

Chapter 1 : Solutions: About CDHCs

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Collaborative Dental Hygiene Practice With mounting interest from dental hygienists seeking to serve populations with limited access to preventive oral health care, state law was passed in authorizing licensed dental hygienists to provide care in community settings. The progression and advancement of this model is illustrated in Advanced Dental Hygiene Practice: Who is a collaborative practice dental hygienist? A Minnesota licensed dental hygienist who has graduated from either a two or four-year dental hygiene program and entered into a written collaborative agreement with a dentist. In Minnesota, a dental hygienist working with a collaborative agreement in community settings does not carry additional credentials; there is no official certification or credentialing required to work in this capacity. Effective August , no additional hours of practice are required prior to a dental hygienist working in a collaborative practice community setting. What is the history behind collaborative dental hygiene practice? Historically, dental hygiene was created as a distinct profession positioned in dental public health. Wide access to preventive care provided by educated dental hygiene professionals was the incentive leading Dr. Fones to educate the first dental hygienist, Irene Newman. The effectiveness of the care provided in communities and schools by a dental hygienist quickly spread to the private dental practice. Consequently, for decades the majority of dental hygiene positions have been held in private employment settings. For various reasons, access to oral health care in a private practice setting by certain populations has become difficult. Being part of a health care profession that is truly focused on prevention as its core foundation, dental hygienists are well-placed to play a key role in expanding the delivery of health care services to prevent and help treat disease while it is still manageable. An essential first move is for dental hygienists and dentists to reflect back to the time when dental hygiene was introduced as a "public" health profession and the impact that it made. Collaborative Practice dental hygienists in Minnesota are playing active roles in the delivery of care to Minnesota Health Care Program enrollees and to the growing number of un-insured populations in a range of settings: Emphasis by both dental hygienists and dentists is now wisely being placed on interdisciplinary health care delivery options. As one of the top ten fastest growing health professions in the country, the dental hygiene workforce is well positioned to effect change as our health care system seeks to improve and streamline the delivery of oral health and total care for all. Why should a dental hygienist consider collaborative dental hygiene practice? Because of many barriers to oral health care for underserved populations, it has become more evident that dental providers, like dental hygienists, need to provide services in non-traditional settings in order to access those in need. Collaborative practice authorization in community settings allows dental hygienists to provide their scope of practice to more people and to arrange for follow up care as needed. With an increase in utilization of this model it is anticipated that more people will access preventive services and be guided in finding a dental home. In this practice model the dental hygienist must enter into a collaborative agreement with a dentist to provide authorized oral health care services typically in settings other than a traditional private practice dental office, without the on-site presence of a dentist. The level of supervision and services are stipulated by this agreement with specific authorization according to the Minnesota Chapter A. Collaboration is a single, temporal event that can occur intermittently in the day to day practice of health care. Conversely, [dentist-dental hygienist] collaborative practice is a dynamic process, a commitment to interact on a professional level that empowers the participants to blend their talent, to achieve a goal that neither can do alone. What is a collaborative agreement, why do I need one, how do I obtain or develop one? Extending preventive and therapeutic dental care to people in need may be accomplished through the use of qualified dental hygienists who have entered a legal "collaborative agreement" with a licensed dentist. This written agreement provides protocols and authorization for services provided by a licensed dental hygienist in settings specified by law and when a dentist is not present on site. It also includes provisions for a licensed dental assistant to provide some services when working with the dental hygienist under the collaborative agreement. Any Minnesota dentist may enter

into a collaborative agreement with any licensed Minnesota dental hygienist if all of the stipulations have been met under Minnesota law, Chapter A. A collaborative agreement must include: Consideration for medically compromised patients and medical conditions for which a dental evaluation and treatment plan must occur prior to the provision of dental hygiene services Age and procedure-specific standard collaborative practice protocols, including recommended intervals for the performance of dental hygiene services and a period of time in which an examination by a dentist should occur Copies of consent to treatment form provided to the patient by the dental hygienist Specific protocols for the placement of pit and fissure sealants and requirements for follow-up care to assure the efficacy of the sealants after application A procedure for creating and maintaining dental records for the patients that are treated by the dental hygienist. This procedure must specify where these records are to be located, and Must include a referral system for additional services needed and a dental exam by a dentist In addition, the collaborative agreement must be: Signed and maintained by the dentist, dental hygienist and facility, program or organization. Reviewed annually by the collaborating dentist and dental hygienist Made available to the Minnesota Board of Dentistry upon request. The content of the collaborative agreement must align with applicable laws and rules and be based on the agreement between practitioners. Must a collaborative agreement be registered? To date there is no mandatory reporting for these collaborative agreements. According to current Minnesota law A. The Board of Dentistry along with the Minnesota Department of Health is in the process of developing a reporting mechanism for these agreements. Although there is no mandated registration, in the future, data collection on collaborative agreements would provide the public, professional organizations, and policy makers with information regarding the number and location of dental hygienists and licensed dental assistants practicing with collaborative agreements throughout the state. This number is growing annually and, as people register their agreements, the data will more accurately reflect the extent of agreement activity. In , Minnesota Statute A. As of August 1, , a Minnesota licensed dental assistant working with a dental hygienist under a collaborative agreement must be included in the agreement and complete the required course on medical emergencies in order to provide:

Chapter 2 : Community Dental Health

Community Dental Health is a c3 charity, and our mission is to provide a dental home for ALL low-income, uninsured and underinsured persons needing assistance at little or no cost. We believe oral health care is important to overall health care for a sound body, mind, and spirit.

Chapter 3 : Community Dental Health | Christ Community Health | Augusta GA

Dental Public Health in Action: A feasibility study to explore the governance processes required for linkage between dental epidemiological, and birth cohort.

Chapter 4 : Community Dental Care | Maplewood Rochester St. Paul Robbinsdale MN

Community Dental improves the lives of children and adults in our communities by providing needed, accessible, comprehensive, quality oral health care. Whether it's a higher quality of life for adults, caring for kids or better health for seniors, generations of Mainers have benefited from the dedication and skill of our licensed dentists and.

Chapter 5 : Introduction to Community Dental Health Coordinators

Our dental clinics provide preventive and restorative services for all ages; children and adults. We focus on providing screenings for all children and sealants for school-age children.

Chapter 6 : Community Dental Health Coordination

Community Service. The University of Louisville School of Dentistry office of Community Dental Health actively participates in more than 90 initiatives each year in addition to extramural experience courses, required community service events and students' unreported volunteer activities.

Chapter 7 : Home | Division of Oral Health | CDC

Community Health & Dental Care is a family healthcare center that serves residents of Boyertown, Pottstown, and surrounding areas in Montgomery County, PA. We offer a variety of healthcare services to accommodate children, adults, and seniors alike.

Chapter 8 : Local Community Health | Taking the time to care.

Community Dental Health is a c3 non-profit in Colorado that provides affordable, basic dental care to the uninsured, low-income, Medicaid and Medicare people of all ages. No cost to low cost dental care in Colorado Springs and Pueblo, cleanings, exams, x-rays, fillings, extractions, dentures, par.

Chapter 9 : Community dental clinics - Dental Health Services Victoria

Community Dental Care's experience in dentistry is coupled with genuine concern for our patients in a culturally sensitive environment. Our entire staff is dedicated to your comfort and prompt attention as well.