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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4501

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4501 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Dental Practice Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 4, 17, 17.1, and 18 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 25/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 2304)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

8 Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded  
10 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application  
11 file or license file as maintained by the Department's  
12 licensure maintenance unit. It is the duty of the applicant or  
13 licensee to inform the Department of any change of address and  
14 those changes must be made either through the Department's  
15 website or by contacting the Department.

16 "Department" means the Department of Financial and

1 Professional Regulation.

2 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and  
3 Professional Regulation.

4 "Board" means the Board of Dentistry.

5 "Dentist" means a person who has received a general  
6 license pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 11 of this Act and  
7 who may perform any intraoral and extraoral procedure required  
8 in the practice of dentistry and to whom is reserved the  
9 responsibilities specified in Section 17.

10 "Dental hygienist" means a person who holds a license  
11 under this Act to perform dental services as authorized by  
12 Section 18.

13 "Dental assistant" means an appropriately trained person  
14 who, under the supervision of a dentist, provides dental  
15 services as authorized by Section 17.

16 "Expanded function dental assistant" means a dental  
17 assistant who has completed the training required by Section  
18 17.1 of this Act.

19 "Dental laboratory" means a person, firm or corporation  
20 which:

21 (i) engages in making, providing, repairing or  
22 altering dental prosthetic appliances and other artificial  
23 materials and devices which are returned to a dentist for  
24 insertion into the human oral cavity or which come in  
25 contact with its adjacent structures and tissues; and

26 (ii) utilizes or employs a dental technician to

1 provide such services; and

2 (iii) performs such functions only for a dentist or  
3 dentists.

4 "Supervision" means supervision of a dental hygienist or a  
5 dental assistant requiring that a dentist authorize the  
6 procedure, remain in the dental facility while the procedure  
7 is performed, and approve the work performed by the dental  
8 hygienist or dental assistant before dismissal of the patient,  
9 but does not mean that the dentist must be present at all times  
10 in the treatment room.

11 "General supervision" means supervision of a dental  
12 hygienist requiring that the patient be a patient of record,  
13 that the dentist examine the patient in accordance with  
14 Section 18 prior to treatment by the dental hygienist, and  
15 that the dentist authorize the procedures which are being  
16 carried out by a notation in the patient's record, but not  
17 requiring that a dentist be present when the authorized  
18 procedures are being performed. The issuance of a prescription  
19 to a dental laboratory by a dentist does not constitute  
20 general supervision.

21 "Public member" means a person who is not a health  
22 professional. For purposes of board membership, any person  
23 with a significant financial interest in a health service or  
24 profession is not a public member.

25 "Dentistry" means the healing art which is concerned with  
26 the examination, diagnosis, treatment planning and care of

1 conditions within the human oral cavity and its adjacent  
2 tissues and structures, as further specified in Section 17.

3 "Branches of dentistry" means the various specialties of  
4 dentistry which, for purposes of this Act, shall be limited to  
5 the following: endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery,  
6 orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry,  
7 periodontics, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial  
8 radiology, and dental anesthesiology.

9 "Specialist" means a dentist who has received a specialty  
10 license pursuant to Section 11(b).

11 "Dental technician" means a person who owns, operates or  
12 is employed by a dental laboratory and engages in making,  
13 providing, repairing or altering dental prosthetic appliances  
14 and other artificial materials and devices which are returned  
15 to a dentist for insertion into the human oral cavity or which  
16 come in contact with its adjacent structures and tissues.

17 "Impaired dentist" or "impaired dental hygienist" means a  
18 dentist or dental hygienist who is unable to practice with  
19 reasonable skill and safety because of a physical or mental  
20 disability as evidenced by a written determination or written  
21 consent based on clinical evidence, including deterioration  
22 through the aging process, loss of motor skills, abuse of  
23 drugs or alcohol, or a psychiatric disorder, of sufficient  
24 degree to diminish the person's ability to deliver competent  
25 patient care.

26 "Nurse" means a registered professional nurse, a certified

1 registered nurse anesthetist licensed as an advanced practice  
2 registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse licensed under  
3 the Nurse Practice Act.

4 "Patient of record" means a patient for whom the patient's  
5 most recent dentist has obtained a relevant medical and dental  
6 history and on whom the dentist has performed an examination  
7 and evaluated the condition to be treated.

8 "Dental responder" means a dentist or dental hygienist who  
9 is appropriately certified in disaster preparedness,  
10 immunizations, and dental humanitarian medical response  
11 consistent with the Society of Disaster Medicine and Public  
12 Health and training certified by the National Incident  
13 Management System or the National Disaster Life Support  
14 Foundation.

15 "Mobile dental van or portable dental unit" means any  
16 self-contained or portable dental unit in which dentistry is  
17 practiced that can be moved, towed, or transported from one  
18 location to another in order to establish a location where  
19 dental services can be provided.

20 "Public health dental hygienist" means a hygienist who  
21 holds a valid license to practice in the State, has 2 years of  
22 full-time clinical experience or an equivalent of 4,000 hours  
23 of clinical experience and has completed at least 42 clock  
24 hours of additional structured courses in dental education in  
25 advanced areas specific to public health dentistry.

26 "Public health setting" means a federally qualified health

1 center; a federal, State, or local public health facility;  
2 Head Start; a special supplemental nutrition program for  
3 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) facility; ~~or~~ a certified  
4 school-based health center or school-based oral health  
5 program; or a prison.

6 "Public health supervision" means the supervision of a  
7 public health dental hygienist by a licensed dentist who has a  
8 written public health supervision agreement with that public  
9 health dental hygienist while working in an approved facility  
10 or program that allows the public health dental hygienist to  
11 treat patients, without a dentist first examining the patient  
12 and being present in the facility during treatment, (1) who  
13 are eligible for Medicaid or (2) who are uninsured and whose  
14 household income is not greater than 200% of the federal  
15 poverty level.

16 "Teledentistry" means the use of telehealth systems and  
17 methodologies in dentistry and includes patient care and  
18 education delivery using synchronous and asynchronous  
19 communications under a dentist's authority as provided under  
20 this Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 101-64, eff. 7-12-19; 101-162, eff. 7-26-19;  
22 102-93, eff. 1-1-22; 102-588, eff. 8-20-21.)

23 (225 ILCS 25/17) (from Ch. 111, par. 2317)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

25 Sec. 17. Acts constituting the practice of dentistry. A

1 person practices dentistry, within the meaning of this Act:

2 (1) Who represents himself or herself as being able to  
3 diagnose or diagnoses, treats, prescribes, or operates for  
4 any disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or  
5 physical condition of the human tooth, teeth, alveolar  
6 process, gums or jaw; or

7 (2) Who is a manager, proprietor, operator or  
8 conductor of a business where dental operations are  
9 performed; or

10 (3) Who performs dental operations of any kind; or

11 (4) Who uses an X-Ray machine or X-Ray films for  
12 dental diagnostic purposes; or

13 (5) Who extracts a human tooth or teeth, or corrects  
14 or attempts to correct malpositions of the human teeth or  
15 jaws; or

16 (6) Who offers or undertakes, by any means or method,  
17 to diagnose, treat or remove stains, calculus, and bonding  
18 materials from human teeth or jaws; or

19 (7) Who uses or administers local or general  
20 anesthetics in the treatment of dental or oral diseases or  
21 in any preparation incident to a dental operation of any  
22 kind or character; or

23 (8) Who takes material or digital scans for final  
24 impressions of the human tooth, teeth, or jaws or performs  
25 any phase of any operation incident to the replacement of  
26 a part of a tooth, a tooth, teeth or associated tissues by

1 means of a filling, crown, a bridge, a denture or other  
2 appliance; or

3 (9) Who offers to furnish, supply, construct,  
4 reproduce or repair, or who furnishes, supplies,  
5 constructs, reproduces or repairs, prosthetic dentures,  
6 bridges or other substitutes for natural teeth, to the  
7 user or prospective user thereof; or

8 (10) Who instructs students on clinical matters or  
9 performs any clinical operation included in the curricula  
10 of recognized dental schools and colleges; or

11 (11) Who takes material or digital scans for final  
12 impressions of human teeth or places his or her hands in  
13 the mouth of any person for the purpose of applying teeth  
14 whitening materials, or who takes impressions of human  
15 teeth or places his or her hands in the mouth of any person  
16 for the purpose of assisting in the application of teeth  
17 whitening materials. A person does not practice dentistry  
18 when he or she discloses to the consumer that he or she is  
19 not licensed as a dentist under this Act and (i) discusses  
20 the use of teeth whitening materials with a consumer  
21 purchasing these materials; (ii) provides instruction on  
22 the use of teeth whitening materials with a consumer  
23 purchasing these materials; or (iii) provides appropriate  
24 equipment on-site to the consumer for the consumer to  
25 self-apply teeth whitening materials.

26 The fact that any person engages in or performs, or offers



1 to engage in or perform, any of the practices, acts, or  
2 operations set forth in this Section, shall be prima facie  
3 evidence that such person is engaged in the practice of  
4 dentistry.

5 The following practices, acts, and operations, however,  
6 are exempt from the operation of this Act:

7 (a) The rendering of dental relief in emergency cases  
8 in the practice of his or her profession by a physician or  
9 surgeon, licensed as such under the laws of this State,  
10 unless he or she undertakes to reproduce or reproduces  
11 lost parts of the human teeth in the mouth or to restore or  
12 replace lost or missing teeth in the mouth; or

13 (b) The practice of dentistry in the discharge of  
14 their official duties by dentists in any branch of the  
15 Armed Services of the United States, the United States  
16 Public Health Service, or the United States Veterans  
17 Administration; or

18 (c) The practice of dentistry by students in their  
19 course of study in dental schools or colleges approved by  
20 the Department, when acting under the direction and  
21 supervision of dentists acting as instructors; or

22 (d) The practice of dentistry by clinical instructors  
23 in the course of their teaching duties in dental schools  
24 or colleges approved by the Department:

25 (i) when acting under the direction and  
26 supervision of dentists, provided that such clinical

1           instructors have instructed continuously in this State  
2           since January 1, 1986; or

3           (ii) when holding the rank of full professor at  
4           such approved dental school or college and possessing  
5           a current valid license or authorization to practice  
6           dentistry in another country; or

7           (e) The practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of  
8           other states or countries at meetings of the Illinois  
9           State Dental Society or component parts thereof, alumni  
10          meetings of dental colleges, or any other like dental  
11          organizations, while appearing as clinicians; or

12          (f) The use of X-Ray machines for exposing X-Ray films  
13          of dental or oral tissues by dental hygienists or dental  
14          assistants; or

15          (g) The performance of any dental service by a dental  
16          assistant, if such service is performed under the  
17          supervision and full responsibility of a dentist. In  
18          addition, after being authorized by a dentist, a dental  
19          assistant may, for the purpose of eliminating pain or  
20          discomfort, remove loose, broken, or irritating  
21          orthodontic appliances on a patient of record.

22          For purposes of this paragraph (g), "dental service"  
23          is defined to mean any intraoral procedure or act which  
24          shall be prescribed by rule or regulation of the  
25          Department. Dental service, however, shall not include:

26               (1) Any and all diagnosis of or prescription for

1 treatment of disease, pain, deformity, deficiency,  
2 injury or physical condition of the human teeth or  
3 jaws, or adjacent structures.

4 (2) Removal of, or restoration of, or addition to  
5 the hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity, except for  
6 the placing, carving, and finishing of amalgam  
7 restorations and placing, packing, and finishing  
8 composite restorations by dental assistants who have  
9 had additional formal education and certification.

10 A dental assistant may place, carve, and finish  
11 amalgam restorations, place, pack, and finish  
12 composite restorations, and place interim restorations  
13 if he or she (A) has successfully completed a  
14 structured training program as described in item (2)  
15 of subsection (g) provided by an educational  
16 institution accredited by the Commission on Dental  
17 Accreditation, such as a dental school or dental  
18 hygiene or dental assistant program, or (B) has at  
19 least 4,000 hours of direct clinical patient care  
20 experience and has successfully completed a structured  
21 training program as described in item (2) of  
22 subsection (g) provided by a statewide dental  
23 association, approved by the Department to provide  
24 continuing education, that has developed and conducted  
25 training programs for expanded functions for dental  
26 assistants or hygienists. The training program must:

1 (i) include a minimum of 16 hours of didactic study and  
2 14 hours of clinical manikin instruction; all training  
3 programs shall include areas of study in nomenclature,  
4 caries classifications, oral anatomy, periodontium,  
5 basic occlusion, instrumentations, pulp protection  
6 liners and bases, dental materials, matrix and wedge  
7 techniques, amalgam placement and carving, rubber dam  
8 clamp placement, and rubber dam placement and removal;  
9 (ii) include an outcome assessment examination that  
10 demonstrates competency; (iii) require the supervising  
11 dentist to observe and approve the completion of 8  
12 amalgam or composite restorations; and (iv) issue a  
13 certificate of completion of the training program,  
14 which must be kept on file at the dental office and be  
15 made available to the Department upon request. A  
16 dental assistant must have successfully completed an  
17 approved coronal polishing and dental sealant course  
18 prior to taking the amalgam and composite restoration  
19 course.

20 A dentist utilizing dental assistants shall not  
21 supervise more than 4 dental assistants at any one  
22 time for placing, carving, and finishing of amalgam  
23 restorations or for placing, packing, and finishing  
24 composite restorations.

25 (3) Any and all correction of malformation of  
26 teeth or of the jaws.

1           (4) Administration of anesthetics, except for  
2 monitoring of nitrous oxide, conscious sedation, deep  
3 sedation, and general anesthetic as provided in  
4 Section 8.1 of this Act, that may be performed only  
5 after successful completion of a training program  
6 approved by the Department. A dentist utilizing dental  
7 assistants shall not supervise more than 4 dental  
8 assistants at any one time for the monitoring of  
9 nitrous oxide.

10           (5) Removal of calculus from human teeth.

11           (6) Taking of material or digital scans for final  
12 impressions for the fabrication of prosthetic  
13 appliances, crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, or other  
14 restorative or replacement dentistry.

15           (7) The operative procedure of dental hygiene  
16 consisting of oral prophylactic procedures, except for  
17 coronal polishing and pit and fissure sealants, which  
18 may be performed by a dental assistant who has  
19 successfully completed a training program approved by  
20 the Department. Dental assistants may perform coronal  
21 polishing under the following circumstances: (i) the  
22 coronal polishing shall be limited to polishing the  
23 clinical crown of the tooth and existing restorations,  
24 supragingivally; (ii) the dental assistant performing  
25 the coronal polishing shall be limited to the use of  
26 rotary instruments using a rubber cup or brush

1 polishing method (air polishing is not permitted); and  
2 (iii) the supervising dentist shall not supervise more  
3 than 4 dental assistants at any one time for the task  
4 of coronal polishing or pit and fissure sealants.

5 In addition to coronal polishing and pit and  
6 fissure sealants as described in this item (7), a  
7 dental assistant who has at least 2,000 hours of  
8 direct clinical patient care experience and who has  
9 successfully completed a structured training program  
10 provided by (1) an educational institution including,  
11 but not limited to, ~~such as~~ a dental school or dental  
12 hygiene or dental assistant program, or (2) a  
13 continuing education provider approved by the  
14 Department, or (3) by a statewide dental or dental  
15 hygienist association, approved by the Department on  
16 or before January 1, 2017 (the effective date of  
17 Public Act 99-680), that has developed and conducted a  
18 training program for expanded functions for dental  
19 assistants or hygienists may perform: (A) coronal  
20 scaling above the gum line, supragingivally, on the  
21 clinical crown of the tooth only on patients 12 years  
22 of age or younger who have an absence of periodontal  
23 disease and who are not medically compromised or  
24 individuals with special needs and (B) intracoronal  
25 temporization of a tooth. The training program must:  
26 (I) include a minimum of 16 hours of instruction in

1 both didactic and clinical manikin or human subject  
2 instruction; all training programs shall include areas  
3 of study in dental anatomy, public health dentistry,  
4 medical history, dental emergencies, and managing the  
5 pediatric patient; (II) include an outcome assessment  
6 examination that demonstrates competency; (III)  
7 require the supervising dentist to observe and approve  
8 the completion of 6 full mouth supragingival scaling  
9 procedures unless the training was received as part of  
10 a Commission on Dental Accreditation approved dental  
11 assistant program; and (IV) issue a certificate of  
12 completion of the training program, which must be kept  
13 on file at the dental office and be made available to  
14 the Department upon request. A dental assistant must  
15 have successfully completed an approved coronal  
16 polishing course prior to taking the coronal scaling  
17 course. A dental assistant performing these functions  
18 shall be limited to the use of hand instruments only.  
19 ~~In addition, coronal scaling as described in this~~  
20 ~~paragraph shall only be utilized on patients who are~~  
21 ~~eligible for Medicaid or who are uninsured and whose~~  
22 ~~household income is not greater than 200% of the~~  
23 ~~federal poverty level.~~ A dentist may not supervise  
24 more than 2 dental assistants at any one time for the  
25 task of coronal scaling. This paragraph is inoperative  
26 on and after January 1, 2026.

1           The limitations on the number of dental assistants a  
2 dentist may supervise contained in items (2), (4), and (7)  
3 of this paragraph (g) mean a limit of 4 total dental  
4 assistants or dental hygienists doing expanded functions  
5 covered by these Sections being supervised by one dentist;  
6 or

7           (h) The practice of dentistry by an individual who:

8           (i) has applied in writing to the Department, in  
9 form and substance satisfactory to the Department, for  
10 a general dental license and has complied with all  
11 provisions of Section 9 of this Act, except for the  
12 passage of the examination specified in subsection (e)  
13 of Section 9 of this Act; or

14           (ii) has applied in writing to the Department, in  
15 form and substance satisfactory to the Department, for  
16 a temporary dental license and has complied with all  
17 provisions of subsection (c) of Section 11 of this  
18 Act; and

19           (iii) has been accepted or appointed for specialty  
20 or residency training by a hospital situated in this  
21 State; or

22           (iv) has been accepted or appointed for specialty  
23 training in an approved dental program situated in  
24 this State; or

25           (v) has been accepted or appointed for specialty  
26 training in a dental public health agency situated in



1           this State.

2           The applicant shall be permitted to practice dentistry  
3           for a period of 3 months from the starting date of the  
4           program, unless authorized in writing by the Department to  
5           continue such practice for a period specified in writing  
6           by the Department.

7           The applicant shall only be entitled to perform such  
8           acts as may be prescribed by and incidental to his or her  
9           program of residency or specialty training and shall not  
10          otherwise engage in the practice of dentistry in this  
11          State.

12          The authority to practice shall terminate immediately  
13          upon:

14                 (1) the decision of the Department that the  
15                 applicant has failed the examination; or

16                 (2) denial of licensure by the Department; or

17                 (3) withdrawal of the application.

18          (Source: P.A. 101-162, eff. 7-26-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

19                 (225 ILCS 25/17.1)

20                 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

21                 Sec. 17.1. Expanded function dental assistants.

22                 (a) A dental assistant who has completed training as  
23                 provided in subsection (b) of this Section in all of the  
24                 following areas may hold himself or herself out as an expanded  
25                 function dental assistant:

1           (1) Taking material or digital scans for final  
2 impressions after completing a training program that  
3 includes either didactic objectives or clinical skills and  
4 functions that demonstrate competency.

5           (2) Performing pulp vitality test after completing a  
6 training program that includes either didactic objectives  
7 or clinical skills and functions that demonstrate  
8 competency.

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

12           (3.5) Coronal scaling as allowed under Section 17.

13           (4) Starting the flow of oxygen and monitoring of  
14 nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia as allowed under Section  
15 17.

16           (5) Coronal polishing and pit and fissure sealants as  
17 allowed under Section 17.

18           (6) Intracoronaral temporization of a tooth.

19           All procedures listed in paragraphs (1) through (6) ~~(5)~~  
20 for dental assistants must be performed under the supervision  
21 of a dentist, requiring the dentist authorizes the procedure,  
22 remains in the dental facility while the procedure is  
23 performed, and approves the work performed by the dental  
24 assistant before dismissal of the patient, but the dentist is  
25 not required to be present at all times in the treatment room.

26           After the completion of training as provided in subsection

1 (b) of this Section, an expanded function dental assistant may  
2 perform any of the services listed in this subsection (a)  
3 pursuant to the limitations of this Act.

4 (b) Certification and training as an expanded function  
5 dental assistant must be obtained from one of the following  
6 sources: (i) an approved continuing education sponsor; (ii) a  
7 dental assistant training program approved by the Commission  
8 on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or  
9 (iii) a training program approved by the Department.

10 Training required under this subsection (b) must also  
11 include Basic Life Support certification, as described in  
12 Section 16 of this Act. Proof of current certification shall  
13 be kept on file with the supervising dentist.

14 (c) Any procedures listed in subsection (a) that are  
15 performed by an expanded function dental assistant must be  
16 approved by the supervising dentist and examined prior to  
17 dismissal of the patient. The supervising dentist shall be  
18 responsible for all dental services or procedures performed by  
19 the dental assistant.

20 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to alter  
21 the number of dental assistants that a dentist may supervise  
22 under paragraph (g) of Section 17 of this Act.

23 (e) Nothing in this Act shall: (1) require a dental  
24 assistant to be certified as an expanded function dental  
25 assistant or (2) prevent a dentist from training dental  
26 assistants in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 or

1 17.1 of this Act or rules pertaining to dental assistant  
2 duties.

3 (Source: P.A. 100-215, eff. 1-1-18; 100-976, eff. 1-1-19;  
4 101-162, eff. 7-26-19.)

5 (225 ILCS 25/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 2318)

6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

7 Sec. 18. Acts constituting the practice of dental hygiene;  
8 limitations.

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

12 (i) the operative procedure of dental hygiene,  
13 consisting of oral prophylactic procedures;

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

16 (iii) the application to the surfaces of the teeth or  
17 gums of chemical compounds designed to be desensitizing  
18 agents or effective agents in the prevention of dental  
19 caries or periodontal disease;

20 (iv) all services which may be performed by a dental  
21 assistant as specified by rule pursuant to Section 17, and  
22 a dental hygienist may engage in the placing, carving, and  
23 finishing of amalgam restorations only after obtaining  
24 formal education and certification as determined by the  
25 Department;

1           (v) administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide  
2           upon successful completion of a training program approved  
3           by the Department;

4           (vi) administration of local anesthetics upon  
5           successful completion of a training program approved by  
6           the Department; and

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

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

10           (1) by a dentist;

11           (2) by a federal, State, county, or municipal agency  
12           or institution;

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

14           (4) by a public clinic operating under the direction  
15           of a hospital or federal, State, county, municipal, or  
16           other public agency or institution.

17           (c) When employed or engaged in the office of a dentist, a  
18           dental hygienist may perform, under general supervision, those  
19           procedures found in items (i) through (iv) of subsection (a)  
20           of this Section, provided the patient has been examined by the  
21           dentist within one year of the provision of dental hygiene  
22           services, the dentist has approved the dental hygiene services  
23           by a notation in the patient's record and the patient has been  
24           notified that the dentist may be out of the office during the  
25           provision of dental hygiene services.

26           (d) If a patient of record is unable to travel to a dental

1 office because of illness, infirmity, or imprisonment, a  
2 dental hygienist may perform, under the general supervision of  
3 a dentist, those procedures found in items (i) through (iv) of  
4 subsection (a) of this Section, provided the patient is  
5 located in a long-term care facility licensed by the State of  
6 Illinois, a mental health or developmental disability  
7 facility, or a State or federal prison. The dentist shall  
8 either personally examine and diagnose the patient or utilize  
9 approved teledentistry communication methods and determine  
10 which services are necessary to be performed, which shall be  
11 contained in an order to the hygienist and a notation in the  
12 patient's record. Such order must be implemented within 30 ~~120~~  
13 days of its issuance, and an updated medical history and  
14 observation of oral conditions must be performed by the  
15 hygienist immediately prior to beginning the procedures to  
16 ensure that the patient's health has not changed in any manner  
17 to warrant a reexamination by the dentist.

18 (e) School-based oral health care, consisting of and  
19 limited to oral prophylactic procedures, sealants, and  
20 fluoride treatments, may be provided by a dental hygienist  
21 under the general supervision of a dentist. A dental hygienist  
22 may not provide other dental hygiene treatment in a  
23 school-based setting, including but not limited to  
24 administration or monitoring of nitrous oxide or  
25 administration of local anesthetics. The school-based  
26 procedures may be performed provided the patient is located at

1 a public or private school and the program is being conducted  
2 by a State, county or local public health department  
3 initiative or in conjunction with a dental school or dental  
4 hygiene program. The dentist shall personally examine and  
5 diagnose the patient and determine which services are  
6 necessary to be performed, which shall be contained in an  
7 order to the hygienist and a notation in the patient's record.  
8 Any such order for sealants must be implemented within 120  
9 days after its issuance. Any such order for oral prophylactic  
10 procedures or fluoride treatments must be implemented within  
11 180 days after its issuance. An updated medical history and  
12 observation of oral conditions must be performed by the  
13 hygienist immediately prior to beginning the procedures to  
14 ensure that the patient's health has not changed in any manner  
15 to warrant a reexamination by the dentist.

16 (f) Without the supervision of a dentist, a dental  
17 hygienist may perform dental health education functions,  
18 including instruction in proper oral health care and dental  
19 hygiene in either a school setting or long-term care facility.  
20 In addition, a dental hygienist may record care histories and  
21 oral conditions observed at any time prior to a clinical exam  
22 by a dentist ~~and may record case histories and oral conditions~~  
23 ~~observed.~~

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

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

21 This subsection (h) is inoperative on and after January 1,  
22 2026.

23 (i) A dental hygienist performing procedures listed in  
24 paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) of Section 17.1  
25 must be under the supervision of a dentist, requiring the  
26 dentist authorizes the procedure, remains in the dental



1 facility while the procedure is performed, and approves the  
2 work performed by the dental hygienist before dismissal of the  
3 patient, but the dentist is not required to be present at all  
4 times in the treatment room.

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