

2009 LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES

BILL NO.	CONTENT
HB 1012	Medicaid reimbursement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6% increase in 2010
HB 1091	Pharmacy bill – authority to call in Rx <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental hygienists, assistants may now call in RX
HB 1176	NDCC 43-20-03 General supervision of dental hygienists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change works for private practice hygienists; however limits public health hygienists because the Dept. of Health does not have a supervising dentist to authorize the procedure. • The Department of Health in conjunction with the ND Dental Association may lobby for a separate statute creating a public health hygienist with the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Health employee. 2. Must be a NDDoH employee. 3. Must hold a current unencumbered dental hygiene license through the ND Board of Dental Examiners. 4. Must have completed 3000 hours of clinical practice within the last two year period. 5. Must complete additional educational requirements of three hours annually (total of six hours annually in a two year period. The educational opportunities must be directly related to fluoride, fluoride varnish, sealants, prevention and public health curriculum. The additional educational credits should be approved by the ND Board of Dental Examiners. 6. The State Health Officer for the ND Department of Health (regardless of educational background) may provide public health supervision, authorizing the public health hygienist to perform as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service to the underserved, under-insured and uninsured populations from birth through adult. • Practice areas include non-traditional settings such as schools, Early Head Start, Head Start, WIC, medical facilities, obstetrician offices, pediatric offices, public health facilities, mobile vans, assisted living, nursing homes, group homes, tribal reservations. • Services performed include prophys, fluoride varnish application, screening and sealant application, preventative care through oral health education. • A written referral will be required to a dentist for patients in need of further care relating to the dentists scope of practice. Referrals will be made to dentists from a list produced annually by the ND Dental Association. The list will be on a rotating basis with all licensed ND dentists included as a requirement for licensure.

	<p>7. The public health hygienist must carry professional liability insurance and be responsible for the financial obligation of maintaining the policy.</p> <p>8. The public health hygienist position must be approved by the ND Board of Dental Examiners. Any future changes relating to the public health hygienist position must also be approved by the ND Board of Dental Examiners.</p>
HB 1231	<p>Dental Care Mobile - \$196,000.00 for start-up costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for clinical provider • 501C3
SB 2004	<p>Donated Dental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00 • Invoices are being submitted quarterly • More patients receiving care
SB 2358	<p>Dental loan repayment - \$180,000.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three openings • Two applications have been received • Bridging the Dental Gap may increase from two to three dentists.