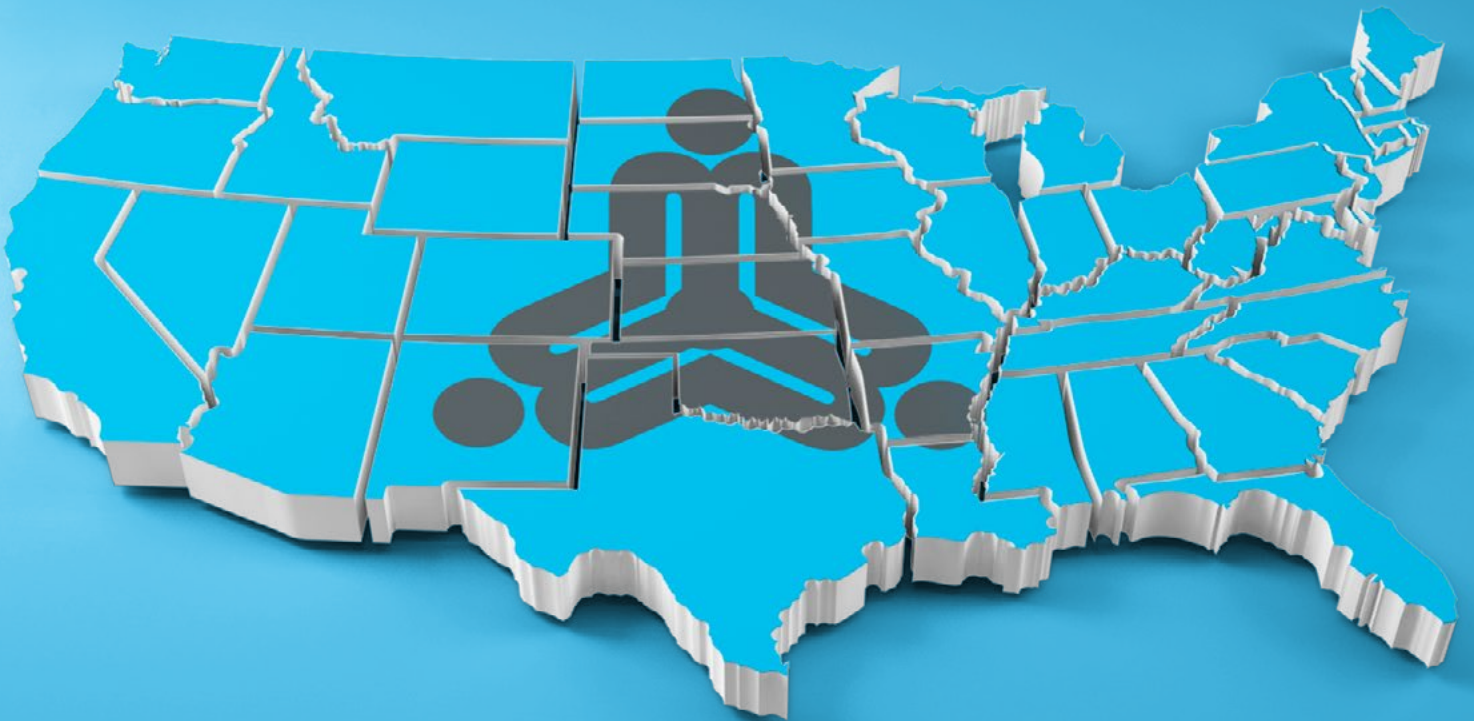




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# 50 State Quick Reference



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## Welcome to Mission Mobile Medical

We're so glad to have you join the Mission Mobile Medical Group team! This guide is meant to provide team specific information to help you get off to a great and productive start.

In most states, mobile dental, medical or primary care must comply with the same State licensure requirements and guidelines as brick & mortar offices. In an effort to specifically regulate mobile programs (for various political and practical reasons) mobile dental vehicles are more subject to specific requirements in some states. For mobile medical, however, administratively most regulatory agencies would not know or care that an "office" is on wheels; it must still comply with the Medical Statutes, Rules and Regulations.

We have attempted to compile a comprehensive guide to mobile dental and mobile medical requirements for each state, along with reference links. Even if your state doesn't have specific requirements for mobile healthcare units, we listed the links to the appropriate Administrative Rules & Statutes for you to review. If you have questions about the content we have provided, or suggestions for improvements, don't hesitate to contact us.

## Our mission

Mobile healthcare saves money and lives by preventing the development of serious health problems through early detection & treatments. Well-resourced hospitals and universities often have functional units they aren't currently using, which we connect to passionate people who will use them. We help you find reliable pre-owned mobile medical and dental vehicles at reasonable costs.

# 1 - ALABAMA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

5346 Stadium Trace Pkwy, Suite 112

Hoover, AL 35244

Phone: (205) 985 7267

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Alabama Dental Practice Act \(Pg 11-15\)](#)

### [License Application](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Certificate of registration

24 hour accessible phone number

Written procedure for emergency follow up care

Maintain written or electronic records at each location services are performed

Ready access to toilet facilities

Maintain \$1,000,000 of general liability insurances

Provide a post op patient information sheet

Provide handicap access via ramp or lift

Maintain a sterilization system

Ready access to an adequate supply of potable water, including hot water

## Hygienist Direct Access Rules

Alabama requires collaboration with an on-site dentist. States that are most restrictive regarding the supervision of dental hygienists require the on-site supervision of a dentist, many times referring to this as direct or indirect supervision. Alabama is an example of a state in which a dentist is required to provide on-site supervision whenever a dental hygienist is treating patients.

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medical Examiners](#)

848 Washington Avenue

Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: (334) 242 4116

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Alabama Medical Practice Act](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 2 - ALASKA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor

Juneau, AK 99801 1770

Phone: (907) 465 2550

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Alaska Statutes and Regulations for Dentists and Dental](#)

### [Hygienists \(March 2020\)](#)

### [License Application](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medical Examiners](#)

550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1500

Anchorage, AK 99501 3567

Phone: (907) 269 8160

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Alaska Statutes and Regulations Medical \(March 2020\)](#)

### [Link to Licensing Requirements:](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 3 - ARIZONA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

4205 North 7th Avenue, Ste 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85013  
Phone: (602) 242 1492

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Arizona Dental Practice Act \(Title 32 - Professions and Occupations - Chapter 11 - DENTISTRY\)](#)

#### Article 8 Mobile Dental Facilities & Portable Dental Units

##### 32-1299.21 Definitions

##### 32-1299.22 Mobile dental facilities; portable dental units; permits; exceptions

##### 32-1299.23 Permit application; fees; renewal; notification of changes

##### 32-1299.24 Standards of operation and practice

##### 32-1299.25 Informed consent; information for patients

##### 32-1299.26 Disciplinary actions; cessation of operation

### [Link to Misc. Dental Applications](#)

### [Mobile Dental Unit Permit](#)

### [Volunteer Dentist Registration](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Must maintain a written or electronic record at each location where services are performed

Must obtain a mobile clinic permit

Must pay an annual registration fee

Must have ready access to an adequate supply of potable water

Must have a written procedure for follow up care

Must have a 24 hour accessible phone number

Must provide a post op patient information sheet

#### Hygienist Direct Access Rules:

Arizona requires collaboration with an off-site dentist. While the majority of dental hygienists fall under this category, the types of collaboration differ from state to state and definitions vary. Some states require a written agreement, some require a dentist to examine the patient prior to the provision of dental hygiene services, and still others allow for communication with a dentist through electronic technologies. Verify requirements with the State Board.

## MEDICAL REG AUTHORITY

### [Arizona Medical Board](#)

9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258  
Phone: (480) 551 2700

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Arizona Medical Board Laws & Rules Page](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam vehicles

# 4 - ARKANSAS

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners](#)

101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 111  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
Ph: 501.682.2085

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners Dental](#)

### [Practice Act Subch 6: Mobile Dental Facilities](#)

### [General Applications Page](#)

### [Mobile Dental Facility Permit Application](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Obtain a mobile clinic permit (\$1,000 fee)

Maintain \$1,000,000 of general liability insurance

Written procedure for follow up care

24 hour accessible phone number

Written or electronic records

Provide handicap access via ramp or lift

Provide a post op patient information sheet

Maintain a sterilization system

Ready access to an adequate supply of potable water, including hot water

Ready access to toilet facilities

#### Hygienist Direct Access Rules:

Arkansas requires collaboration with an off-site dentist. While the majority of dental hygienists fall under this category, the types of collaboration differ from state to state and definitions vary. Some states require a written agreement, some require a dentist to examine the patient prior to the provision of dental hygiene services, and still others allow for communication with a dentist through electronic technologies. Verify requirements with the State Board.

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Arkansas State Medical Board](#)

1401 West Capitol Avenue Suite 340  
Little Rock, AR 72201 2936  
Phone: (501) 296 1802

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Arkansas Medical Practices Act & Regulations](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 5 - CALIFORNIA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Dental Board of California](#)

2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
Phone: (916) 263 2300

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

[Dental Board of California](#) - See Health & Safety Code Section 1765.101 1765.175

[Dental Practice Act](#) - Business & Professions Code beginning at Section 1600

[Dental Board Regulations](#) - Title 16, Professional And Vocational Regulations, Division 10

### [Application for Mobile Dental Clinic Permit](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

- Must obtain a mobile clinic permit (\$100 fee)
- Must have an on site inspection before approval
- Must have a written procedure for follow up care
- Must have a written mobile clinic procedure
- Must post an evacuation plan
- Must maintain a written or electronic patient record at location where services are performed
- Must provide handicap access via ramp or lift
- Must maintain a sterilization system
- Must have ready access to an adequate supply of potable water, including hot water
- Must have ready access to toilet facilities
- Must have stainless steel trash cans
- Must pass inspection & periodic audits

#### No supervision Model

In a handful of states such as California, Maine, and Oregon, it is reported dental hygienists can own a dental practice, work independently of a dentist, and therefore require no supervision from a dentist. Verify with the State Board.

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Medical Board of California  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
Phone: (916) 263 2382  
<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Default.aspx>

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Medical Board of California](#)

[CA Business & Professions Code](#) - See Health & Safety Code Section 1765.101 1765.175

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Same specific rules for mobile medical care as mobile dental care (above)

# 6 - COLORADO

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

1560 Broadway Suite 1350  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Phone: (303) 894 7800

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

[Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act](#)

[Dental Rules and Regulations](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Colorado Medical Board](#)

1560 Broadway, Suite 1350  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone: (303) 894 7690  
Link:

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[Medical Practice Act](#)

[Medical Rules and Regulations](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 7 - CONNECTICUT

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [State Dental Commission](#)

410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13PHO  
Hartford, CT 06134 0308  
Phone: (860) 509 7603, #4

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Colorado Dental Act](#)

#### [Licensing Authority: State Dental Commission](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Colorado Medical Examiner Board](#)

410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13PHO  
Hartford, CT 06134 0308  
Phone: (860) 509 7603, #3

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Colorado Medical Statutes](#)

#### [Colorado Medical Examiner Board](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 8 - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [DC DOH Board of Dentistry](#)

899 N. Capitol Street NE First Floor  
Washington, DC 20002  
Phone: (202) 724 8872

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Health Occupations Revision Act \(HORA\) \[PDF\]](#)

#### [DC Municipal Regulations for Dentistry \[PDF\]](#)

#### [DC Municipal Regulations for Dental Hygienists \[PDF\]](#)

#### [DC Municipal Regulations for Dental Assistants \[PDF\]](#)

#### [Oral Health Program | doh](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [DC DOH Board of Medicine](#)

899 N. Capitol Street NE First Floor  
Washington, DC 20002  
Phone: (877) 672 2174

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS FOR MEDICINE](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 9 - DELAWARE

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dentistry & Dental Hygiene](#)

861 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 203  
Dover, DE 19904  
Phone: (302) 744 4500

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Division of Professional Regulation 1100 Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene](#)

Title 24 Chapter 11

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medical Licensure](#)

861 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 203  
Dover, DE 19904  
Phone: (302) 744 4500

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Division of Professional Regulation 1700 Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline](#)

Title 24 - Chapter 17

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 10 - FLORIDA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Department of Health

### [Board of Dentistry](#)

4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C 08  
Tallahassee, FL 32399 3258  
Phone: (850) 245 4474

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Resources](#)

See Section 456, 466 & 64B5

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Department of Health

### [FL Board of Medicine](#)

4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C 03  
Tallahassee, FL 32399 3253  
Phone: (850) 245 4131

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [FL Board of Medicine Resources Page](#)

See Section 458, 456, 120, & 64B8

#### Health Care Clinic Licensing is governed by

[FL Statute 400-9905](#) - Title XXIX PUBLIC HEALTH, Chapter 400 - NURSING HOMES AND RELATED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, SECTION 9905

[FL Statute Section 400-991](#) - Title XXIX PUBLIC HEALTH, Chapter 400 - NURSING HOMES AND RELATED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, SECTION 991

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

[Licensing at Agency for Healthcare Administration](#)

Pain Management Clinic Registration: [Florida Dept. of Health](#)

In Florida, all allopathic and osteopathic physicians practicing pain-management by prescribing controlled substances to patients with chronic-non-malignant pain are required to register and be inspected by the Department of Health. Pain-management clinics are those that advertise in any medium for any type of pain-management services or where in any month a majority of patients are prescribed certain controlled substances for the treatment of chronic non-malignant pain. The Department will register and inspect the clinics to ensure the safety of the people in Florida.

**NOTE:** If the Pain Management Clinic will not be entirely physician-owned, registration with the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) is required. The processing time for this registration can be lengthy; therefore AHCA registration should be completed before applying for the Pain Management Clinic Registration.

[Pain Management Clinic Application & Forms](#)



# 11 - GEORGIA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### Board of Dentistry

2 Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Phone: (404) 651 8000

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

Dental Act Reference Links:

<http://gbd.georgia.gov/laws-policies-rules>  
<http://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/150>

[See Title 43, Chapters 1 & 11](#)  
and

[Title 31, Chapter 33 Health Records](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

In March 2015, the GA Dental Board recommended posting Chapter 150.25 Mobile Dentistry ([click here for Mar '15 meeting minutes](#)) but we can find no indication the Chapter was implemented, and is not listed in the current Rules & Regulations. The rules are similar to those listed in other state regulations.

There is a rule that Dental hygiene services provided by dental hygienists in mobile dental vans shall always be provided under direct supervision.

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Georgia Composite Medical Board N/A N/A  
2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36th Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303 3465  
Phone: (404) 656 3913

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

GA Composite Medical Board

[Statues](#)  
[Rules](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care  
12 - HAWAII

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Board Of Dental Examiners

# 12 - HAWAII

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### Board Of Dental Examiners

DCCA PVL / Attn: Dental  
P.O. Box 3469  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801  
Phone: (808) 586 2702

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

<http://cca.hawaii.gov/hawaii-revised-statutes/>  
Chapter 447 & 448, HRS

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### Board Of Medical Examiners

DCCA PVL / Attn: BME  
P.O. Box 3469  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801  
Phone: (808) 586 2699

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### Statues

See Chapter 453, 457, etc.

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care



# 13 - IDAHO

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Idaho Board of Dentistry](#)

350 N. 9th Street  
Suite M 100 AND  
Boise, Idaho 83720  
Phone: (208) 334 2369

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Dental Practice Act](#) [Administrative Rules](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Idaho Board of Medicine](#)

1755 N Westgate Drive  
Suite 140  
Boise, Idaho 83704  
Phone: (208) 327 7000

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Title 54: Professions](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 14 - ILLINOIS

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Illinois Board of Dentistry](#)

Dept Of Financial & Prof. Reg.  
320 W. Washington Third Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62786  
Phone: (217) 785 0800

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Dental Act](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Sec. 50. Patient records - A dentist providing services through a mobile dental van or portable dental unit shall provide to the patient or the patient's parent or guardian, in writing, the dentist's name, license number, address, and information on how the patient or the patient's parent or guardian may obtain the patient's dental records, as provided by law.

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Illinois Medical Board](#)

Dept Of Financial & Prof. Reg.  
320 W. Washington Third Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62786  
Phone: (888) 473 4858

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Medical Act](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 15 - INDIANA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Indiana State Board Of Dentistry](#)

402 W. Washington Street  
Room W072  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Phone: (317) 234 2054

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Dental Act](#)

### [Title 828, Article 4](#)

### [Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Website](#)

### [Mobile Dental Facility Instructions](#)

### [Statutes and Rules](#)

### [Application for Registration of A Mobile Dental Facility - State form 50923](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

- Must register with the State Dental Board (\$200 fee)
- Must renew registration every other year (\$100 fee)
- Must have a written procedure for emergency follow up care
- Must maintain a written or electronic record at each location where services are performed
- Must provide a post op patient information sheet
- Must provide handicap access via ramp or lift if providing services to disabled patients
- Must have covered stainless steel trash cans
- Must maintain a sterilization system
- Must have ready access to an adequate supply of potable water, including hot water
- Must have ready access to toilet facilities

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Indiana Medical Licensing Board](#)

402 W. Washington Street Room W072  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Phone: (317) 234 2060

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Medical Act](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 16 - IOWA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Iowa Dental Board](#)

400 SW 8th Street, Suite D  
Des Moines, IA 50309 4686  
Phone: (515) 281 5157

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Code of Iowa - Dental Act](#)

### [Chapter 153 - Dentistry](#)

### [Iowa Legislature - Agency](#)

### [Chapter 147, 153 & 272C](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Iowa Board of Medicine](#)

400 SW 8th Street Suite C  
Des Moines, IA 50309 4686  
Phone: (515) 281 6641

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Iowa Code](#) (Quick Search 17A, 21, 22, 147, 148 & 272C

### [Board of Medicine Administrative Code](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 17 - KANSAS

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Kansas Dental Board](#)

900 SW Jackson, Room 455 S  
Topeka, KS 66612 1230  
Phone: (785) 296 6400

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Kansas Dental Practices Act \(PDF\)](#)

### [Link to Application / Permit](#)

The official version of the Kansas Dental Practices Act is codified in Article 14 of chapter 65 (Section 65 1469 pgs 38 39).

Also Chapter 74 Article 14 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and Amendments or Supplements.

Also Chapter 71 of the Kansas Administrative Regulations contains all official agency rules and regulations.

### [Kansas Dental Association](#)

### [Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association](#)

### [Bureau of Oral Health](#)

## Quick Requirements Reference:

Must register with the State Dental Board (\$500 fee)

Must renew registration every other year

Must have a written procedure for emergency

Must maintain a written or electronic record where services are performed

Must comply with all fixed clinic regulations

Registration fee to operate a mobile dental facility: \$500

Biennial registration renewal fee: \$350

Requirements of 65-1469 do not apply to non-profits or dentists providing charitable services.

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Kansas Board of the Healing Arts](#)

800 SW Jackson, Lower Level - Suite A  
Topeka, KS 66612  
Phone: (785) 296 7413

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Statutes and Regulations](#)

## Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## Helpful Links:

### [Kansas Academy of Family Physicians](#)

### [Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine](#)

### [Kansas Chiropractic Association](#)

### [Kansas Foundation for Medical Care](#)

### [Kansas Hospital Association](#)

### [Kansas Medical Society](#)

### [Kansas Occupational Therapy Association](#)

# 18 - KENTUCKY

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Kentucky Board of Dentistry](#)

312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 101  
Louisville, KY 40222  
Phone: (502) 429 7280

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Statutes & Regulations](#)

## Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Kentucky Board of Medical Lic.](#)

310 Whittington Parkway, Suite 1B  
Louisville, KY 40222  
Phone: (502) 429 7150

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Statutes and Regulations](#)

## Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 19 - LOUISIANA

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Louisiana State Board of Dentistry](#)

365 Canal Street, Suite 2680

Phone: (504) 568 8574

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

[Dental Practice Act](#) - See Title 46, Part XXXIII Section 313 (page 63 67)

[Link Permit Application](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

- Must obtain a mobile clinic permit (\$250 fee)
- Must have an on site inspection before approval New Orleans, LA 70130
- Must have a written procedure for follow up care
- Must have a written mobile clinic procedure
- Must maintain a written or electronic patient record where services are performed
- Must provide handicap access via ramp or lift
- Must maintain a sterilization system
- Must have ready access to an adequate supply of potable water
- Must have ready access to toilet facilities
- Must have covered stainless steel trash cans
- Must have portable Oxygen on board
- Must have an Emergency Kit on board
- Must have functioning and inspected X Rays and X Ray reader / developer
- Must have a 24 hour toll free phone number
- Must have suction equipment to achieve a minimum of 3 cubic feet per minute
- Can use local anesthetics only
- Private rooms are required for treating children

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners](#)

630 Camp Street

New Orleans, LA 70130

Phone: (504) 568 6820

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

Laws: <http://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/laws>

Rules: <http://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/rules>

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 20 - MAINE

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Maine Board of Dental Practice](#)

143 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333 0143 AND

Phone: (207) 287 3333

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

[Dental Act](#)

[Title 32, Chapter 143: DENTAL PROFESSIONS](#)

[Rules & Regulations](#) - Section 02 313

A mobile unit is considered a public health setting: 32. Public health setting. "Public health setting" means a place where the practice of public health dental hygiene occurs, and includes, but is not limited to, public and private schools, medical facilities, nursing homes, residential care facilities, mobile units, nonprofit organizations and community health centers.

No supervision Model – In a handful of states such as California, Maine, and Oregon, it is reported dental hygienists can own a dental practice, work independently of a dentist, and therefore require no supervision from a dentist. Verify with the State Board.

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### Other Links:

[Maine Dental Association](#)

[Maine Dental Hygienists' Association](#)

[Maine Licensed Denturist Association](#)

[Maine Medical Association](#)

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine](#)

137 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333 0143

Phone: (207) 287 3601

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[Rules and Statutes](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

Aspects of mobile dentistry for the dental hygienist: Is it possible to provide mobile services in my state?

## 21 - Maryland

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [State Board of Dental Examiners](#)

55 Wade Avenue/Tulip Drive  
Catonsville, MD 21228  
Phone: (410) 402 8501

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Maryland Code - Title 4 Health Occupations](#)

To access to most recent up-to-date Regulations [click here](#)  
Look for the Board Regulations under Subtitle 10.44

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Maryland Board of Physicians](#)

4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215  
Phone: (410) 764 4777

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Rules & Regulations](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 22 - Massachusetts

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Registration in Dentistry](#)

239 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston, MA 02114  
Phone: (800) 414 0168

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Bureau of Health Professions Licensure](#) [MA Department of Public Health](#)

#### [Apply for a Mobile Dental Permit as a Dental Hygienist](#)

#### [Apply for a Dentist's Mobile Dental Facility \(MDF\) or Portable Dental Operation \(PDO\) permit](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Must obtain a mobile clinic permit (\$180 fee)

Must comply with all requirements pertaining to administration of anesthesia and sedation

May need an on site inspection before approval

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Registration in Medicine](#)

200 Harvard Mill Square, Suite 330  
Wakefield, MA 01880  
Phone: (781) 876 8200

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Physician Regulations, Policies, and Guidelines](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 23 - Michigan

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Michigan Board Of Dentistry](#)

P.O. Box 30670

Lansing, Michigan 48909

Phone: (517) 335 0918

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

[PUBLIC HEALTH CODE Act 368 of 1978 Part 166 DENTISTRY](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Michigan Board of Medicine](#)

611 West Ottawa Street

Lansing, MI 48933

Phone: (517) 373 8068

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[PUBLIC HEALTH CODE Act 368 of 1978 Part 170 MEDICINE](#)

State Licensing is not required for Rural Health Clinics - see [LARA - Rural Health Clinics](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 24 - Minnesota

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Board of Dentistry](#)

2829 University Ave SE, Suite 450

Minneapolis MN 55414 3249 AND

Phone: (612) 617 2250

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

Dental Practice Act - [Ch. 150A](#)

Dental Rules & Regulations 3100 - [MN Rules Chapter](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

Hygienist Direct Access Rules: Minnesota requires collaboration with an off-site dentist. While the majority of dental hygienists fall under this category, the types of collaboration differ from state to state and definitions vary. Some states require a written agreement, some require a dentist to examine the patient prior to the provision of dental hygiene services, and still others allow for communication with a dentist through electronic technologies. Verify requirements with the State Board.

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Minnesota Board of Medical Practice](#)

2829 University Avenue SE, Suite 500

Minneapolis, MN 55414 3246

Phone: (612) 617 2130

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

Medical Practice Acts

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

Aspects of mobile dentistry for the dental hygienist: Is it possible to provide mobile services in my state?

# 25 - Mississippi

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [State Board of Dental Examiners](#)

600 East Amite Street, Suite 100  
Jackson, MS 39201 2801  
Phone: (601) 944 9622

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Laws and Codes - > MS Dental Practice Act](#)

### [Laws and Codes - > Regulations Adopted by the Board](#)

### [Regulation #61 - Facilities](#)

### [Permit Application](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

- Must register with the State Dental Board (\$300 fee)
- Must have an on site inspection (\$150 fee)
- Must have a written procedure for follow up care
- Must maintain written or electronic patient records where services are performed
- Must provide handicap access via ramp or lift
- Must maintain a sterilization system
- Must have ready access to an adequate supply of potable water, including hot water
- Must have ready access to toilet facilities
- Must have covered stainless steel trash cans

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [State Board of Medical Licensure](#)

1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200 B  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Phone: (601) 987 3079

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Rules, Laws and Policies](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 26 - Missouri

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Missouri Dental Board](#)

3605 Missouri Boulevard / P.O. Box 1367  
Jefferson City, MO 65102 1367 AND  
Phone: (573) 751 0040

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Rules](#)

### [Statutes](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Reg. for the Healing Arts](#)

3605 Missouri Boulevard / P.O. Box 4  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
Phone: (573) 751 0098

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Rules](#)

### [Statutes](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care



# 27 - Montana

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dentistry](#)

301 South Park, 4th Floor  
P.O. Box 200513  
Helena, MT 59620 0513 AND  
Phone: (406) 841 2202

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

Rules: Chapter 138 - Board of Dentistry

Statutes:

[Title 2 Chapter 15 Part 17](#) - Board of Dentistry

[Title 37](#) - Professions and Occupations

[Chapter 1](#) - General Provisions

[Chapter 2](#) - General Provisions Relating to Health Care Practitioners

[Chapter 4](#) - Dentistry

[Chapter 16](#) - Health Care Information

[Chapter 29](#) - Dentistry

Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medical Examiners](#)

301 South Park, 4th Floor  
P.O. Box 200513  
Helena, MT 59620 0513 AND  
Phone: (406) 444 5773

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[Rules](#)

[Statutes](#)

Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 28 - Nebraska

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Office of Oral Health & Dentistry](#)

301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68509  
Phone: (402) 471 0166

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

[Statutes Relating to Dentistry Practice Act](#)

Administrative Rules

[Chapter 53](#) - Performance of Duties by Licensed Dental Hygienists and other Dental Auxiliaries

[Chapter 54](#) - Professional Advertising by Dentists

[Chapter 55](#) - Dental Office Maintenance

[Chapter 56](#) - Licensure of Dentists and Dental Hygienists

[Chapter 57](#) - Practice of Dental Hygienists approved to Administer Local Anesthesia

[Nebraska Dental Association](#) | [American Dental Association](#)

Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Office of Public Health](#)

301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68509  
Phone: (402) 471 3121

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[Regulations](#)

Statutes

[Medical Records](#)

[Medicine and Surgery](#)

[Pharmacy](#)

[Nebraska Telehealth Act](#)

[Uniform Controlled Substances Act](#)

[Uniform Credentialing Act](#)

Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 29 - Nevada

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [State Board of Dental Examiners](#)

6010 S. Rainbow Blvd., Ste. A 1  
Las Vegas, NV 89118  
Phone: (702) 486 7044

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 631](#)

#### [Nevada Administrative Code 631](#)

#### [Nevada Legislature](#)

#### [Legislative Adopted Regulation LCB NO: R020-14](#)

#### [Legislative Adopted Regulation LCB NO: R119-15](#)

#### [Records Retention and Healthcare Records](#)

#### [Chapter 629 - Healing Arts Generally](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [State Board of Medical Examiners](#)

1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301  
Reno, NV 89502 2144  
Phone: (775) 688 2559

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)

#### [NRS 449.01515 – “Mobile unit defined”](#)

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)

#### [Mobile Units Regulations](#)

#### [Apply for a New License](#)

#### [Checklist for mobile units](#)

#### [Plan review packet](#)

#### [Application to license the laboratory](#)

#### [Application to permit x-ray equipment](#)

## 30 - New Hampshire

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

121 South Fruit Street, Suite 302  
Concord, NH 03301 2412  
Phone: (603) 271 4561

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Dental Practice Act - Chapter 317-A Rules](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Medicine](#)

121 South Fruit Street, Suite 301  
Concord, NH 03301 2412  
Phone: (603) 271 1203

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Board of Medicine | Laws & Rules](#)

#### [New Hampshire Statutes CHAPTER 329: PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS](#)

#### [New Hampshire Statutes CHAPTER 328-D: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS Rules](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 30 - New Hampshire

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

121 South Fruit Street, Suite 302  
Concord, NH 03301 2412  
Phone: (603) 271 4561

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Dental Practice Act - Chapter 317-A Rules](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medicine](#)

121 South Fruit Street, Suite 301  
Concord, NH 03301 2412  
Phone: (603) 271 1203

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Board of Medicine | Laws & Rules](#)

[New Hampshire Statutes](#) CHAPTER 329: PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

[New Hampshire Statutes](#) CHAPTER 328-D: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

### [Rules](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 31 - New Jersey

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [State Board Of Dentistry](#)

124 Halsey St.  
P.O. Box 45005  
Newark, New Jersey 07101  
Phone: (973) 504 6405

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [State Board of Medical Examiners Laws - See Chapter 45](#) [New Jersey Board of Dentistry Regulations: Chapter 30](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No current regulations to address mobile dental units, other than that dentists are expected to perform their services according to the standard of care, to include sterilization

of equipment, record keeping, and the ability to provide a certain level of care for

Patients. [\(link\)](#)

May 1, 2019 - In response to an inquiry RE starting a mobile dental clinic, "The Board requested that the following additional information be obtained: (1) Who will provide follow-up care? (2) How will transportation be provided to patients if additional care is needed? (3) What are your protocols for sanitizing equipment? This matter was also referred to the rules and regulations committee to discuss drafting regulations concerning mobile dental practices".

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [State Board of Medical Examiners](#)

140 East Front Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08608  
Phone: (609) 826 7100

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [State Board of Medical Examiners Laws](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 32 - New Mexico

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [NM Board of Dental Health Care](#)

Toney Anaya Building  
2550 Cerrillos Road, Second Floor  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 AND  
Phone: (505)476 4622

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Statute](#)

#### [Chapter 5 - Dentistry \(Dentists, Dental Hygienists, etc.\)](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [New Mexico Medical Board](#)

2055 S. Pacheco St. Building 400  
Santa Fe, NM 87505  
Phone: (505) 476 7220

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Rules and Statutes](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 33 - New York

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [State Board for Dentistry](#)

89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, New York 12234 1000  
Phone: (518) 474 3817, ext. 550

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### Education

#### [Title VIII](#) - links to all Articles

#### [Article 133](#) - Dentistry and Dental Hygiene and Registered Dental Assisting Rules

#### [Part 29](#) - Unprofessional Conduct Regulations

#### [From Part 52](#) - Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, and Registered Dental Assisting

#### [Part 61](#) - Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, and Certified Dental Assisting

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [State Board for Medicine](#)

89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, New York 12234 1000  
Phone: (518) 474 3817, ext. 560

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### Education Law

#### [Title VIII](#) - links to all Articles

#### [Article 131](#) - Medicine

#### [Article 131-A](#) - Definitions of Professional Misconduct Applicable to Physicians, Physician's Assistants and Specialist's Assistants

#### [Article 131-B](#) - Physician Assistants

#### [Article 131-C](#) - Specialist Assistants

Relevant sections of the NYS Public Health Law that also apply to this profession are available at [www.health.state.ny.us/nys-doh/opmc/main.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nys-doh/opmc/main.htm)

#### Commissioner's Regulations

#### [Part 59](#) - General Provisions

#### [Part 60](#) - Medicine, Physician Assistant, Specialist Assistant and Acupuncture

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

Bonus: Veterinary Practice <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/vetmed/vetmedpg.pdf>

# 34 - North Carolina

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

2000 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 160  
Morrisville, NC 27560  
Phone: (919) 678 8223

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### General Statutes (Laws)

[Chapter 90, Article 2 Dental Practice Act](#)

[Chapter 90, Article 2A Dental Peer Review Protection Act](#)

[Chapter 90, Article 16 Dental Hygiene Act](#)

[Chapter 93B Occupational Licensing Boards](#)

### Board Rules

[21 NCAC Occupational Licensing Boards and Commissions](#)

[Chapter 16 Dental Examiners](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

[Permit may be required for Itinerant \(Mobile\) Sedation](#)

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [North Carolina Medical Board](#)

1203 Front Street  
Raleigh, NC 27609 7533  
Phone: (919) 326 1100

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[NC Medical Practice Act](#)

[Rules of the NC Medical Board](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 35 - North Dakota

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

PO Box 7246  
Bismarck, ND 58507 US  
Phone: (701) 258 8600

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

Statute - [North Dakota Century Code 43-28-01 through 43-28-27](#) - Dentist

Statute - [North Dakota Century Code 43-28.1](#) - Dentist

Statute - [North Dakota Century Code 43-20-01 through 43-20-12](#) - Hygienist and Dental Assistant

Rules - [North Dakota Administrative Code 20-01 through 20-05](#)

### Dentists' Loan Repayment Program

43-28.1. Provides funding to support dentists providing dental services in cities or surrounding areas, or both in which the state health council identifies as having a defined need for dental services. Dentists must agree to accept medical assistance patients and assignments. For further information, see <http://www.ndhealth.gov/pco/main.asp>

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medicine](#)

418 E Broadway Ave, Suite 12  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
Phone: (701) 328 6500

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[North Dakota Century Code Regulations](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 36 - Ohio

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Ohio State Dental Board](#)

77 S. High Street, 17th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215 6135  
Phone: (614) 466 2580

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Dental Practice Act, December 2019](#)

#### [Ohio Revised Code](#)

#### [Ohio Administrative Code](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [State Medical Board Of Ohio](#)

30 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215 6127  
Phone: (614) 466 3934

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Statutes](#)

#### [Rules](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 37 - Oklahoma

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry](#)

2920 N Lincoln Blvd., Ste. B  
OKC, OK 73105  
Phone: (405)522 4844

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [State Dental Act](#)

#### [Rules](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Medical Licensure and Sup.](#)

101 NE 51st St  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
Phone: (405) 962 1400

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Laws & Rules Links](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 38 - Oregon

**DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
[State Board Of Dentistry](#)  
1500 SW 1st Ave., Ste. # 770  
Portland, OR 97201  
Phone: (971) 673 3200

**DENTAL REGULATIONS**  
[Dental Practice Act - Effective January 1, 2020 Version](#)

Board of Dentistry: [ORS 679.230 – 679.255.](#)  
Dentists: [ORS 679](#)  
Dental Hygiene: [ORS 680.010 to 680.205 and 680.990.](#)  
[Oregon Administrative Rules](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile dental care  
[Oregon Health Authority : Certification for School Dental Sealant Programs : School-based Oral Health Programs](#)

No supervision Model – In a handful of states such as California, Maine, and Oregon, it is reported dental hygienists can own a dental practice, work independently of a dentist, and therefore require no supervision from a dentist. Verify with the State Board.

**MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
[Oregon Medical Board](#)  
1500 SW 1st Ave., Suite 620  
Portland, OR 97201 5847  
Phone: (971) 673 2700

**MEDICAL REGULATIONS**  
[Statute Rules - Chapter 847](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

[Permit Application for a Mobile Body Art Facility Practice Qualification for Mobile Cosmetology](#)

Aspects of mobile dentistry for the dental hygienist: Is it possible to provide mobile services in my state?

## 39 - Pennsylvania

**DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
[State Board Of Dentistry](#)  
One Penn Center, 2601 N. 3rd Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
Phone: (717) 783 7162

**DENTAL REGULATIONS**  
[Law - Act 216 of 1933 \(PDF\) Regulations](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile dental care

**MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
[State Board Of Medicine](#)  
One Penn Center, 2601 N. 3rd Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
Phone: (717) 783 1400

**MEDICAL REGULATIONS**  
[Regulations - Chapter 16 - General Provisions](#)  
[Regulations - Chapter 17 - Medical Doctors](#)  
[Regulations - Chapter 18 - Practitioners Other Than Medical Doctors](#)  
[Law - Act 112 of 1985 \(PDF\)](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care



# 40 - Rhode Island

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Rhode Island Board of Dentistry](#)

Three Capitol Hill, Room 205  
Providence, RI 02908  
Phone: (401) 222 4998

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

[Statutes: CHAPTER 5-31.1 Dentists and Dental Hygienists](#)  
[Administrative Rules](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medical Licensure](#)

Three Capitol Hill, Room 105A  
Providence, RI 02908  
Phone: (401) 222 5960

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[Statutes: CHAPTER 5-37 Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline](#)  
[Administrative Rules](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 41 - South Carolina

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dentistry](#)

110 Centerview Dr.  
Columbia, S.C. 29210  
Phone: (803) 896 4300

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

[S.C. Code of Laws Title 40 Chapter 15 Dentists, Dental Hygienists And Dental Technicians](#)  
[S.C. Code of Regulations Chapter 39 State Board Of Dentistry](#)  
[Permit Application](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
Must register with the State Dental Board (\$150 fee)  
Must renew annually & have inspections (\$150 fee)  
Must have a written procedure for follow up care  
Must maintain a written or electronic patient record where services are performed  
Must provide handicap access via ramp or lift  
Must maintain a sterilization system  
Must have ready access to an adequate supply of potable water, including hot water  
Must have ready access to toilet facilities  
Must have covered stainless steel trash cans  
Must have a Carbon Monoxide Detector installed

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medical Examiners](#)

110 Centerview Dr.  
Columbia, S.C. 29210  
Phone: (803) 896 4500

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[Medical Practice Act, Chapter 47](#)  
[Policies for Physicians](#)  
[Policies for Physician Assistants](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 42 - South Dakota

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Dentistry](#)

1351 North Harrison Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501 1079  
Phone: (605) 224 1282

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Statutes - 36-6A](#)

#### [Administrative Rules - ARSD 20:43](#)

#### [Dental Corporations - SDCL 47-12](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

ARSD 20:43:04:07. Mobile office or unit -- Authority to operate. Authorization to operate a mobile dental office or unit shall be secured from the Board of Dentistry.

ARSD 20:43:10:01. Practice settings. A dentist may provide collaborative supervision to a dental hygienist pursuant to a collaborative agreement if the dentist holds a license in good standing in the state of South Dakota and the following services are provided: (4) Under the auspices of a mobile or portable dental unit operated by any nonprofit organization affiliated with a nonprofit dental service corporation organized under SDCL chapter 58-39;

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Medical Examiners](#)

101 N. Main Ave, Suite 301  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Phone: (605) 367 7781

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Statutes](#)

#### [Rules](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 43 - Tennessee

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Dentistry](#)

665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243 AND  
Phone: (615) 532 5073

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry](#)

<http://share.tn.gov/sos/rules/0460/0460.htm>

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

#### GENERAL RULES CHAPTER 0460-01.14 Mobile Dental Clinics

- (1) Mobile dental clinics shall be operated/owned only by a dentist licensed in Tennessee, an official agency of the state government or any subdivision thereof, any nonprofit organization, or any hospital. Dental hygienists and dental assistants shall not operate/own a mobile dental clinic.
- (2) All mobile dental clinics in Tennessee shall:
  - (a) Maintain all dental records as provided in Rule 0460-02-.12.
  - (b) Observe all patient rights as provided in Rule 0460-01-.16.
  - (c) Obtain written, informed consent when treating a minor.
  - (d) Comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances regulating radiographic equipment, flammability, construction, and zoning.
  - (e) Obtain all applicable county and city licenses or permits to operate the facility.
  - (f) Comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances regarding infection control and sanitation procedures, including:
    1. Providing access to a ramp or lift if services are provided to disabled persons.
    2. Having access to a properly functioning sterilization system.
    3. Having access to an adequate supply of potable water, including hot water.
    4. Having access to toilet facilities.
    5. Having a covered galvanized, stainless steel, or other non-corrosive metal container for deposit of refuse and waste materials; and,
    6. Compliance with Rule 0460-01-.11.
- (3) The mobile dental clinic must have:
  - (a) A dental treatment chair;
  - (b) A dental treatment light;
  - (c) A radiographic unit with appropriate processing equipment;
  - (d) A portable delivery system or an integrated system;
  - (e) An evacuation unit suitable for dental surgical use;
  - (f) Equipment to treat medical emergencies; and,
  - (g) Appropriate and sufficient dental instruments and infection control supplies.
- (4) School-based prevention programs whose mobile dental clinics provide only dental screenings, oral health education, oral evaluations, topical fluoride, and sealant application are not required to have the equipment listed in subparagraphs (3)(c), (3)(e) and (3)(f) of this rule.
- (5) The driver of the mobile dental clinic must possess a valid operator's license appropriate for the type vehicle being driven and not have any violations related to the operation of a motor vehicle in the last three (3) years, and not have any violations involving alcohol or

# 43 - Tennessee Continued

## 0460-01-.15 TREATMENT OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS.

When treating a nursing home patient in a mobile clinic or in a nursing home, the dentist must:

- (1) Record in both the dental record and the nursing home patient record the procedures performed.
- (2) Record in the dental record the name of the facility where the patient resides.
- (3) Obtain written informed consent from the patient or if patient is unable to fully understand and give informed consent, consent must be obtained from the legal guardian of the patient. If a power of attorney is on file in the nursing home for the patient, the written informed consent must be obtained from the person who holds the authority under the power of attorney. It is the responsibility of the dentist to ascertain whether or not a power of attorney is on file for the patient before evaluation of the patient by the dentist; and,
- (4) Consult with the patient's physician when medically indicated.

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medical Examiners](#)

665 Mainstream Drive, 2nd Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243 AND  
Phone: (615) 532 4384

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Statutes](#) pertaining to this Board

T. C. A. 63-1 (Division of Health Related Boards),  
T.C.A. 63-6 (Medicine and Surgery) and  
T.C.A. 63-2 (Medical Records)

Rules: [0880 - Board of Medical Examiners](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 44 - Texas

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [State Board of Dental Examiners](#)

333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 3, Suite 800  
Austin, TX 78701  
Phone: (512) 463 6400

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

The Dental Practice Act is found in Chapters 251 through 267 of the [Texas Occupations Code](#).

### [TSBDE Rules and Regulations](#)

### Quick Links:

#### [Licensing Mobile Facilities](#)

#### [Registration Requirements](#)

#### [Mobile Dental Facility or Portable Dental Unit](#)

#### [Permit Application](#)

#### [Annual Renewal of Mobile Dental Facility & Portable Dental Unit Permit](#)

#### [Annual Reporting Requirement for Mobile Facilities & Portable Dental Units](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

Must obtain a mobile clinic permit (\$120 fee)

Must have a written procedure for follow up care

Must have ready access to a sterilization system

Must have ready access to an adequate supply of potable water

Must have ready access to toilet facilities

### Required Dental Equipment:

Dental Chair

Dental Light

Dental Unit (delivery system)

X Ray w/ Lead Apron

Vacuum System

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Texas Medical Board](#)

333 Guadalupe Tower 3, Suite 610  
Austin, TX 78701  
Phone: (512) 305 7010

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Texas Medical Board Laws / Medical Practice Act](#) [Current Board Rules](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 45 - Utah

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Utah Board of Dentistry](#)

160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111  
Phone: (801) 530 6628

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act, 58-69 \(05/08/2018\)](#)

#### [Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act Rule, R156-69 \(12/22/2015\)](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Utah Board of Medicine](#)

160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111  
Phone: (801) 530 6628

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Utah Medical Practice Act, 58-67 \(12/03/2018\)](#) [Utah Medical Practice Act Rule, R156-67 \(12/23/2019\)](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

## 46 - Vermont

### DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Board of Dental Examiners](#)

89 Main Street, 3rd Floor  
Montpelier VT 05620 3402  
Phone: (802) 828 2390

Vermont Health Dept: [Dental and Primary Care](#)

### DENTAL REGULATIONS

#### [Dental Statutes](#) [Administrative Rules](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile dental care

### MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### [Vermont Board of Medical Practice](#)

108 Cherry Street, 2nd Floor  
Burlington, VT 05402 0070  
Phone: (802) 657 4220

### MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### [Title 26: Professions and Occupations, Chapter: 23: Medicine](#) [Title 26: Professions and Occupations, Chapter 31: Physician Assistants](#) [Board Rules](#)

**Quick Requirements Reference:**  
No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 47 - Virginia

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dentistry](#)

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, VA 23233 1463  
Phone: (804) 367 4538

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Laws Governing Dentistry & Dental Hygiene \(Chapter 27\)](#)

### [Drug Laws for Practitioners](#)

### [Regulations Governing the Practice of Dentistry - 9/4/2019](#)

### [Application for Registration of a Mobile Dental Facility or Portable Dental Operation](#)

### [Practice of a Dental Hygienist under Remote Su- pervision](#)

### [Storing and Dispensing Drugs from Mobile Units](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Must register with the State Dental Board (\$250 fee)  
Must have a written procedure for follow up care  
Must maintain a written or electronic patient record where services are  
performed  
Must have ready access to an adequate supply of potable water

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Medicine](#)

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite  
Henrico Virginia 23233 1463  
Phone: (804) 367 4600

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Rules & Statutes](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care  
[Storing and Dispensing Drugs from Mobile Units](#)

# 48 - Washington

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Dental Health Care Quality Assurance](#)

P.O. Box 47852  
Olympia, Washington 98504  
Phone: (360) 236 4700

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

Dentistry: [Chapter 18.32 RCW](#)

Dental professionals: [Chapter 18.260 RCW](#)

Dental anesthesia assistants: [Chapter 18.350 RCW](#)

Dental hygienists: [Chapter 18.29 RCW](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Department of Health - Medical Commission](#)

111 Israel Rd. S.E.  
Tumwater, WA 98501  
Phone: (360) 236 2750

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Current Rules & Regulations](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 49 - West Virginia

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Board of Dentistry](#)

1319 Robert C. Byrd Drive  
Crab Orchard, WV 25827  
Phone: (877) 914 8266

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Laws & Rules](#)

### [WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY SERIES](#)

### [14 MOBILE DENTAL FACILITIES](#)

### [Permit Application for Mobile Dental Facilities](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Must obtain a mobile clinic permit (\$250 Non profit or \$1,500 for profit organizations)

Permit must be renewed annually

Must have a written procedure for follow up care

Must maintain a written or electronic patient record at each location where services are performed

Must have a written policy for infection control

Must provide handicap access via ramp or lift

Must have ready access to an adequate supply Series 14 for Mobile Dental of potable water

Must have ready access to toilet facilities

#### Required Dental Equipment:

Dental Chair

Dental Light AND

Dental Unit (delivery system)

X Ray w/ Lead Apron

Vacuum System

appropriate & sufficient instruments & supplies on hand (gloves, face masks, etc.)

Must have covered stainless steel trash cans

Must have a Carbon Monoxide Detector and Smoke Detector installed

Must have an AED (Defibrillator) on board

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [WV Board of Medicine and Sterilization procedures](#)

101 Dee Drive Suite 103  
Charleston WV 25311  
Phone: (304) 558 2921

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [West Virginia Medical Practice Act](#)

### [Legislative & Procedural Rules](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 50 - Wisconsin

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Dentistry Examining Board](#)

Dept of Safety and Professional Svcs  
1400 East Washington Avenue, Room 112  
Madison, WI 53703  
Phone: (608) 266 2112

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

### [Statutes and Administrative Code](#)

### [Chapter DE 10](#)

### [Mobile Dentistry Program Registration and Forms](#)

### [Renewal Forms](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

Must register with the State Dental Board

Must have a written procedure for follow up care

Must maintain a written or electronic patient record where services are performed

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### [Medical Examining Board](#)

Dept of Safety and Professional Svcs  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
Room 112 N/A  
Madison, WI 53703  
Phone: (608) 266 2112

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### [Statutes & Administration Rules](#)

#### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile exam or medical care

# 51 - Wyoming

## DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Wyoming Board of Dental Examiners](#)

2001 Capitol Ave, Room 103

Cheyenne WY 82002

Phone: (307) 777 7387

## DENTAL REGULATIONS

[Dental Practice Act](#)

[Complete Rules and Regs](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

No specific rules for mobile dental care

[Wyoming Dental Association](#)

[Wyoming Dental Hygienists' Association](#)

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

[Wyoming Board of Medicine](#)

130 Hobbs Avenue, Suite A

Cheyenne, WY 82002

Phone: (307) 778 7053

## MEDICAL REGULATIONS

[Wyoming Medical Practice Act](#)

[Interstate Medical Licensure Act](#)

### Quick Requirements Reference:

Defined as a [Freestanding Diagnostic Testing Center](#) - a mobile, relocatable, or transportable facility capable of providing a wide array of outpatient diagnostic testing services and minimally invasive procedures



# Direct Access States

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) defines direct access as the ability of a dental hygienist to initiate treatment based on their assessment of a patient's needs without the specific authorization of a dentist, treat the patient without the presence of a dentist, and maintain a provider-patient relationship (ADHA Policy Manual, 13-1)

## Alaska 2008

Reference: Sec. 08.32.115

### Collaborative Agreement:

Dental hygienist may provide services according to the terms of a collaborative agreement. The dentist's presence, diagnosis or treatment plan are not required unless specified by agreement. Care under the agreement can be provided in settings outside of the "usual place of practice" (i.e. private dental office).

### Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have minimum of 4,000 hours of clinical experience within preceding 5 years. Agreement must be approved by state board of dental examiners. Dentists are limited to 5 or fewer collaborative agreements.

### Provider Services:

Agreement can authorize nearly the entire dental hygiene scope of practice (patient education, prophylaxis, sealants, radiographs, etc).

## Arizona 2004/2015/ 2019

Sec. 32-1281, 32-1289

### Affiliated Practice Agreement:

Dental hygienist with a written affiliated practice agreement may perform dental hygiene services in specified settings outside the private dental office. The written agreement must be submitted to state board of dental examiners. The affiliated practice dental hygienist shall consult with the affiliated practice dentist before initiating further treatment on patients who have not been seen by a dentist within 12 months of the initial treatment by the dental hygienist.

### Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have held an active license for at least 5 years and be actively engaged in dental hygiene practice for at least five hundred hours in each of the 2 years immediately preceding the affiliated practice relationship. Alternatively, dental hygienist who holds a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene, an active license for at least 3 years and is actively engaged in dental hygiene practice for at least 500 hours in each of the 2 years preceding the affiliated practice relationship, may also qualify for affiliated practice. In addition, dental hygienist must successfully complete 12 hours of specified continuing education that hold a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

### Provider Services:

The agreement must outline practice settings and services provided. The full dental hygiene scope is permitted with the exception of root planing, nitrous oxide and the use of local anesthesia unless under specified circumstances. After taking an accredited course and exam the dental hygienist will also be able to: place, contour and finish restorations, cement prefabricated crowns and place interim therapeutic restorations.

### Arizona 2006

Sec. 32-1289

Dental hygienist employed by or working under contract or as a volunteer for a public health agency or institution or a public or private school authority before an examination by a dentist may screen patients and apply topical fluoride without entering into an affiliated practice relationship pursuant to this section.

# Arkansas 2010

Sec. 17-82-7

## Collaborative Agreement:

Dental hygienist with a Collaborative Care permit I or II who has entered into a collaborative agreement may perform dental hygiene services on children, senior citizens age 65 and older, and persons with developmental disabilities in long-term care facilities, free clinics, hospitals, head start programs, residence of homebound patients, local health units, schools, community health centers, state and county correctional institutions. Dental hygienist must have written agreement with no more than one dentist.

## Requirements:

Must have malpractice insurance. Collaborative Care Permit I: Dental hygienist must have 1,200 hours of clinical practice experience, or have taught dental hygiene courses for 2 of the preceding 3 years. Collaborative Care Permit II: Dental hygienist must have 1,800 hours of clinical practice experience or taught dental hygiene courses for 2 of the preceding 3 years and has completed 6 hours of continued education courses.

## Provider Services:

Collaborative Care Permit I may provide prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, sealants, dental hygiene instruction, assessment and other services in scope if delegated by consulting dentist to children in public settings without supervision or prior examination. Collaborative Care Permit II may provide prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, sealants, dental hygiene instruction, assessment, and other services in scope if delegated by the consulting dentist to children, senior citizens, and persons with developmental disabilities in public settings without supervision or prior examination.

# California 1998

Sec. 1922-1931

## Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP):

RDHAP may provide services to a patient without obtaining written verification that the patient has been examined by a dentist or physician. If the RDHAP provides services to a patient 18 months or more after the first date that he or she provides services, the RDHAP shall obtain written verification that the patient has been examined by a dentist or physician.

Once licensed, the RDHAP may practice as: an employee of a dentist; an employee of another RDHAP; as an independent contractor; as a sole proprietor of an alternative dental hygiene practice; as an employee of a primary care clinic or specialty clinic; as an employee of a clinic owned or operated by a public hospital or health system; or as an employee of a clinic owned and operated by a hospital that maintains the primary contract with a county under the California welfare code. Allowed practice settings include: residences of the homebound; schools; residential facilities and other institutions; hospitals; or dental health professional shortage areas.

## Requirements:

Must hold a current and active California license as a dental hygienist; have been engaged in clinical practice as a dental hygienist for a minimum of 2,000 hours during the immediately preceding 36 months (in California or another state); possess a bachelor's degree or an equivalent of 120 semester units; complete 150 hours of an approved educational RDHAP program; and pass a written examination.

## Provider Services:

All services permitted under general supervision, including prophylaxis, root planing, pit and fissure sealants, charting and examination of soft tissue.

## California 2002

Sec. 1911

Dental hygienist may provide screening, apply fluorides and sealants without supervision in government created or administered public health programs.

# Colorado 1987

Sec. 12-35-124

## Unsupervised Practice:

There is no requirement that a dentist must authorize or supervise most dental hygiene services. Dental hygienist may also own a dental hygiene practice.

Requirements: None.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can provide dental hygiene diagnosis, radiographs, remove deposits, accretions, and stains, curettage without anesthesia, apply fluorides and other recognized preventive agents, topical anesthetic, oral inspection and charting. Local anesthesia requires general supervision.

# Connecticut 1999

Sec. 20-126l

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist with 2 years of experience may practice without supervision in institutions, public health facilities, group homes and schools.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have at least 2 years of experience.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can provide oral prophylaxis, remove deposits, accretions and stains, root planing, sealants, assessment, treatment planning and evaluation.

# Florida 2011

Sec. 466.003, 466.024

Dental hygienist may provide services without the physical presence, prior examination, or authorization of a dentist, provided that a dentist or physician gives medical clearance prior to performance of a prophylaxis in "health access settings." A dentist must examine a patient within 13 months following a prophylaxis and an exam must take place before additional oral services may be performed.

Health access settings are: a program of the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Juvenile Justice, a nonprofit community health center centers, a Head Start centers, a federally-qualified health center, a school-based prevention program or a clinic operated by an accredited dental or dental hygiene program.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must maintain liability insurance.

## Provider Services:

Dental charting, take vital signs, record histories, apply sealants and fluorides (including varnish) and perform prophylaxis. The setting operating the program may bill a third party for reimbursement.

# Georgia 2017

Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43

## General Supervision

The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the performance of licensed dental hygienists providing dental screenings in settings which include: schools, hospitals and clinics, state, county, local, and federal public health programs, federally qualified health centers, volunteer community health settings, senior centers, and family violence shelters.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist shall have at least two years of experience in the practice of dental hygiene, shall be in compliance with continuing education and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification requirements and shall be licensed in good standing.

## Provider Services:

Licensed dental hygienists may apply topical fluoride and perform the application of sealants and oral prophylaxis under general supervision in certain designated settings.

# Idaho 2004

Sec. 54-903, 54-904

## Extended Access Endorsement (EAE):

Dental hygienist can provide services in hospitals, long term care facilities, public health facilities, health or migrant clinics or other board-approved settings, if the dentist affiliated with authorizes services.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must be an employee of the facility or obtain extended care permit. EAE requires 1,000 hours experience in last 2 years.

## Provider Services:

As determined by authorizing dentist.

# Illinois 2015

225 ILCS 25/18.1

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

A dental hygienist may treat patients in specified public health settings without a dentist first examining the patient and being present during treatment, who are Medicaid-eligible or uninsured and with household incomes not greater than 200% of the federal poverty level.

## Requirements:

A licensed dental hygienist must have 2 years of full-time clinical experience or an equivalent of 4,000 hours of clinical experience and have completed 42 hours of additional course work in areas specific to public health dentistry. The dental hygienist must also practice pursuant to a written public health supervision agreement with a dentist.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist may provide prophylactic cleanings, apply fluoride, place sealants, and take radiographs. Additional services may be prescribed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

# Indiana 2018

Sec. 1. IC 25-13-1-10

## Access Practice Agreement:

A dental hygienist may provide preventive dental hygiene services directly to a patient without a prior examination, presence, or authorization of a dentist. A dental hygienist may practice in any setting or facility that is documented in the dental hygienist's access practice agreement.

## Requirements:

Professional licensure

Has at least 2,000 documented clinical hours of dental hygiene services during 2 years of active practice under the direct supervision of a dentist

Obtains a national provider identifier number

Enters into an access practice agreement with a licensed dentist

Maintains liability insurance

Before providing dental hygiene services to a patient under an access practice agreement, the dental hygienist has obtained a signed consent form

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist may provide preventive dental hygiene services as outlined in the access practice agreement.

# Iowa 2004

Rule 650-10.5 (153)

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist may administer care based on standing orders and a written agreement with a dentist. Services can be administered in schools, Head Start settings, nursing facilities, federally-qualified health centers, public health vans, free clinics, community centers and public health programs.

Requirements: Dental hygienist must have 3 years of clinical experience and must submit an annual report to the state department of health noting the number of patients treated/services administered.

Provider Services: All services in the dental hygiene scope (except local anesthesia and nitrous) may be provided once to each patient. The supervising dentist must specify a period of time in which an examination by a dentist must occur prior to the dental hygienist rendering further dental hygiene services. However, this requirement does not apply to educational services, assessments, screenings and fluoride if specified in the supervision agreement.

# Kansas 2003/2012

Sec. 65-1456

## Extended Care Permit I, II & III (ECP):

Dental hygienist may practice without the prior authorization of a dentist if the dental hygienist has an agreement with sponsoring dentist. Examples of settings are schools, Head Start programs, state correctional institutions, local health departments, indigent care clinics, and in adult care homes, hospital long term units, or at the home of homebound persons on medical assistance. The ECP I permit authorizes treatment on children in various limited access categories, while the ECP II permit is for seniors and persons with developmental disabilities. ECP III permit authorizes dental hygienists to treat a wider range of patients, including underserved children, seniors and developmentally disabled adults and to provide more services than ECP I and II.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have 1,200 clinical hours or 2 years teaching in last 3 years for ECP I; 1,600 hours or 2 years teaching in last 3 years plus 6 hour course for ECP II. Dental hygienist must also carry liability insurance and must be paid by dentist or facility. ECP III requires 2,000 hours clinical experience plus 18 clock hour board approved course. Dentist can monitor a maximum of 5 practices.

## Provider Services:

ECP I and II provide prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, dental hygiene instruction, assessment of the patient's need for further treatment by a dentist, and other services if delegated by the sponsoring dentist. ECP III can additionally provide atraumatic restorative technique, adjustment and soft relining of dentures, smoothing sharp tooth with handpiece, local anesthesia in setting where medical services available, extraction of mobile teeth.

# Kentucky 2010

Sec. 313.040

## Volunteer Community Health Settings:

A dental hygienist may provide the services listed below without the supervision of a dentist in volunteer community health settings.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can provide dental hygiene instruction, nutritional counseling, oral screening with subsequent referral to a dentist, fluoride application, demonstration of oral hygiene technique, and sealants.

## Kentucky 2010

201 KAR 8:562

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

A public health dental hygienist shall perform dental hygiene services under the supervision of the governing board of health. Settings are limited to local health departments, public or private educational institutions with affiliation agreement, contracted mobile dental health programs, and public or private institutions under the jurisdiction of a federal, state, or local agency.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have 2 years and 3,000 hours of experience. During each renewal period, complete a 3 hour course approved by the board on the identification and prevention of potential medical emergencies, as well as 5 hours of other CE in area of public health or public dental health. A dental hygienist authorized to practice as a public health dental hygienist shall receive a certificate from the board indicating their registration. Prior to performing services, must receive informed consent from patient. The patient must be in the ASA Patient Physical Status Classification of ASA I or ASA II, meaning a normal healthy patient or a patient with mild systemic disease.

Provider services: Limited to preventative services.

# Maine 2001

Rule 02 313 Chap. 2. Sec. 3

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist may provide services in a public or private school, hospital or other nontraditional practice setting under a public health supervision status granted by the dental board on a case-by-case basis. The dental hygienist may perform services rendered under general supervision. The dentist should have specific standing orders and procedures to be carried out, although the dentist need not be present when the services have been provided.

A written plan for referral or an agreement for follow-up shall be provided by the public health hygienist recording all conditions that should be called to the attention of the dentist. The supervising dentist shall review a summary report at the completion of the program or once a year.

## Reference:

A dental hygienist must apply to the board to practice providing such information the board deems necessary. The board must take into consideration whether the program will fulfill an unmet need, whether a supervising dentist is available and that the appropriate public health guidelines and standards of care can be met and followed.

## Provider Services:

All services that can be provided under general supervision. Dentist's diagnosis for sealants is not needed in public health or school sealant programs.

Maine  
2008/2015/2017  
32 §18345 & 18375

## Independent Practice Dental Hygienist:

Independent practice dental hygienist means an individual licensed to practice independent dental hygiene without supervision of a dentist. However, a written practice agreement is required when engaging in the taking of dental radiographs pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Board's rules.

## Requirements:

Verification of 2,000 work hours of clinical practice. For purposes of meeting the clinical practice requirements, the applicant's hours in a private dental practice or nonprofit setting under the supervision of a dentist may be included as well as the applicant's hours as a public health dental hygienist or, prior to July 29, 2016, as a dental hygienist with public health supervision status.

## Provider Services:

An independent practice dental hygienist may perform only the following duties without supervision by a dentist:

Interview patients and record complete medical and dental histories;  
Take and record the vital signs of blood pressure, pulse and temperature;

Perform oral inspections, recording all conditions that should be called to the attention of a dentist;

Perform complete periodontal and dental restorative charting;

Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including root planing;

Apply fluoride to control caries;

Apply desensitizing agents to teeth;

Apply topical anesthetics;

Apply sealants;

Smooth and polish amalgam restorations, limited to slow-speed application only;

Take impressions for athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays;

Place and remove rubber dams;

Place temporary restorations in compliance with the protocol adopted by the board;

Apply topical antimicrobials, including fluoride but excluding antibiotics, for the purposes of bacterial reduction, caries control and desensitization in the oral cavity.

The independent practice dental hygienist shall follow current manufacturer's instructions in the use of these medicaments;

Expose and process radiographs, including but not limited to vertical and horizontal bitewing films, periapical films, panoramic images and full-mouth series, under protocols developed by the board as long as the independent practice dental hygienist has a written agreement with a licensed dentist that provides that the dentist is available to interpret all dental radiographs within 21 days from the date the radiograph is taken and that the dentist will sign a radiographic review and findings form; and

Prescribe, dispense or administer anticavity toothpastes or topical gels with 1.1% or less sodium fluoride and oral rinses with 0.05%, 0.2%, 0.44% or 0.5% sodium fluoride, as well as chlorhexidine gluconate oral rinse. For the purposes of this paragraph, "topical" includes superficial and intraoral application.

# Maryland 2010/2014/2019 (effective 10/1/19)

Md. Health Occupations Code Ann. § 4-308

## General Supervision:

Dental hygienist may practice under the general supervision of a dentist in a nursing home, assisted living program, medical office, and a group home or adult day care center. A dental hygienist practicing under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in these facilities shall have a written agreement with the supervising dentist that clearly sets forth the terms and conditions under which the dental hygienist may practice.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must hold an active license, hold a current certificate evidencing Health Care Provider Level C Proficiency, or its equivalent, in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, have at least 3,000 hours of active clinical practice in direct patient care, and ensure that the facility where the dental hygienist will practice under general supervision has:

A written medical emergency plan in place;

Equipment, including portable equipment and appropriate armamentarium, available for the appropriate delivery of dental hygiene services, unless the dental hygienist provides the equipment; and Adequate safeguards to protect the patient's health and safety.

## Provider Services:

Initial appointment is limited to dental hygiene tasks and procedures including toothbrush prophylaxis, application of fluoride, dental hygiene instruction, full mouth debridement, and other duties as may be delegated, verbally or in writing, by the supervising dentist.

# Massachusetts 2009

Chap. 112, Sec. 51.

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist may provide services without the supervision of a dentist in public health settings including, and not limited to, hospitals, medical facilities, schools and community clinics. Prior to providing services, a public health dental hygienist must have a written collaborative agreement with a local or state government agency or institution, or licensed dentist that states the level of communication with the dental hygienist to ensure patient health and safety. Public health dental hygienists shall provide patients with a written referral to a dentist and an assessment of further dental needs.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have at least 3 years of full-time clinical experience practicing in a public health setting and any other training deemed appropriate by the department of health.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can provide full scope of dental hygiene practice services allowed under general supervision in the private office, including prophylaxis, root planing, curettage, sealants and fluoride.

# Michigan 2005

Sec. 333.16625

## PA 161 Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist with grantee status can practice in a public or nonprofit entity, or a school or nursing home that administers a program of dental care to a dentally underserved population. Collaborating dentist need not be present for or authorize treatment, but dental hygienist must have continuous availability of direct communication with a dentist to establish emergency protocol and review patient records.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must apply to the state department of community health for designation as grantee health agency.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can provide full scope of dental hygiene services allowed under general supervision, including prophylaxis, sealants, and fluoride treatments.



# Minnesota 2001/2017

Sec. 150A. 10, Subd. 1a

## Collaborative Practice:

A Collaborative practice dental hygienist may be employed or retained by a healthcare facility, program, or nonprofit organization to perform the dental hygiene services without the patient first being examined by a licensed dentist. Practice setting can be a hospital; nursing home; home health agency; group home serving the elderly, disabled, or juveniles; state-operated facility licensed by the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of corrections; and federal, state, or local public health facility, community clinic, tribal clinic, school authority, Head Start program, or nonprofit organization that serves individuals who are uninsured or who are Minnesota health care public program recipients.

## Requirements:

Has entered into a collaborative agreement with a licensed dentist that designates authorization for the services provided by the dental hygienist and has documented completion of a course on medical emergencies within each continuing education cycle.

## Provider Services:

Complete prophylaxis to include scaling, root planing, and polishing of restorations;  
Preliminary charting of the oral cavity and surrounding structures to include case histories, perform initial and periodic examinations and assessments to determine periodontal status, and formulate a dental hygiene treatment plan in coordination with a dentist's treatment plan;  
Dietary analysis, salivary analysis, and preparation of smears for dental health purposes;  
Etch appropriate enamel surfaces, application and adjustment of pit and fissure sealants;  
Removal of excess bond material from orthodontic appliances;  
Replacement, cementation, and adjustment of intact temporary restorations extraorally or intraorally;  
Removal of marginal overhangs;  
Make referrals to dentists, physicians, and other practitioners in consultation with a dentist;  
Administer local anesthesia. Before administering local anesthesia, a dental hygienist must have successfully completed a didactic and clinical program sponsored by a dental or dental hygiene school accredited by the commission on dental accreditation, resulting in the dental hygienist becoming clinically competent in the administration of local anesthesia;  
Administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia; and  
Obtain informed consent, according for treatments authorized by the supervising dentist pursuant to the dental hygienist's scope of practice.

# Missouri 2001

Sec. 332.311.2

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist may provide services without supervision in public health settings to Medicaid-eligible children and can be directly reimbursed.

Requirements: Dental hygienist must have 3 years of experience.

Provider Services: Dental hygienist can provide oral prophylaxis, sealants and fluorides.

# Montana 2003/2017

Sec. 37-4-405

## Public Health Dental Hygienist/Limited Access Permit (LAP):

Public Health Supervision means the provision of limited dental hygiene preventive services without the prior authorization or presence of a licensed dentist in a public health facility which includes: federally qualified health centers; federally funded community health centers, migrant health care centers, or programs for health services for the homeless; nursing homes; extended care facilities; home health agencies; group homes for the elderly, disabled, and youth; head start programs; migrant worker facilities; local public health clinics and facilities; public institutions under the department of public health and human services; mobile public health clinics; and other public health facilities and programs identified by the Montana Dental Board.

## Requirements:

A dental hygienist practicing under public health supervision shall obtain a limited access permit from the board. The board shall issue a limited access permit (LAP) to a Montana licensed dental hygienist who:  
Possesses an active, unrestricted Montana dental hygiene license;  
Certifies that the dental hygienist has actively practiced either:  
2400 clinical hours over the last three years; or  
A career total of 3000 hours, with a minimum of 350 hours in each of the last two years;  
Provides the name of the applicant's current liability insurance carrier, policy number, and expiration date;  
Provides the name and address of the public health facility or facilities where the applicant intends to provide services under a LAP;  
Provides certificates of attendance of completion of 12 additional continuing education credits for the three-year cycle immediately preceding LAP application; and  
Submits a completed application and pays all appropriate fees.

## Provider Services:

A licensed dental hygienist practicing under public health supervision may provide dental hygiene preventative services that include removal of deposits and stains from the surfaces of teeth, the application of topical fluoride, polishing restorations, root planing, placing of sealants, oral cancer screening, exposing radiographs, and charting of services provided, and prescriptive authority limited to fluoride agents, topical oral anesthetic agents, and nonsystemic oral antimicrobials.



# Nebraska 2007

Sec. 38-1130

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

The Department of Health may authorize an unsupervised dental hygienist to provide services in a public health setting or a health care or related facility.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have 3,000 hours experience in at least 4 of last 5 years. Dental hygienist must also have professional liability insurance.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can perform prophylaxis for a healthy child, pulp vitality testing and preventive measures including fluorides and sealants.

# New Hampshire 1993

Rule 302.02(d), 402.01(d)

## Public Health Supervision:

Dental hygienist may treat patients in a school, hospital, institution or residence of a homebound patient. Supervising dentist must authorize dental hygienist to provide services but need not be present for care.

Requirements: None.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can provide instruction in oral hygiene, topical fluorides, prophylaxis, assess medical/dental history, periodontal probing/charting, and sealants.

## New Hampshire 2012

Sec. 317-A:21-e

## Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist may practice in a school, hospital, or other institution, or for a homebound person without the dentist having to be present, provided the dentist has reviewed the records once in a 12-month period. Dental Hygienists may perform any procedure that is within the scope of practice that has been authorized under public health supervision.

## Requirements:

Any dental hygienist shall be considered qualified as a certified public health dental hygienist after obtaining a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene with a minimum of 6 semester hours in community dental health; obtaining a master's degree in public health; or after successfully completing specified courses and successful completion of an examination by the course provider.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can perform radiographic imaging limited to bite wings, and occlusal and periapical radiography and provide nutritional counseling for the control of dental disease.

# New Mexico 1999/2011

Sec. 16.5.17

## Collaborative Practice:

Dental hygienist can practice in any setting with collaborative agreement and can own or manage a collaborative dental hygiene practice. Dental hygienist must enter into a written agreement with one or more collaborative dentist(s) which must contain protocols for care. Dental hygienist must refer patients for annual dental exam.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have 2,400 hours of active practice in preceding 18 months or 3,000 hours in 2 of the past 3 years. Dentists may not collaborate with more than 3 dental hygienists.

Provider Services: Collaborative practice dental hygienist can provide a dental hygiene assessment, radiographs, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, assessment for and application of sealants, root planing, and may prescribe and administer and dispense topically applied fluoride and antimicrobials, depending on the specific services allowed in agreement with collaborating a dentist.

## New Mexico 2007

Sec. 61-5A-4-C

No supervision required for any dental hygienist to apply topical fluorides and remineralization agents in public and community medical facilities, schools, hospitals, long-term care facilities and such other settings as the board may determine.

# New York 2005

## Rules Sec. 61.9

### General Supervision:

General supervision means that a supervising dentist is available for consultation, diagnosis and evaluation, has authorized the dental hygienist to perform the services, and exercises that degree of supervision appropriate to the circumstances.

**Provider Services:** The following services may be performed under the general supervision of a licensed dentist:

- Removing calcareous deposits, accretions and stains, including scaling and planing of exposed root surfaces indicated for a complete prophylaxis;
- Applying topical agents indicated for a complete dental prophylaxis;
- Removing excess cement from surfaces of the teeth;
- Providing patient education and counseling relating to the improvement of oral health;
- Taking and exposing dental radiographs;
- Performing topical anticariogenic agent applications, including but not limited to topical fluoride applications, and performing topical anesthetic applications;
- Polishing teeth, including existing restorations;
- Taking and assessing medical history including the measuring and recording of vital signs as an aid to diagnosis by the dentist and to assist the dental hygienist in providing dental hygiene services;
- Performing dental and/or periodontal assessments as an aid to diagnosis by the dentist and to assist the dental hygienist in providing dental hygiene services;
- Applying pit and fissure sealants;
- Applying desensitizing agents to the teeth;
- Placing and removing temporary restorations;
- Making assessments of the oral and maxillofacial area as an aid to diagnosis by the dentist;
- Taking impressions for study casts. Study casts shall mean only such casts as will be used for purposes of diagnosis and treatment planning by the dentist and for the purposes of patient education; and providing dental health care case management and care coordination services.

## New York 2013 Sec. 6606

### Collaborative Practice:

A collaborative arrangement is an agreement between a registered dental hygienist working for a hospital and a licensed and registered dentist who has a formal relationship with the same hospital.

### Requirements:

A registered dental hygienist providing services pursuant to a collaborative arrangement shall:

Only provide those services that may be provided under general supervision as specified in subdivision (b) of this section, provided that the physical presence of the collaborating dentist is not required

for the provision of such services;

Instruct individuals to visit a licensed dentist for comprehensive examination or treatment;

Possess and maintain certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with the requirements for dentists set forth in section 61.19 of this part and the following:

At the time of his or her registration renewal, the dental hygienist shall attest to having met the cardiopulmonary resuscitation requirement or attest to meeting the requirements for exemption as defined in clause (b) of this subparagraph.

A dental hygienist may be granted an exemption to the cardiopulmonary resuscitation requirement if he or she is physically incapable of complying with the requirements of this subparagraph. Documentation of such incapacity shall include a written statement by a licensed physician describing the dental hygienist's physical incapacity. The dental hygienist shall also submit an application to the department for exemption which verifies that another individual will maintain certification and be present at the location where the dental hygienist provides dental hygiene services, pursuant to a collaborative arrangement, while the dental hygienist is treating patients. Each dental hygienist shall maintain for review by the department records of compliance with the cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification requirement, including the dental hygienist's cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification card; and provide collaborative services only pursuant to a written agreement that is maintained in the practice setting of the dental hygienist and collaborating dentist.

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- Providing dental health care case management and care coordination services.

# Nevada 1998

Sec. 631.287

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist may obtain approval to work as public health dental hygienists in schools, community centers, hospitals, nursing homes and such other locations as the state dental health officer deems appropriate without supervision.

## Requirements:

Special endorsement from the dental board. Submissions of protocol to describe the methods a dental hygienist will use to provide services.

## Provider Services:

May provide most hygiene services and may administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide in a facility with certain equipment and dentist authorization.

# Ohio 2010/2014/2017

Sec. 4715.363

## Oral Health Access Supervision Permit Program:

Dental hygienist who possess an oral health access supervision permit may provide dental hygiene services through a written agreement with a dentist in public health settings including, and not limited to a healthcare facility, state correctional institution, residential facility, school, shelter for victims of domestic abuse or runaways, foster home, non-profit clinic, dispensary or mobile dental clinic.

Prior to providing services, a dental hygienist with an oral health access supervision permit must have a written agreement with a dentist, who possesses an oral health supervision permit, that states the dentist has evaluated the dental hygienist's skills and the dentist has reviewed and evaluated the patient's health history. The dentist need not be present or examine the patient before the dental hygienist may provide care. The collaborating dentist must perform a clinical evaluation of the patient before the dental hygienist may provide subsequent care. The evaluation may be done using electronic communication.

## Requirements:

One year and a minimum of 1,500 hours of clinical experience, minimum of 24 continuing education credits during the two years prior to apply for the oral health access supervision permit including an eight hour course as required by the board.

## Provider Services:

Prophylactic, preventive and other procedures a dentist can delegate to a dental hygienist except definitive root planing, definitive subgingival curettage, administration of local anesthesia and other procedures specified in rules adopted by the board.

Ohio 2013

Sec. 4715.22

The requirement for a dentist to perform an examination and diagnose a patient prior to the patient receiving dental hygiene services

through a program operated by a school district or other specified entity does not apply when the only services to be provided are the placement of pit and fissure sealants.

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Taking impressions for study casts. Study casts shall mean only such casts as will be used for purposes of diagnosis and treatment planning by the dentist and for the purposes of patient education; and

Providing dental health care case management and care coordination services.

# Oregon 1997

Sec. 680.200, Rule 818-035-0065

## Limited Access Permit (LAP):

Dental hygienists who have obtained a limited access permit (LAP) may initiate unsupervised services for patients in a variety of limited access settings such as extended care facilities, facilities for the mentally ill or disabled, correctional facilities, schools and pre-schools, medical offices or offices operated or staffed by a nurse practitioner midwives or physicians assistants, and job training centers. Dental hygienist must refer the patient annually to a licensed dentist available to treat the patient.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have 2,500 hours of supervised dental hygiene practice and complete 40 hours of board-approved courses in an accredited dental hygiene program or completed a course of study approved by the board that includes at least 500 hours of dental hygiene practice on limited access patients while under direct faculty supervision. Dental hygienist must also have liability insurance.

## Provider Services:

LAP dental hygienists can provide all dental hygiene services, except several (local anesthesia, pit and fissure sealants, denture relines, temporary restorations, radiographs and nitrous oxide) which must be supervised by a dentist. Dental hygienist may prescribe fluorides and assess the need for sealants.

Oregon 2011

Sec. 680.205

## Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist (EPDH)

Replaces Limited Access Permit. Adds services to patients below federal poverty level and other settings approved by the board to EPDH practice settings. Adds limited prescriptive authority, local anesthesia, temporary restorations and dental assessments to unsupervised EPDH scope if EPDH has agreement with a dentist. Requires insurance reimbursement of EPDHs.

# Pennsylvania 2007

Sec. 2 (Definitions), Sec. 11.9

## Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner:

Dental hygienists who are certified as public health dental hygiene practitioners may provide care in a variety of public health settings without the supervision or prior authorization of a dentist.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have 3,600 hours experience and liability insurance. Dental hygienist must also complete 5 hours of continuing education in public health during each licensure period.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist may perform educational, preventive, therapeutic and intra-oral procedures which the hygienist is educated to perform and which require the hygienist's professional competence and skill.

# Rhode Island 2006

Sec. 5-31.1-6.1

## General Supervision:

Dental hygienists working under a dentist's general supervision can initiate dental hygiene treatment to residents of nursing facilities. Dental hygienists working in nursing facilities can treat patients, regardless of whether or not the patient is a patient of record, as long as documentation of services administered is maintained and necessary referrals for follow-up treatment are made.

Requirements: None.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can initiate dental hygiene services, including oral health screening assessments, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, charting, and other duties delegable under general supervision.

Rhode Island 2015

Sec. 5-31.1-39

## Public Health Hygienists:

Any public health dental hygienist may perform dental hygiene procedures in a public health setting, without the immediate or direct supervision or direction of a dentist. Public health settings includes, but are not limited to, residences of the homebound, schools, nursing home and long-term care facilities, clinics, hospitals, medical facilities or community health centers.

## Requirements:

A public health dental hygienist shall enter into a written collaborative agreement with a local or state government agency or institution or with a licensed dentist. Any public health dental hygienist shall provide to the patient or to the patient's legal guardian a consent form to be signed by the patient or legal guardian. The consent form shall also inform the patient or legal guardian that the patient should obtain a dental examination by a dentist within ninety days after undergoing a procedure.

## Provider Services:

Any procedure or service that is within the dental hygiene scope of practice that has been authorized and adopted by board as a delegable procedure for a dental hygienist under general supervision in a private practice setting.



# South Carolina 2003

Sec. 40-15-110 (A) (10)

## General Supervision:

Dental hygienist employed by, or contacted through, the Department of Health and Environment Control may provide services under general supervision that does not require prior examination by a dentist in settings such as schools or nursing homes.

**Requirements:** Dental hygienist must carry professional liability insurance.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist employed by, or contacted through, the Department of Health and Environment Control may provide prophylaxis, fluorides, and sealants.

# South Dakota 2011

Rules 20:43:10

Dental hygienist may provide preventive and therapeutic services under collaborative supervision of a dentist in a school, nursing facility, Head Start program, non-profit mobile dental clinic, community health center or government program.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must possess a license to practice in the state and have 3 years of clinical practice in dental hygiene and a minimum of 4,000 practice hours. A minimum of 2,000 of those hours must have been completed within 2 of the 3 years preceding application. Dental hygienist must have a written collaborative agreement with a dentist and satisfactorily demonstrate knowledge of medical and dental emergencies and their management, infection control, pharmacology, disease transmission, management of early childhood caries and management of special needs population.

**Provider Services:** Any services that can be provided under general supervision.

# Tennessee 2013

Sec. 63-5-109

Dental hygienist may apply dental sealants or topical fluoride to the teeth of individuals in a setting under the direction of a state or local health department, without requiring an evaluation by a dentist prior to such application, under a protocol established by the state or a metropolitan health department.

# Texas 2001

Sec. 262.1515

## General Supervision:

Dental hygienist may provide services for up to 6 months without dentist seeing the patient. Services may be performed in school-based health center, nursing facility or community health center. Dental hygienist must refer the patient to a dentist following treatment and may not perform a second set of services until the patient has been examined by a dentist.

**Requirements:** Dental hygienist must have at least 2 years of experience.

**Provider Services:** No limitations. Dentist must authorize services in writing.

# Utah 2015

Sec. 58-69-801

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

A dental hygienist may treat patients in specified public health settings pursuant to a written agreement with a dentist. The settings include a homebound patient's residence, a school, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, a community health center, a federally qualified health center and a mobile dental health program that employs a dentist.

## Requirements:

Must be a licensed Utah dental hygienist and have a written agreement with a collaborating dentist. The agreement provides that the dental hygienist shall refer a patient with a dental need beyond the dental hygienist's scope of practice to a dentist. Each patient must complete an informed consent form that provides that treatment by a dental hygienist is not a substitute for a dental examination by a dentist.

## Provider Services:

All general supervision preventive functions in scope of practice. Local anesthesia and nitrous oxide administration are not permitted.

# Vermont 2008/2019

§ 582 & 624

## Public-Health Hygienists:

Dental hygienist may provide services in out-of-office settings under general supervision agreement with a dentist, including residences, schools, nursing home and long-term care facilities, clinics, hospitals, medical facilities, community health centers licensed or approved by the Department of Health, Head Start programs, and other locations deemed appropriate. The agreement authorizes the dental hygienist to provide services, agreed to between the dentist and the dental hygienist. The agreement does not require physical presence of the dentist but it stipulates that the supervising dentist review all patient records.

**Requirements:** Dental hygienist must have 3 years licensed clinical practice experience.

**Provider Services:** Dental hygienist can provide sealants, fluoride varnish, prophylaxis and radiographs. Periodontal maintenance is allowable to patients with mild periodontitis.

# Virginia

2009/2016/2017/2019

Sec. 54.1-2722

## Remote Supervision:

Remote Supervision means that a supervising dentist is accessible and available for communication and consultation with a dental hygienist during the delivery of dental hygiene services, but such dentist may not have conducted an initial examination of the patients who are to be seen and treated by the dental hygienist and may not be present with the dental hygienist when dental hygiene services are being provided.

## Requirements:

Complete a continuing education course designed to develop the competencies needed to provide care under remote supervision offered by an accredited dental education program or from a continuing education provider approved by the Board and have at least two years of clinical experience, consisting of at least 2,500 hours of clinical experience. A dental hygienist practicing under remote supervision shall have professional liability insurance with policy limits acceptable to the supervising dentist. A dental hygienist shall only practice under remote supervision at a federally qualified health center; charitable safety net facility; free clinic; long-term care facility; elementary or secondary school; Head Start program; mobile dentistry program for adults with developmental disabilities operated by DBHDS; or women, infants, and children (WIC) program.

## Provider Services:

A dental hygienist practicing under remote supervision may:

- Obtain a patient's treatment history and consent;
- Perform an oral assessment;
- Perform scaling and polishing;
- Perform all educational and preventative services;
- Take x-rays as ordered by the supervising dentist or consistent with a standing order;
- Maintain appropriate documentation in the patient's chart;
- Administer topical oral fluorides, topical oral anesthetics, topical and directly applied antimicrobial agents for treatment of periodontal pocket lesions, and any other

Schedule VI topical drug approved by the Board of Dentistry under an oral or written order or a standing protocol issued by a dentist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine; and

Perform any other service ordered by the supervising dentist or required by statute or board regulation.

No dental hygienist practicing under remote supervision shall administer local anesthetic or nitrous oxide. After conducting an initial oral assessment of a patient, a dental hygienist practicing under remote supervision may provide further dental hygiene services following a written practice protocol developed and provided by the supervising dentist.

# Washington 1984/2009

Sec. 18.29.056

## Unsupervised and Off-Site Supervision:

Dental hygienist may be employed, retained or contracted by health care facilities to perform authorized dental hygiene services without supervision, provided the dental hygienist refers patient to a dentist for dental planning and treatment. Health care facilities are limited to hospitals; nursing homes; home health agencies; group homes serving the elderly, individuals with disabilities and juveniles; state operated institutions under the jurisdiction of the department of social and health services or the department of corrections; and federal, state, and local public health facilities, state or federally funded community and migrant health centers and tribal clinics. Specifically in senior centers, dental hygienist may provide limited dental hygiene services with under the "off-site supervision" of a dentist.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have 2 years clinical experience within the last 5 year with a dentist. Written practice plan required in certain settings.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist may provide prophylaxis, application of typical preventive or prophylactic agents, polishing and smoothing restorations root planing and curettage.

Washington 2001

Sec. 18.29.220

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist who is school endorsed may assess for and apply sealants and fluoride varnishes and perform prophylaxis in community-based sealant programs carried out in Schools.

## Requirements:

Sealant/Fluoride Varnish Endorsement from Department of Health. Dental hygienist must submit data to the Department of Health concerning patient demographics, treatment, reimbursement and referrals.

# West Virginia 2008

Sec. 5-1-8.5

## Public Health Dental Hygienist:

Dental hygienist may provide care in hospitals, schools, correctional facilities, jails, community clinics, long-term care facilities, nursing homes, home health agencies, group homes, state institutions under the Department of Health and Human Resources, public health facilities, homebound settings and accredited dental hygiene education programs. Dentist must authorize dental hygienist to provide care but need not be present or have previously seen patient.

## Requirements:

Dental hygienist must have 2 years and 3,000 hours of clinical experience and take six additional continuing education hours. Dental hygienist and dentist must submit annual written report of care to state board of dental examiners.

## Provider Services:

Dental hygienist can provide patient education, nutritional counseling, oral screening with referral to dentist, apply fluoride, sealants, and offer a complete prophylaxis (pursuant to a collaborative agreement or written order.)

# Wisconsin 2007/2017

Sec. 447.06

In settings other than a dental office, the authorization and presence of a licensed dentist is not required for the practice of dental hygiene. Under prior law, the authorization and presence of a licensed dentist was required in most cases. In addition to a dental office setting, a dental hygienist may practice dental hygiene in any of the following settings, in accordance with conditions specified in the statutes:

- Federal, state, county, or municipal correctional or detention facilities and facilities established to provide care for terminally ill patients;
- Charitable institutions open to the general public or members of a religious sect or order;
- Nonprofit home health care agencies;
- Nonprofit dental care programs serving primarily indigent, economically disadvantaged, or migrant worker populations;
- Nursing homes, community-based residential facilities, and hospitals. Facilities that are primarily operated for the purpose of providing outpatient medical services;

Adult family homes;  
Adult day care centers; and  
Community rehabilitation programs. Community rehabilitation program is defined to mean a nonprofit entity or governmental agency providing vocational rehabilitation services to disabled individuals to maximize the employment opportunities of such individuals.

Provider Services: Dental hygienist can provide prophylaxis, root planing, screening, treatment planning, sealants and delegable duties.

## Public Health Dental Hygienist

The Wyoming Dental Board adopted regulations allowing the public to directly access limited dental hygiene services from a Public Health Dental Hygienist. A public health dental hygienist may provide public health services at facilities to include, but not limited to:

- federally funded health centers and clinics
- nursing homes
- extended care facilities
- home health agencies
- group homes for the elderly, disabled and youth
- public health offices
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Head Start programs
- child development programs
- early intervention programs
- migrant work facilities
- free clinics
- health fairs
- public and private schools
- state and county correctional institutions
- community school-based prevention programs
- public health vans

Requirements: The public health hygienist must submit a Collaboration Agreement with a Wyoming licensed dentist. The hygienist must have a current Wyoming dental hygienist license with a minimum of two years clinical experience. Lastly, the dental hygienist must carry liability insurance.

Provider Services: Public health services solely consist of prophylaxis, fluoride varnishes, oral health education, and dental screenings. These services can be provided by the hygienist without prior authorization of the dentist. All patients seen shall be referred to a dentist annually.

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