

**§18374. Dental hygienist**

**1. Scope of practice; direct supervision.** A dental hygienist and faculty dental hygienist may perform the following under the direct supervision of a dentist:

- A. Administer nitrous oxide analgesia, as long as the dental hygienist or faculty dental hygienist has authority to administer the medication pursuant to section 18345, subsection 2, paragraph E. [PL 2023, c. 354, §5 (AMD).]
- B. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- C. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- D. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- E. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- F. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]  
[PL 2023, c. 354, §5 (AMD).]

**1-A. Scope of practice; general supervision.** Under the general supervision of a dentist, a dental hygienist and faculty dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia, as long as the dental hygienist or faculty dental hygienist has authority to administer the medication pursuant to section 18345, subsection 2, paragraph D.  
[PL 2023, c. 354, §6 (NEW).]

**2. Scope of practice.** A dental hygienist and faculty dental hygienist may perform all of the activities that may be delegated to an unlicensed person pursuant to section 18371, subsection 3. A dental hygienist and faculty dental hygienist may also perform the following procedures:

- A. [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (RP).]  
A-1. Prescribe, dispense or administer fluoride, silver diamine fluoride, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, topical anesthetics, other nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, desensitizing agents and resorbable antimicrobial agents; [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (NEW).]
- B. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- C. [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (RP).]
- D. [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (RP).]
- E. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- F. Apply sealants; [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (AMD).]
- G. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- H. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- I. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- J. Expose and process radiographs; [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]
- K. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- L. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- M. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- N. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- O. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- P. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- Q. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]

- R. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- S. Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including but not limited to scaling and root planing and periodontal maintenance; [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (AMD).]
- T. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- U. [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (RP).]
- V. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- W. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- X. [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (RP).]
- Y. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- Z. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- AA. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- BB. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- CC. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- DD. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- EE. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- FF. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- GG. [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (RP).]
- HH. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- II. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- JJ. Place temporary restorations in compliance with the protocol adopted by the board; [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (AMD).]
- KK. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- LL. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- MM. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- NN. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- OO. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- PP. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- QQ. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- RR. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- SS. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- TT. Smooth and polish restorations; [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (AMD).]
- UU. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- VV. [PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (RP).]
- WW. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- XX. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]
- YY. [PL 2017, c. 388, §19 (RP).]

ZZ. Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis and dental hygiene treatment planning and implementation in the identification, prevention and management of oral disease; and [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (NEW).]

AAA. Obtain impressions for and deliver athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays. [PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (NEW).]  
[PL 2023, c. 354, §7 (AMD).]

**3. Limitation.** An individual with a faculty dental hygienist license may provide the services described in this section only as part of the education program for which the license was issued by the board.

[PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 388, §§18, 19 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 223, §12 (AMD). PL 2023, c. 354, §§5-7 (AMD).

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