

Oral Health Access Supervision Program

With a recent law change Ohio seeks to improve the oral healthcare status of the disability community. House Bill 190 was signed by Governor Strickland on May 27, 2010 creating the Oral Health Access Supervision Program.

The law will assist in opening access for people in the disability community who have been unable to find quality oral healthcare. House Bill 190 (128th GA) created the Oral Health Access Supervision Program (referenced throughout as the “Program”). This law will allow a dental hygienist to essentially act as a “first responder” for provision of preventive care in collaboration with a supervising dentist.

Under current law, in a dental office or an alternate setting, a dentist must see a patient before a hygienist can provide any services. House Bill 190 provides properly credentialed hygienists who obtain a Program permit from the state dental board to work with a dentist with a similar permit. Hygienists can then collect patient medical and dental histories for review by the supervising dentist who in turn can determine if hygiene services may be provided. After it is determined by the dentist that services may be provided, the hygienist can obtain the signature of the patient to verify that health information is correct and that no medically significant change has occurred in the interim. At the request of the disability community, language was inserted to allow a signature or mark of the patient or representative to be provided through reasonable accommodation, including the use of assistive technology or augmentative devices.

Immediately prior to care the patient is informed that a dentist will not be present during the provision of hygiene services and that a diagnosis of a patient’s oral health status will not occur. Subsequent visits cannot occur until a patient is seen by a dentist for a clinical evaluation.

What services can be provided?

Among the services that could be a part of the treatment package might be oral health education, prophylaxis (cleaning), x-rays, fluoride treatments, and placement of sealants, among other procedures. Once those services are provided a hygienist will schedule a patient for an appointment with the authorizing dentist for follow-up care not later than 90 days after the

completion of hygiene services. Further hygiene services cannot be provided by a hygienist until a patient is seen by a dentist.

Where can these dental services be provided?

Under the new law, a hygienist can provide these services in residential facilities, HCBS Medicaid waiver settings, mobile dental units, hospitals and a host of other settings that are not in traditional dental offices. Because it may be difficult to get patients with disabilities to dental offices because of travel concerns or scheduling, the goal of the bill is to allow for the highest flexibility of the dental providers to come to the patients, eliminating excess hassles that deter dental visits. Additionally, an eight-week exclusion is provided for patients who may have extenuating circumstances that would prevent them from completing their services in one treatment.

Who will provide these services?

The state dental board shall develop and publish on its website a directory containing the names and contact information of dentists and dental hygienists who hold current, valid permits that can provide this care. Moreover, the dental hygiene professionals holding permits must have two years and a minimum of 3,000 work hours experience to apply for a permit.

How to contact OHASP providers?

The Ohio State Dental Board maintains the list of approved dentist and dental hygienist permit holders. The list can be found at <http://dental.ohio.gov/> under the tab “Oral Health Access Supervision Program Approved Permits”. Using names from that list, contact information for dentists approved for the permits is available at the link <http://dental.ohio.gov/verify.stm>. The only contact information for dental hygienists available at the same link is the name of the city and county of the practitioner. The list of OHASP providers is updated 8 times per year by the Ohio State Dental Board and a combined list of permit holders and addresses can be obtained by contacting Matt Whitehead, Legislative Agent for the Ohio Dental Hygienists’ Association, at 614-461-9335 or at mwhitehead@gpgrhr.com

OHASP Approved permit holders 4-18-12

DENTISTS	ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY	ZIP CODE
Dr. Gary R. Blumberg	293 North South Street	Wilmington	Clinton	45177
Dr. Lawrence G. Brun	2650 Woodman Center Drive	Kettering	Montgomery	45420
Dr. Paul S. Casamassimo	Columbus Children's Hospital	Columbus	Franklin	43205
Dr. David K. Andrews	9167 North County Road 25 A	Piqua	Miami	45356
Dr. William F. Buckley	19630 Detroit Road	Rocky River	Cuyahoga	44116
Dr. Leslie L. Culp	1374 West Main Street	Troy	Miami	45373
Dr. David Grammel	31 East Waterloo Street	Canal Winchester	Franklin	43110
Dr. Paul L. Lyons	441 East 8th Street	Lima	Allen	45804
Dr. Jacob K. Mohr	441 East 8th Street	Lima	Allen	45804
Dr. Michael S. Stubblefield	1150 Bernath Parkway	Toledo	Lucas	43615
Dr. Steven England	6724 Perimeter Loop, #312	Dublin	Franklin	43017
Dr. William J. Hagerty	7058 Corporate Way, Suite 2	Centerville	Montgomery	45459
Dr. Lytha K. Miller	1718 West High Street	Piqua	Miami	45356
Dr. Thomas K. Mun	2725 Lincoln Street East	Canton	Stark	44707
HYGIENISTS				
Sheryl L. Allison		Portsmouth	Scioto	45662
Carrie L. Campbell		Lancaster	Fairfield	43130
Betrice A. Casada		Dayton	Montgomery	45405
Tonia M. Ellen		Clarksville	Clinton	45113
Michelle M. Hicks		Troy	Miami	45373
Alexis R. Kreuzer		Burton	Geauga	44021
Michele M. LaBasi		Uniontown	Summit	44685
Jerri D. Webb		Canton	Stark	44706
Lynne A. Adams		Columbus Grove	Putnam	45830
Joyce M. Beathard-Lind		Gahanna	Franklin	43230
Marjorie A. Evanoff		Bay Village	Cuyahoga	44140
Linda K. Hewetson		Sugar Grove	Fairfield	43155
Susan D. Johnston		Columbus	Franklin	43235
Teresa A. Baumann		Cincinnati	Hamilton	45211
Jamie R. Carder		Lima	Allen	45805
Jennifer M. Ciepiel		Rocky River	Cuyahoga	44116
Cheryl E. Herrmann		Caledonia	Crawford	43314
Robin R. Kramer		Sylvania	Lucas	43560
Libby L. Lappin		Cincinnati	Hamilton	45236
Carolyn S. Rowles		Pleasantville	Fairfield	43148
Kandice D. Shaffer		Canal Winchester	Fairfield	43110
Reva Jo Suter		Wheelersburg	Scioto	45694
Alla J. Chistik		Kirtland	Lake	44094
Holly A. Cooper		Chagrin Falls	Cuyahoga	44022
Janice E. Foster		Columbus	Franklin	43235
Jeanne G. Huber		Dayton	Montgomery	45429
Kimberly J. Link		Celina	Mercer	45822
Elizabeth A. Monnin		Troy	Miami	45373
Melva Muir		Newark	Licking	43055
Michelle A. Nesbitt		Berlin Center	Mahoning	44401
Janet Ann Thompson		Aurora	Indiana (out of state)	47001
Jean E. Wince		Athens	Athens	45701
Nicole R. Giesey		Warren	Trumbull	44410
Christine J. Harmison		Urbana	Champaign	43078
Brea McClendon		Boardman	Mahoning	44512
Susan S. Olsavsky		Salem	Columbiana	44460
Sue M. Raffee		Centerville	Montgomery	45459
Laura W. Scott		Chesterland	Geauga	44026
Beth A. Vetter		Grove City	Franklin	43123

Overview of the Oral Health Access Supervision Program

What is it?

A dentist who qualifies for participation in the program may authorize a dental hygienist who qualifies for participation in the program to provide dental hygiene services in certain facilities.

Program functions

- Hygienist will go to a facility. A medical and dental history of a patient will be taken prior to the patient receiving hygiene services.
- The authorizing dentist reviews and evaluates the information and determines that the patient may safely receive services as long as no medically significant change occurred to the history prior to the provision of services.
- Services authorized by the dentist are provided by the hygienist to the patient.
- After services are provided, the dental hygienist shall:
 - (1) Refer the patient to the authorizing dentist for a clinical evaluation and
 - (2) Schedule the evaluation for the patient, making every effort to schedule the appointment within 90 days.
- A hygienist may not see a patient for follow-up treatment or a subsequent visit, without the patient having been seen by a dentist before the second visit. However, if a patient requires multiple attempts to complete an initial visit, all procedures must be completed within 8 weeks of commencement of the first appointment.
- A hygienist participating in the program must comply with written protocols and standing orders of the authorizing dentist.
- A hygienist may not diagnose a patient's oral health care status.

How to apply and who can participate?

- The Ohio State Dental Board (OSDB) will provide an application available on its website for initial application and renewal of permits to participate in the program.
- Qualifications:

The applicant shall provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has done all of the following:

- (1) Completed at least two years and attained a minimum of three thousand hours of experience in the practice of dental hygiene;
 - (2) Completed at least twenty-four hours of continuing dental hygiene education during the two years prior to submission of the application;
 - (3) Completed a course pertaining to the practice of dental hygiene under the oral health access supervision of a dentist that meets standards established in rules adopted under section 4715.372 of the Revised Code;
 - (4) Completed, during the two years prior to submission of the application, a course pertaining to the identification and prevention of potential medical emergencies that is the same as the course described in division (C)(2) of section 4715.22 of the Revised Code.
- There is a \$20 application and biennial renewal fee for dentists and dental hygienists who participate in the program.
 - An authorizing dentist may not have any more than three dental hygienists working under his or her authorization at any one time. A dentist may also still employ three hygienists in his or her dental office.
 - The OSDB will host on its website a directory of dentists and dental hygienists participating in the program to allow for collaboration on this effort.
 - Dentists and hygienists who operate under this program must submit to the OSDB upon request a list of locations where services are provided.

- The OSDB will issue an annual report on the progress of the program including the following information:
 - including the number of dentists;
 - dental hygienists;
 - patients participating in the program;
 - the number and location of facilities where services are provided under the program.

Program Locations

The following locations are where dental hygiene services may be provided

- (1) A health care facility, defined as either:
 - (a) a hospital,
 - (b) an institution, residence, or facility that provides, for a period of more than 24 hours, whether for consideration or not, accommodations to three or more unrelated individuals who are dependent upon the services of others, including a nursing home, residential care facility, home for the aging, and a veterans home operated by the Ohio Veterans Home Agency,
 - (c) a facility proposed for certification as a skilled nursing facility or nursing facility under the federal Medicare or Medicaid law, and for which a certificate of need, other than a certificate to recategorize hospital beds, has been granted after August 5, 1989, or
 - (d) a county home or district home that is or has been licensed as a residential care facility;
- (2) A state correctional institution;
- (3) A comprehensive child development program that receives funds under the federal Head Start Act and is licensed as a child day care center under Ohio law;
- (4) A residential facility licensed under Ohio law;
- (5) A public school located in an area designated as a dental health resource shortage area by the Director of Health;

- (6) A nonpublic school located in a dental health resource shortage area;
- (7) A federally qualified health center or federally qualified health center lookalike;
- (8) A shelter for victims of domestic violence;
- (9) A facility operated by the Department of Youth Services under Ohio law;
- (10) A shelter for runaways;
- (11) A foster home;
- (12) A nonprofit clinic;
- (13) The residence of one or more individuals receiving services provided by a home health agency;
- (14) A dispensary;
- (15) A health care facility, such as a clinic or hospital, of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (16) The residence of one or more individuals enrolled in a home and community-based services Medicaid waiver component;
- (17) A facility operated by the board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under Ohio law;
- (18) A women, infants, and children clinic;
- (19) A mobile dental unit located at any facility where services may be provided under the program;
- (20) Any other location, as specified in rules to be adopted by the Board, as long as the facility is in a dental health resource shortage area and provides health care services to individuals who are Medicaid recipients and to indigent and uninsured persons, defined generally in current law as persons without medical insurance whose incomes are less than 200% of the federal poverty line but who are not eligible to receive assistance under any governmental health care program.