
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 licensed dental hygienist may operate under the
4 supervision as provided in section 447-1(f), of any licensed
5 dentist providing dental services in a public health setting.
6 General supervision is permitted in a public health setting;
7 provided that the supervising licensed dentist is available for
8 consultation; provided further that a licensed dental hygienist
9 shall not perform any irreversible procedure or administer any
10 intra-oral block anesthesia under general supervision. In a
11 public health setting, the supervising licensed dentist shall be
12 responsible for all delegated acts and procedures performed by a
13 licensed dental hygienist. As used in this subsection, "public
14 health setting" includes but is not limited to dental services
15 in a legally incorporated eleemosynary dental dispensary or
16 infirmary, private or public school, welfare center, community



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

19 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.



Report Title:

Licensed Dental Hygienists; Public Health Setting; Supervision

Description:

Allows licensed dental hygienists to practice under the general or direct supervision of any licensed dentist providing dental services in a public health setting. (SD1)

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