

Limited Access Permit Dental Hygienists

A dental hygienist issued a permit to act as a Limited Access Permit Dental Hygienist shall be authorized to render all services within the scope of practice of dental hygiene, without the supervision of a dentist, to:

- Patients or residents of the following facilities or programs who, due to age, infirmity or disability, are unable to receive regular dental hygiene treatment:
 - Nursing homes
 - Adult foster homes
 - Residential care facilities
 - Adult congregate living facilities
 - Mental health residential programs administered by the Department of Human Services
 - Facilities for mentally ill persons
 - Facilities for persons with mental retardation
 - Local correctional facilities and juvenile detention facilities
 - Regional correctional facilities
 - Youth correction facilities
 - Youth care centers
 - Department of Corrections institutions
 - Public and nonprofit community health clinics
- Adults who are homebound
- Students or enrollees of nursery schools and day care programs and their siblings under 18 years of age
- Job Corps and other similar employment training facilities
- Primary and secondary schools, including private schools and public charter schools
- Persons entitled to benefits under the Women, Infants and Children Program

The Oregon Board of Dentistry may authorize the provision of dental hygiene services by a Limited Access Permit Dental Hygienist at locations or to populations that are underserved or lack access to dental hygiene services.

A Limited Access Permit Dental Hygienist may assess the need for and appropriateness of sealants, apply sealants and write prescriptions for all applications of fluoride in which fluoride is applied or supplied to patients.

NOTE: Limited Access Permit Dental Hygienists are required to practice according to the statutes determined by the Oregon Legislature and the rules determined by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

The law regarding dental hygiene in Oregon is found in ORS 680.010 to 680.205 and 680.990 (<http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/680.html>)

The administrative rules pertaining to dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting, and administration of anesthesia are found in OAR 818. (http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_800/OAR_818/818_tofc.html)