
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN A
PUBLIC HEALTH SETTING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 447-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
3 "(d) [A] Notwithstanding section 447-1(f), a licensed
4 dental hygienist may operate under the general supervision [~~as~~
5 ~~provided in section 447-1(f)] of any licensed dentist providing~~
6 dental services in a public health setting. General supervision
7 is permitted in a public health setting; provided that the
8 supervising licensed dentist is available for consultation;
9 provided further that a licensed dental hygienist shall not
10 perform any irreversible procedure or administer any intra-oral
11 block anesthesia under general supervision. In a public health
12 setting, the supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible
13 for all delegated acts and procedures performed by a licensed
14 dental hygienist. [As used in this subsection, "public health
15 setting" includes dental services in a legally incorporated
16 eleemosynary dental dispensary or infirmary, private school,



1 ~~welfare center, hospital, nursing home, adult day care center or~~
2 ~~assisted living facility, mental institution, nonprofit health~~
3 ~~clinic, or the State or any county.~~ A] Notwithstanding section
4 447-1(f), a licensed dental hygienist under the general
5 supervision of a licensed dentist employed in a public health
6 setting may perform dental education, dental screenings, teeth
7 cleanings, intra-oral or extra-oral photographs, x-rays if
8 indicated, and fluoride applications[-] on individuals who are
9 not yet patients of record, have not yet been examined by a
10 licensed dentist, or do not have a treatment plan. Other
11 permissible duties shall be pre-screened and authorized by a
12 supervising licensed dentist, subject to the dentist's
13 determination that the equipment and facilities are appropriate
14 and satisfactory to carry out the recommended treatment plan. A
15 licensed dental hygienist shall refer individuals who are seen
16 in a public health setting to a dental facility for further
17 dental care. No direct reimbursements shall be provided to
18 licensed dental hygienists.

19 As used in this subsection:

20 (1) "Public health setting" includes but is not limited to
21 dental services in a legally incorporated eleemosynary



1 dental dispensary or infirmary, private or public
 2 school, welfare center, community center, public
 3 housing, hospital, nursing home, adult day care center
 4 or assisted living facility, mental institution,
 5 nonprofit health clinic or facility, or the State or
 6 any county; and

7 (2) "General supervision" means the supervising licensed
 8 dentist is available for consultation and shall be
 9 responsible for all delegated acts and procedures
 10 performed by a licensed dental hygienist."

11 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Licensed Dental Hygienists; Public Health Setting; Supervision

Description:

Allows licensed dental hygienists to practice under the general supervision of any licensed dentist providing dental services in a public health setting. (SB2799 HD1)

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