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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4501

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4501 on page 1,  
3 line 5, by replacing "and 17.1" with "17.1, and 18"; and

4 on page 6, line 11, by deleting the word "limited"; and

5 on page 6, line 12, by replacing "~~care~~" with "care"; and

6 on page 11, line 20, by deleting the word "limited"; and

7 on page 11, line 21, by replacing "~~care~~" with "care"; and

8 on page 14, line 5, by replacing "delegate dental" with  
9 "delegate limited dental"; and

10 on page 14, line 8, by replacing "care." with "care; or"; and

11 on page 14, immediately after line 8, by inserting the

1 following:

2 "(13) A dentist practicing dentistry through  
3 teledentistry is subject to the same standard of care as  
4 if those services were being delivered in a clinic or  
5 office setting."; and

6 on page 23, by replacing lines 17 through 19 with the  
7 following:

8 "(3) Placing, carving, and finishing of amalgam  
9 restorations and placing, packing, and finishing composite  
10 restorations as allowed under Section 17."; and

11 on page 25, immediately below line 13, by inserting the  
12 following:

13 "(225 ILCS 25/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 2318)  
14 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)  
15 Sec. 18. Acts constituting the practice of dental hygiene;  
16 limitations.

17 (a) A person practices dental hygiene within the meaning  
18 of this Act when he or she performs the following acts under  
19 the supervision of a dentist:

20 (i) the operative procedure of dental hygiene,  
21 consisting of oral prophylactic procedures;

22 (ii) the exposure and processing of X-Ray films of the  
23 teeth and surrounding structures;

1           (iii) the application to the surfaces of the teeth or  
2 gums of chemical compounds designed to be desensitizing  
3 agents or effective agents in the prevention of dental  
4 caries or periodontal disease;

5           (iv) all services which may be performed by a dental  
6 assistant as specified by rule pursuant to Section 17, and  
7 a dental hygienist may engage in the placing, carving, and  
8 finishing of amalgam restorations only after obtaining  
9 formal education and certification as determined by the  
10 Department;

11           (v) administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide  
12 upon successful completion of a training program approved  
13 by the Department;

14           (vi) administration of local anesthetics upon  
15 successful completion of a training program approved by  
16 the Department; and

17           (vii) such other procedures and acts as shall be  
18 prescribed by rule or regulation of the Department.

19           (b) A dental hygienist may be employed or engaged only:

20               (1) by a dentist;

21               (2) by a federal, State, county, or municipal agency  
22 or institution;

23               (3) by a public or private school; or

24               (4) by a public clinic operating under the direction  
25 of a hospital or federal, State, county, municipal, or  
26 other public agency or institution.

1           (c) When employed or engaged in the office of a dentist, a  
2 dental hygienist may perform, under general supervision, those  
3 procedures found in items (i) through (iv) of subsection (a)  
4 of this Section, provided the patient has been examined by the  
5 dentist within one year of the provision of dental hygiene  
6 services, the dentist has approved the dental hygiene services  
7 by a notation in the patient's record and the patient has been  
8 notified that the dentist may be out of the office during the  
9 provision of dental hygiene services.

10           (d) If a patient of record is unable to travel to a dental  
11 office because of illness, infirmity, or imprisonment, a  
12 dental hygienist may perform, under the general supervision of  
13 a dentist, those procedures found in items (i) through (iv) of  
14 subsection (a) of this Section, provided the patient is  
15 located in a long-term care facility licensed by the State of  
16 Illinois, a mental health or developmental disability  
17 facility, or a State or federal prison. The dentist shall  
18 either personally examine and diagnose the patient or utilize  
19 approved teledentistry communication methods and determine  
20 which services are necessary to be performed, which shall be  
21 contained in an order to the hygienist and a notation in the  
22 patient's record. Such order must be implemented within 120  
23 days of its issuance, and an updated medical history and  
24 observation of oral conditions must be performed by the  
25 hygienist immediately prior to beginning the procedures to  
26 ensure that the patient's health has not changed in any manner

1 to warrant a reexamination by the dentist.

2 (e) School-based oral health care, consisting of and  
3 limited to oral prophylactic procedures, sealants, and  
4 fluoride treatments, may be provided by a dental hygienist  
5 under the general supervision of a dentist. A dental hygienist  
6 may not provide other dental hygiene treatment in a  
7 school-based setting, including but not limited to  
8 administration or monitoring of nitrous oxide or  
9 administration of local anesthetics. The school-based  
10 procedures may be performed provided the patient is located at  
11 a public or private school and the program is being conducted  
12 by a State, county or local public health department  
13 initiative or in conjunction with a dental school or dental  
14 hygiene program. The dentist shall personally examine and  
15 diagnose the patient and determine which services are  
16 necessary to be performed, which shall be contained in an  
17 order to the hygienist and a notation in the patient's record.  
18 Any such order for sealants must be implemented within 120  
19 days after its issuance. Any such order for oral prophylactic  
20 procedures or fluoride treatments must be implemented within  
21 180 days after its issuance. An updated medical history and  
22 observation of oral conditions must be performed by the  
23 hygienist immediately prior to beginning the procedures to  
24 ensure that the patient's health has not changed in any manner  
25 to warrant a reexamination by the dentist.

26 (f) Without the supervision of a dentist, a dental

1 hygienist may perform dental health education functions,  
2 including instruction in proper oral health care and dental  
3 hygiene in either a school setting or long-term care facility.  
4 In addition, a dental hygienist and may record care ease  
5 histories and oral conditions observed at any time prior to a  
6 clinical exam by a dentist.

7 (g) The number of dental hygienists practicing in a dental  
8 office shall not exceed, at any one time, 4 times the number of  
9 dentists practicing in the office at the time.

10 (h) A dental hygienist who is certified as a public health  
11 dental hygienist may provide services to patients: (1) who are  
12 eligible for Medicaid or (2) who are uninsured and whose  
13 household income is not greater than 200% of the federal  
14 poverty level. A public health dental hygienist may perform  
15 oral assessments, perform screenings, and provide educational  
16 and preventative services as provided in subsection (b) of  
17 Section 18.1 of this Act. The public health dental hygienist  
18 may not administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide, or  
19 place, carve, or finish amalgam restorations or provide  
20 periodontal therapy under this exception. Each patient must  
21 sign a consent form that acknowledges that the care received  
22 does not take the place of a regular dental examination. The  
23 public health dental hygienist must provide the patient or  
24 guardian a written referral to a dentist for assessment of the  
25 need for further dental care at the time of treatment. Any  
26 indication or observation of a condition that could warrant

1 the need for urgent attention must be reported immediately to  
2 the supervising dentist for appropriate assessment and  
3 treatment.

4 This subsection (h) is inoperative on and after January 1,  
5 2026.

6 (i) A dental hygienist performing procedures listed in  
7 paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) of Section 17.1  
8 must be under the supervision of a dentist, requiring the  
9 dentist authorizes the procedure, remains in the dental  
10 facility while the procedure is performed, and approves the  
11 work performed by the dental hygienist before dismissal of the  
12 patient, but the dentist is not required to be present at all  
13 times in the treatment room.

14 (j) A dental hygienist may perform actions described in  
15 paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Section 17.1 under the  
16 general supervision of a dentist as described in this Section.  
17 (Source: P.A. 100-976, eff. 1-1-19; 101-162, eff. 7-26-19.)".