



Dental Hygiene in Medical Settings and Health Clinics

This chart highlights states where dental hygienists may provide services in medical settings such as hospitals and medical offices as well as public health clinics. The relevant statute or rule is linked, and a description of the provision is listed below.

Alaska	§08.32.115(b)(2) Under collaborative agreement, dental hygienists may practice in a “setting other than the usual place of practice of a licensed dentist.” Agreement must identify settings.
Arizona	§ 32-1281 , 32-1289.01 Dental hygienists may perform services in health care facilities and under an affiliated practice agreement in a health care organization or facility. Also, under supervision of a physician, a dental hygienist may practice in an inpatient hospital setting.
Arkansas	§ 17-82-701 Under Collaborative Care Permit I or II, a dental hygienist may provide care in hospital long term care units, local health units, community health centers, and free clinics.
California	§1913 and 1925 Dental Hygienists may practice within any setting with appropriate supervision. RDHAPs may be employed by primary care clinic or specialty clinic, public hospital, or health system.
Colorado	§12-35-124 & Rule I Dental hygienists may provide unsupervised dental hygiene services. Practice settings not specified. Rule includes hospitals as location for occasional practice.
Connecticut	§20-126I Dental hygienists with 2 years of experience may practice without supervision in institutions, including: hospitals and outpatient clinics.
Florida	§466.003 Dental hygienists may provide services in “health access settings.” Health access settings include: nonprofit community health centers and federally qualified health centers.
Georgia	§43-11-74 The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the performance of licensed dental hygienists providing dental screenings in settings which include hospitals and clinics, public health programs, and federally qualified health centers.



Idaho	§54-903 Dental hygienists can provide services in an extended access oral health care setting including a hospital, medical office, public health district, tribal clinic, and federally qualified health centers.
Illinois	225 ILCS 25/4 Public Health Dental Hygienists can provide services in public health settings including federally qualified health centers and public health facilities.
Indiana	IC 25-13-1-10 A dental hygienist may practice in any setting or facility that is documented in the dental hygienist's access practice agreement.
Iowa	IAC 650-10.5 (153) Services can be administered in settings including federally qualified health centers, public health vans, free clinics, community centers and public health programs.
Kansas	§65-1456 The practice of dental hygiene may be performed at a hospital long-term care unit, local health department or indigent health care clinic on a resident of a facility, client or patient thereof.
Maine	02-313c002 Dental hygienists may provide services in nontraditional practice setting under public health supervision status.
Maryland	Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 4-308 Dental hygiene may be practiced in settings including a hospital and health maintenance organization.
Massachusetts	Part I, Title XVI, Chapter 112, Section 51 Dental hygienists may provide services without the supervision of a dentist in public health settings including, and not limited to, hospitals, medical facilities, and community clinics.
Michigan	§333.16625 A dental hygienist may perform dental hygiene services under the supervision of a dentist as part of a program for dentally underserved populations in this state conducted by a local, state, or federal grantee health agency for patients who are not assigned by a dentist
Minnesota	§150A.10 Collaborative practice dental hygiene settings include a hospital, public health facility, community clinic, or tribal clinic.



Missouri	§332.311.2 Public health settings include locations where services are sponsored by a county health department, city health department, and nonprofit community health centers.
Montana	§37-4-405 Dental hygiene preventive services can be provided in public health facilities such as: federally qualified health centers; federally funded community health centers, migrant health care centers, extended care facilities, local public health clinics facilities; public institutions under the department of public health and human services; and mobile public health clinics.
Nebraska	§38-1130 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 such as a hospital, public health department or clinic, and community health centers.
New Hampshire	§317-A:21-e Under public health supervision, dental hygienists may practice in a hospital or other institution.
New Mexico	§16.5.17.12 Dental hygienists can practice in any setting with collaborative agreement.
New York	§61.9 Under a collaborative arrangement, a dental hygienist may provide services in a hospital.
Nevada	§631.210 & §631.310 Public health dental hygienists may practice at a health facility and dental hygienists may practice in a clinic established by a hospital approved by the Board.
Ohio	§4715.22 & §4715.36 Under supervision of a dentist, dental hygienists may practice in a hospital. Additionally, under oral health access supervision, a dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services at settings including, a health care facility, non-profit clinic, and mobile dental clinic.
Oklahoma	§328.34 Under supervision of a dentist or authorized in writing, a dental hygienist may practice scope of practice in treatment facilities including a hospital, private health facility, public health facility, and federally qualified health centers.



Oregon	§680.205 Expanded function dental hygienists can provide unsupervised services to patients in hospitals, medical clinics, medical offices or offices operated or staffed by naturopathic physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants or midwives.
Pennsylvania	§11.9 Under a dentist's supervision or as a public health dental hygiene practitioner, dental hygienists may provide services in hospitals and health care facilities.
Rhode Island	216-RICR-40-05-2.3 Public health dental hygienists may perform services in hospitals, clinics, and medical facilities.
South Carolina	§40-15-110 If working in a public health setting with the Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, dental hygienists can provide services in hospitals, rural and community clinics, and public health facilities.
South Dakota	§20:43:10:01 Dental hygienists may provide services under collaborative supervision in a community health center.
Tennessee	§63-5-115 Under general supervision, dental hygienists may provide preventive dental care through written protocol in settings including nonprofit clinics and public health programs.
Texas	§262.1515 Dental hygienists may perform services in settings including a community health center.
Utah	§58-69-801 Under general supervision, a dental hygienist may perform services in a hospital on a dentist's patient of record.
Vermont	Act No 30 (2019) Under supervision of a dentist, "public-health hygienists" may practice in out-of-office settings, including clinics, hospitals, medical facilities and community health centers.
Washington	§18.29.056 Dental hygienists may practice without dental supervision if employed, retained or contracted by a hospital.



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West Virginia

[§30-4-3](#)

Dental hygienists may provide dental hygiene services to patients in public health settings, including hospitals and community clinics.

Wisconsin

[§447.06](#)

Dental hygienists may practice in a hospital, outpatient medical facility, and local health department.

Wyoming

[Rules Chapter 7, Section 5\(c\)](#)

Dental hygienists may provide public health services at federally funded health centers and clinics, public health offices, free clinics.