

§18376. Public health dental hygienist

1. Scope of practice. A public health dental hygienist may perform the following procedures in a public health setting:

- A. 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, §9 (AMD).]
- B. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- C. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- D. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- E. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- F. Apply sealants; [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]
- G. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- H. [PL 2017, c. 388, §22 (RP).]
- I. Expose and process radiographs; [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (AMD).]
- J. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- K. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- L. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- M. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- N. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- O. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- P. Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including but not limited to scaling and root planing and periodontal maintenance; [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (AMD).]
- Q. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- R. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- S. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- T. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- U. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- V. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- W. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- X. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- Y. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- Z. Place temporary restorations in compliance with the protocol adopted by board rule; [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]
- AA. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- BB. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- CC. Smooth and polish restorations; [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (AMD).]
- DD. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]
- EE. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]

FF. Obtain impressions for and deliver athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays; and [PL 2017, c. 388, §23 (AMD).]

GG. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (RP).]

HH. Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis and dental hygiene treatment planning and implementation in the identification, prevention and management of oral disease. [PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (NEW).]

[PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 388, §§22, 23 (AMD). PL 2023, c. 354, §9 (AMD).

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