
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 supervision ~~[as provided~~
5 ~~in section 447-1(f)]~~ of any licensed dentist providing dental
6 services in a public health setting. General supervision is
7 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,
17 welfare center, hospital, nursing home, adult day care center or



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

18 As used in this subsection, "public health setting"
19 includes but is not limited to dental services in a legally
20 incorporated eleemosynary dental dispensary or infirmary,
21 private or public school, welfare center, community center,



1 public housing, hospital, nursing home, adult day care center or
2 assisted living facility, mental institution, nonprofit health
3 clinic or facility, or the State or any county."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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Licensed Dental Hygienists; Public Health Setting; Supervision

Description:

Clarifies the scope of practice of licensed dental hygienists in a public health setting. (CD1)

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