



# ORAL HEALTH LEGISLATION IN THE STATES 2001

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The following report summarizes introduced and enacted oral health legislation in the states during calendar year 2001. This document and its supporting charts contain information that has been reported to the Children's Dental Health Project and the MCHB National Oral Health Policy Center, but has not been confirmed due to data source access limitations and time restrictions.

### **Methodology:**

Dental legislation was identified and tracked by State Net ([www.statenet.com](http://www.statenet.com)), a computerized tracking system of state legislation. In order to identify legislation focused on oral health, state bills under the topics of "dental professions and services" and "dental insurance" in StateNet were compiled and examined. Examples of legislation were then categorized under the broad topics indicated below. These categories were created based on general trends identified in the legislation. This is not an exhaustive list of all dental legislation in the states. Due to tracking limitations, bills identified as enacted are only those that were passed under their original bill numbers and are current as of July 2001.

### **Categories of Legislation:**

- 1.) Access to Dental Care, including
  - a. Allocation of additional funds for dental services
  - b. Treatment of special populations
  - c. Creation of volunteer and/or donated dental services programs
  - d. Provision of additional benefits through existing public insurance programs
  
- 2.) Provider Incentives, including
  - a. Higher reimbursement rates
  - b. Loan forgiveness
  - c. Tax credits
  - d. Career ladders
  
- 3.) Patients Rights and Quality of Care, including
  - a. Grievance/independent review
  - b. Regulation of managed care
  - c. Patient choice
  - d. Patient rights
  
- 4.) Practice and Scope of Work, including
  - a. Change of dental licensure requirements
  - b. Increase scope of hygienists' duties
  - c. Expand coverage for provider services
  
- 5.) Anesthesia Coverage
  - a. Insurance coverage for anesthesia
  
- 6.) Other
  - a. Other areas in dental care that states have introduced and/or passed legislation include, but are not limited to: insurance regulation, research/study, reporting and identifying abuse, appointment of state dental directors, and routine examination /certificate of health.

### **Supporting Documentation:**

The attached charts provide further information on authoring state, bill number, summary and status of most of the enacted bills. The first chart is organized by bill category and the second chart is organized by authoring state.

## **State Legislation Summary:**

### **2001 Introduced and Enacted Legislation**

#### **Access**

53 introduced.

9 have enacted in HI, IL, IN(2), MN, ND, TX

#### **Provider Incentives**

61 introduced.

8 have enacted in CO, ID, KS, MT, ND, NE, TX, VA

#### **Patient Rights and Quality of Care**

25 introduced.

2 enacted in GA, NE.

#### **Practice and Scope**

92 introduced.

36 enacted in DE, FL, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, ME, MO, MT, ND, NE, NV, NY, OR, SC, TX

#### **Anesthesia Coverage**

12 introduced.

3 enacted in ME, VA, WA

#### **Other**

153 total bills were introduced that fall under the category of 'other.' These include bills dealing with insurance regulations, the commissioning of research related to oral health, appointments and changes to the state's dental board of examiners, etc.

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1.	<b>HI H 786</b>	Access	Additional funding	Makes appropriation for donated dental services program for elderly persons who have a disability or mental illness or are homeless through the Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped
2.	<b>IL H 2847</b>	Access	Special Populations/ Additional benefits	Provides that a person committed to a facility operated by the Juvenile Division of the Department of Corrections is exempt from the co-payment requirement for non-emergency medical or dental services for the duration of confinement in those facilities.
3.	<b>IN S 431</b>	Access	Children's Access to services	Requires each county office of family and children to provide the specified entities a list of dentists in the county who participate in the Medicaid Hoosier Healthwise Program; requires the Division of Family and Children to collaborate with the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning and the State Department of Health to establish programs that facilitate children's access to oral health services.
4.	<b>IN S 459</b>	Access	Children's Access to Services/ Additional benefits through existing public insurance programs	Requires the office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for approval of a waiver to provide coverage for dental and vision services under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to a child who has health insurance coverage but does not have coverage for dental or vision services.
5.	<b>MN S 1407</b>	Access	Special Populations	Relates to human services; modifies provisions in health care access, long-term care, and dentistry programs and supported employment services.
6.	<b>ND S 2403</b>	Access	Additional benefits through existing public insurance	Expands the provision of maxillo facial and medically necessary orthodontic care through the Medicaid program
7.	<b>TX-S 34</b>	Access	Special Populations/Additional benefits through existing public insurance programs	Makes certain recipients of medical assistance eligible for dental services.
8.	<b>TX-H 2614</b>	Access	Special Populations	Creates a dental services pilot program for children in border-region counties.
9.	<b>WA S 6020</b>	Access	Children's Access	Provides for school-based sealant programs through the endorsement of dental hygienists and dental assistants; provides the Secretary of Health
10.	<b>CO-S164</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Creates a Loan Repayment Program as an incentive to dental professionals to provide dental services to underserved populations.
11.	<b>ID S 1222</b>	Provider Incentive	Career Ladders	Appropriates funds to the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho
12.	<b>KS S 50</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Concerns the Dental Practices Act; relates to dental hygienists, student loans for certain dental hygiene students, administration of such loans, and performance of prophylaxis.
13.	<b>MT H 395</b>	Provider Incentive	Education Funding	Appropriates money to the Board of Regents to establish a dental hygiene program at the Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology.

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14.	<b>ND S 2276</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Relates to a dentists' loan repayment program; provides repayment for education loans to dentists who shall provide dental services to specified communities.
15.	<b>NE L 214</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Expands provisions related to student loans for dental students.
16.	<b>TX H 1575</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Provides student loan repayment assistance for certain hygienists.
17.	<b>VA H 1075</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Establishes a loan repayment program for dental school graduates identical to the existing program for physicians; give preference to graduates of Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry and recipients must agree to a period of service in an underserved area or health professional shortage area; limits the program to funds appropriated.
18.	<b>GA H 156</b>	Patients' Rights	Grievance	Enacts the Patient Right to Know Act of 2001; relates to reports of disciplinary actions against persons authorized to practice medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or dentistry in this state; repeals confidentiality provisions concerning disciplinary actions against providers.
19.	<b>NE L 664</b>	Patients' Rights	Grievance/Independent review	Relates to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; authorizes use of risk management pools for employee health, dental, accident and life insurance purposes.
20.	<b>AR H 1177</b>	Practice and Scope	Special Exemptions	Exempts from the Dental Practice Act a person practicing dentistry of dental hygiene as an employee of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.
21.	<b>AR S 75</b>	Practice and Scope	Hygienists' duties	Amends sections of the Arkansas Dental Practice Act regarding dental hygienists.
22.	<b>AR S 521</b>	Practice and Scope	Dentists' Professional autonomy	Amends the Dental Practice Act to prevent a non-dentist from influencing or otherwise interfering with the exercise of a dentist's independent professional judgment.
23.	<b>DE H 25</b>	Practice and Scope/Other		Relates to the state Health Care Commission, the state Institute for Dental Education and Research and the practice of dentistry.
24.	<b>FL-S 1788</b>	Practice and Scope	Change of licensure requirements	Provides for appeals from certain adverse determinations relating to dental service claims; provides an alternative by which licensees may comply with a general requirement that they take domestic violence education courses; provides an alternative by which such licensees may comply with a general requirement that they take HIV/AIDS education courses.
25.	<b>FL-S 2156</b>	Practice and Scope	Change in licensure requirements	Allows certain dentists to complete a course designated by the Board of Dentistry, rather than a course in end-of-life and palliative care, as alternatives to completing a domestic abuse course or instruction in HIV/AIDS; directs health care providers and practitioners to comply with a request for pain management or palliative care from a patient; prescribes the standards of decision-making to be used by health surrogates and by proxy decision-makers.
26.	<b>FL—S 2110</b>	Practice and Scope/ (Provider Disincentive)	Clarifying Medicaid Covered Services	Clarifies that Medicaid will not provide reimbursement for dental services provided in mobile dental units, except for certain units.
27.	<b>GA H 223</b>	Practice and Scope	Hygienists' Duties	Relates to the direct supervision of hygienists; authorizes them to perform dental screening without such supervision under certain conditions

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28.	<b>IL H 752</b>	Practice and Scope	Hygienist Education	Relates to the Illinois Dental Practice Act; makes changes to a Section concerning qualifications of applicants for dental hygienists; requires that applicants present evidence of successful completion of 2 academic years at a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association
29.	<b>IL H 3194</b>	Practice and Scope	Relationship to other practice	Defines “occupational therapy aide” redefines “occupational therapy to include a list of interventions that are allowed and the roles that an occupational therapist may assume; provides that occupational therapist shall refer to a licensed physician, dentist, optometrist, or podiatrist any patient whose medical condition should be determined to be beyond the scope of practice of the occupational therapist.
30.	<b>IL S 447</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice Definition	Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act; adds the definition of “nurse”; adds oral and maxillofacial radiology to definition of requirements to require that persons receiving license be employed to teach full time at a dentistry school or hospital in this State; provides that holder of a restricted license may practice dentistry in his or her area of specialty only in a clinic or office affiliated with the dental school; changes the phrase parenteral conscious sedation
31.	<b>IL S 494</b>	Practice and Scope	Protection from liability	Amends the Good Samaritan Act; adds immunity from civil liability for a dental clinic that is a public health based program providing dental care without charge directly to the patient and deletes a requirement that a free dental clinic provide dental care without charge; provides that a free dental clinic may receive reimbursement from the Department of Public Aid or may receive partial reimbursement from a patient.
32.	<b>IN H 1934</b>	Practice and Scope	Continuing Education	Allows distance learning methods to account for 50% of continuing education requirements for all professionals, except doctors, nurses and dentists; authorizes the executive director of the Indiana professional licensing agency to review appeals of denials of the renewal of certain professional and occupational licenses.
33.	<b>KS S 160</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Concerns the dental practices act; relates to the licensure fees; permits licensed dental hygienists to provide dental screenings under certain circumstances; relates to license fees for retired dentists.
34.	<b>LA S 418</b>	Practice and Scope	Liability	Authorizes one dentist to form a limited liability company
35.	<b>LA S 562</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice Ownership	Authorizes limited ownership of the practice of a deceased or disabled dentist by the dentist’s spouse or personal representative.
36.	<b>LA S 633</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice Definition	Revises the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.
37.	<b>MD-S 511</b>	Practice and Scope/ Insurance Regulation	Provider panel participation	Prohibits a carrier that offers coverage for dental care services through health benefit plans or contracts with dentists to offer dental care services through provider panels from requiring a dentist, as a condition of participation or continuation on a provider panel, to serve on another provider panel under certain circumstances.
38.	<b>ME H 502</b>	Practice and Scope	Administration of Prescriptions	Allows the sheriff or county to administer to a prisoner in that county’s jail medication that has been prescribed by a physician or dentist; allows the administration of medications that have been prescribed by a nurse practitioner and approved by the jail’s health care provider.

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39.	<b>ME H 1278</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Clarifies professional and occupational licensing requirements for nursing, dental examiners, hearing aid dealers, accountants...etc.
40.	<b>ME S 520</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice ownership	Authorizes denturists to become shareholders in dental practices; provides that denturists at no time shall have an equal or greater ownership interest in a dental practice than the dentist; eliminates the requirement that a denturist obtain a oral health certification from a dentist prior to treating a patient.
41.	<b>MN H 125</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Modifies licensure requirements for foreign-trained dentists.
42.	<b>MO H 607</b>	Practice and Scope	Inter-state practice	Allows dentists licensed in another state to provide gratuitous dental services in this state for a period not more than 14 days.
43.	<b>MO S 393</b>	Practice and Scope	Gratuitous services	Expands provisions allowing gratuitous dental services.
44.	<b>MT S 361</b>	Practice and Scope	Liability	Provides that a physician, nurse, physical therapist, person practicing dentistry, hospital...claiming a lien for services or products provided to a person injured by another is not liable for attorney
45.	<b>ND S 2161</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Relates to dentists and dental hygienists registration, licensure and practice.
46.	<b>NE L 209</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Changes the licensure provisions relating to dentistry, dental hygiene, physician assistants...etc.; provides for a waiver of fees for corrections to birth or death certificates; repeals the Community
47.	<b>NV S 133</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Authorizes Board of Dental Examiners to issue limited number of licenses without examination each year to dentists licensed in other jurisdictions and states.
48.	<b>NY S 5642</b>	Practice and Scope	Inter-state practice	Authorizes any person licensed as a physician, dentist, optometrist...etc. in another state or territory and appointed by Ironman USA Holdings, Inc. to practice his or her profession in this State
49.	<b>NY S.2216b/ A.4074b</b>	Practice and Scope	Hygienist duties	Permits trained, supervised dental hygienists to administer and monitor nitrous oxide and local infiltration anesthesia.
50.	<b>OR H 2226</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Modifies requirements for dental instructor's license to practice dentistry.

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51.	<b>OR H 2469</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Requires Oregon Board of Dentistry to accept results of certain examinations by regional testing agencies and other state boards in satisfaction of examination requirements for certain applicants for licensure who have been actively practicing immediately preceding application; requires Board to issue dental hygiene instructors
52.	<b>OR S 562</b>	Practice and Scope	Extending authority/ Hygienists	Extends authority of licensed dental hygienists to render services under limited access permit to patients or residents of mental health or mental retardation facilities and to students or enrollees of nursing schools and day care, employment training facilities and public and private primary and secondary schools.
53.	<b>SC H 3109</b>	Practice and Scope	Hygienist duties	Defines conditions under which dental hygienists may monitor nitrous oxide anesthesia; applies such monitoring to nitrous oxide inhalation conscious sedation.
54.	<b>TX-H 3152</b>	Practice and Scope	Providers rights	Clarifies due process and mediation for physicians, dentists and podiatrists in hospitals
55.	<b>TX-H 3507</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice regulation	Clarifies the regulation of dentistry and the provisions of dental services.
56.	<b>TX-S 505</b>	Practice and Scope	Training regulation	Requires that students enrolled at certain medical and dental units to have health insurance.
57.	<b>VA S 806</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice definition	Clarifies the definition of dentistry, adds to the criteria for disciplinary actions, practicing outside the scope of the dentist's of dental hygienist's education, training and experience.
58.	<b>WV S 258</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice regulation	Updates regulation of practice of dentistry and dental lab services.
59.	<b>ME S 127</b>	Anesthesia	Anesthesia Coverage	Requires that health insurers and health maintenance organizations provide coverage for general anesthesia and associated facility charges for dental procedures rendered in a hospital for certain eli-
60.	<b>VA H 165</b>	Anesthesia	Anesthesia coverage	Requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations and corporations providing accident and sickness subscription contracts to provide coverage for general anesthesia and hospitaliza-
70.	<b>WA H 1364</b>	Anesthesia	Anesthesia coverage	Provides coverage under any group employee health benefit plan that covers hospital, medical and ambulatory surgical services to cover general anesthesia services and related facility charges for
71.	<b>AK H 81</b>	Other	Dental Examiner Boards	Extends the termination date of the Board of Dental Examiners



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72.	<b>AR H 1563</b>	Other	Government Agency Posts	Creates an office of Oral Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.
73.	<b>AR S 292</b>	Other	Appropriation	An act for the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners appropriation for the 2001-2003 biennium.
74.	<b>HI S 589</b>	Other	Insurance Regulation	Regulates dental insurance in the same manner as health and accident insurance; makes dental service corporations and dental service organizations subject to examination by the insurance commissioner and to action under the Insurers Supervision, Rehabilitation and Liq-
75.	<b>IL HR 334</b>	Other	Study	Requests the Board of Higher Education to study the issues concerning the education of dentists in Illinois
76.	<b>MD-S 865</b>	Other	Insurance Regulation	Exempts dental plan organizations from the requirement to have and maintain a certain surplus; alters the circumstances under which dental plan organizations are exempt from certain solvency requirements
77.	<b>MT D 1077</b>	Other	Insurance Regulation	Provides that pharmacy, optical and dental discount cards must state that the discount is not insurance.
78.	<b>OR S 416</b>	Other/	Insurance Regulation	Creates Public Employees Revolving Fund and subaccounts; requires Public Employees' Benefit Board to apply specified criteria regarding health and dental benefit plans; eliminated requirement that board enter into only 1 or 2 year contracts for health or dental
79.	<b>TN S 374</b>	Other	Insurance regulation	Relates to dental service plan corporations; relates to business records being maintained using any commercially acceptable electronic means.
80.	<b>TX-S 539</b>	Other		Relates to the enteral administration of anesthesia in connection with dental services.
81.	<b>VA S 54</b>	Other	Insurance Regulation	Applies to the Risk-Based Act to health maintenance organizations, health service plans and dental or optometric service plans.
82.	<b>WV-H 3017</b>	Other	State appointments/ Offices	Creates an Office of Oral Health

# **Legislation by State**

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1.	<b>AK H 81</b>	Other	Dental Examiner Boards	Extends the termination date of the Board of Dental Examiners
2.	<b>AR H 1177</b>	Practice and Scope	Special Exemptions	Exempts from the Dental Practice Act a person practicing dentistry of dental hygiene as an employee of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.
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37.	<b>MN H 125</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Modifies licensure requirements for foreign-trained dentists.
38.	<b>MN S 1407</b>	Access	Special Populations	Relates to human services; modifies provisions in health care access, long-term care, and dentistry programs and supported employment services.

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43.	<b>MT S 361</b>	Practice and Scope	Liability	Provides that a physician, nurse, physical therapist, person practicing dentistry, hospital...claiming a lien for services or products provided to a person injured by another is not liable for attorney fees and costs incurred in connection with obtaining payments or benefits subject to the lien.
44.	<b>ND S 2161</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Relates to dentists and dental hygienists registration, licensure and practice.
45.	<b>ND S 2276</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Relates to a dentists' loan repayment program; provides repayment for education loans to dentists who shall provide dental services to specified communities.
46.	<b>ND S 2403</b>	Access	Additional benefits through existing public insurance	Expands the provision of maxillo facial and medically necessary orthodontic care through the Medicaid program

47.	<b>NE L 209</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Changes the licensure provisions relating to dentistry, dental hygiene, physician assistants...etc.; provides for a waiver of fees for corrections to birth or death certificates; repeals the Community Health Care Act, the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act and provisions regarding the Commission on Human Genetic technologies.
48.	<b>NE L 214</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Expands provisions related to student loans for dental students.
49.	<b>NE L 664</b>	Patients' Rights	Grievance/Independent review	Relates to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; authorizes use of risk management pools for employee health, dental, accident and life insurance purposes.
50.	<b>NV S 133</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Authorizes Board of Dental Examiners to issue limited number of licenses without examination each year to dentists licensed in other jurisdictions and states.
51.	<b>NY S 5642</b>	Practice and Scope	Inter-state practice	Authorizes any person licensed as a physician, dentist, optometrist...etc. in another state or territory and appointed by Ironman USA Holdings, Inc. to practice his or her profession in this State in connection with an athletic event sanctioned by such corporation.
52.	<b>NY S.2216b/A.4074b</b>	Practice and Scope	Hygienist duties	Permits trained, supervised dental hygienists to administer and monitor nitrous oxide and local infiltration anesthesia.
53.	<b>OR H 2226</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Modifies requirements for dental instructor's license to practice dentistry.



54.	<b>OR H 2469</b>	Practice and Scope	Licensure	Requires Oregon Board of Dentistry to accept results of certain examinations by regional testing agencies and other state boards in satisfaction of examination requirements for certain applicants for licensure who have been actively practicing immediately preceding application; requires Board to issue dental hygiene instructors license permitting certain individuals to practice only on campus of Oregon Health Sciences University.
55.	<b>OR S 416</b>	Other/	Insurance Regulation	Creates Public Employees Revolving Fund and subaccounts; requires Public Employees' Benefit Board to apply specified criteria regarding health and dental benefit plans; eliminated requirement that board enter into only 1 or 2 year contracts for health or dental plans.
56.	<b>OR S 562</b>	Practice and Scope	Extending authority/Hygienists	Extends authority of licensed dental hygienists to render services under limited access permit to patients or residents of mental health or mental retardation facilities and to students or enrollees of nursing schools and day care, employment training facilities and public and private primary and secondary schools.
57.	<b>SC H 3109</b>	Practice and Scope	Hygienist duties	Defines conditions under which dental hygienists may monitor nitrous oxide anesthesia; applies such monitoring to nitrous oxide inhalation conscious sedation.
58.	<b>TN S 374</b>	Other	Insurance regulation	Relates to dental service plan corporations; relates to business records being maintained using any commercially acceptable electronic means.
59.	<b>TX H 1575</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Provides student loan repayment assistance for certain hygienists.
60.	<b>TX-H 2614</b>	Access	Special Populations	Creates a dental services pilot program fro children in border-region counties.
61.	<b>TX-H 3152</b>	Practice and Scope	Providers rights	Clarifies due process and mediation for physicians, dentists and podiatrists in hospitals

62.	<b>TX-H 3507</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice regulation	Clarifies the regulation of dentistry and the provisions of dental services.
63.	<b>TX-S 34</b>	Access	Special Populations/ Additional benefits through existing public insurance programs	Makes certain recipients of medical assistance eligible for dental services.
64.	<b>TX-S 505</b>	Practice and Scope	Training regulation	Requires that students enrolled at certain medical and dental units to have health insurance.
65.	<b>TX-S 539</b>	Other		Relates to the enteral administration of anesthesia in connection with dental services.
66.	<b>VA H 1075</b>	Provider Incentive	Loan Repayment	Establishes a loan repayment program for dental school graduates identical to the existing program for physicians; give preference to graduates of Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry and recipients must agree to a period of service in an underserved area or health professional shortage area; limits the program to funds appropriated.
67.	<b>VA H 165</b>	Anesthesia	Anesthesia coverage	Requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations and corporations providing accident and sickness subscription contracts to provide coverage for general anesthesia and hospitalization or facilities charges of a licensed outpatient surgery facility for dental care provided to a covered person who is determined by a licensed dentist in consultation with the covered person's treating physician to require general anesthesia.
68.	<b>VA S 54</b>	Other	Insurance Regulation	Applies to the Risk-Based Act to health maintenance organizations, health service plans and dental or optometric service plans.
69.	<b>VA S 806</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice definition	Clarifies the definition of dentistry, adds to the criteria for disciplinary actions, practicing outside the scope of the dentist's of dental hygienist's education, training and experience.
70.	<b>WA H 1364</b>	Anesthesia	Anesthesia coverage	Provides coverage under any group employee health benefit plan that covers hospital, medical and ambulatory surgical services to cover general anesthesia services and related facility charges for any dental procedure performed in a hospital of ambulatory surgical center of such anesthesia under certain circumstances.
71.	<b>WA S 6020</b>	Access	Children's Access	Provides for school-based sealant programs through the endorsement of dental hygienists and dental assistants; provides the Secretary of Health

72.	<b>WV S 258</b>	Practice and Scope	Practice regulation	Updates regulation of practice of dentistry and dental lab services.
73.	<b>WV-H 3017</b>	Other	State appointments/ Offices	Creates an Office of Oral Health