Final 3/19/2007**
Rule changes make several notable changes to the scope of practice for dental hygienists. Dental hygienists are now able to “perform initial and periodontal examinations and assessments to determine periodontal status and formulate a dental hygiene treatment plan in coordination with a dentist’s treatment plan.” The rules also altered the definition of general supervision to enable dental hygienists to see patients and administer authorized services without the requirement that a dentist see the patient first. Dental hygienists are now also authorized to administer nitrous oxide and local anesthesia under general supervision a result of the rules change.

OR OAC 818-03500072 **Adopted 3/13/07**
Creates Restorative Functions Endorsement (RFE) allowing placing/carving/finishing restorations

WI HFS 105.01, 105.06 **Final 7/14/2006**
The initial rule enabled dental hygienists to be directly reimbursed by Medicaid for preventive services, including prophylaxes, sealants, fluoride treatments, and oral evaluations. An additional ruling in January 2007 allows for direct reimbursement for all dental hygiene services.

