

Sealant Application – Settings and Supervision Levels By State*

	GENERAL SUPERVISION WITH EXAM		GENERAL SUPERVISION WITHOUT EXAM		DIRECT ACCESS		DIRECT SUPERVISION	
	OFFICE	SETTINGS	OFFICE	SETTINGS	OFFICE	SETTINGS	OFFICE	SETTINGS
AL							✓	✓
AK			✓	✓		✓-collaborative practice		
AR		✓					✓	
AZ		✓	✓			✓-Affiliated Practice		
CA			✓-except with new patient	✓	✓-if RDHAP	✓-in public health setting		
CO					✓	✓		
CT			✓			✓ -public and private		
DC			✓	✓				
DE	✓	✓						
FL							✓	✓
GA							✓	✓
HI		✓				✓-Settings only	✓	

* Dental hygienists can apply sealants in all states. Chart describes parameters of application.

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ID			✓	✓				
IL	✓	✓						
IN							✓	✓
IA	✓	✓		✓-under public health supervision				
KS	✓	✓				✓-extended permit RDH		
KY	✓	✓						
LA		✓-Public schools or federal or state institutions. -dentist has authorized procedures					✓	
ME			✓		✓-independent practice RDH	✓		
MD			✓	✓				
MA	✓	✓						
MI			✓	✓		✓ RDH with designation of grantee status		

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MN			✓			✓		
MS							✓	✓
MO	✓	✓				✓-with Medicaid children only		
MT			✓	✓		✓-RDH must have authorized limited access permit		
NE			✓	✓				
NV			✓			✓		
NH			✓	✓		✓-With a DDS prescription in collaborative practice		
NJ							✓-supervision, written order in public health setting	✓
NM			✓	✓				
NY			✓	✓-all settings				
NC		✓-if public health dental hygienist					✓	

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ND	✓	✓						
OH	✓	✓						
OK	✓	✓				✓-one time per patient		
OR			✓-unless new patient	✓		✓-limited access permit		
PA	✓-private dental office			✓-public settings		✓-public health dental hygienist		
RI			✓	✓				
SC				✓			✓	
SD	✓	✓						
TN		✓					✓-some procedures	
TX	✓	✓				✓-one time per patient, schools, nursing homes		
UT	✓	✓						
VT	✓	✓				✓-public health RDH		

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VA	✓	✓						
WA	✓					✓		
WV							✓	✓
WI	✓	✓				✓		
WY							✓	✓

Source: This chart is based on governmental affairs staff interpretation of language in each state's statute/rules.

Direct Supervision means a dentist must be present.

General Supervision means a dentist must authorize, but need not be present. In some states general supervision does not require a prior dental exam, but may require a dentist's diagnosis or treatment plan.

Direct Access means a dentist need not specifically authorize.



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