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The Voice of Dental Hygiene

CDHA 2019 Bill to Amend DPA

Senate Bill 653 (*Chang*) Dental Hygienists

SB 652, sponsored by CDHA, addresses the shortage of oral health care providers in California through greater utilization of an existing educated workforce and increases access to preventive services.

Preventive oral health care decreases the cost of treating many systemic diseases, saving California money while improving patient's overall health. SB 653:



- Allows RDHs and RDHAPs to work in medical offices and facilities, helping to integrate preventive oral care and systemic health care;
- Allows RDHs to provide fluoride without supervision as well as preventive services unsupervised in more public health programs;
- Amends Dental Health Professional Shortage Area language to facilitate RDHAPs establishing and keeping practices in under-served areas.

[Click here to download SB 653](#)

UPDATE ON SB 653

Senate Appropriations has made SB 653 a "two year bill". Good news, SB 653 isn't dead. This means we will work with the committee on language this fall and move forward in January.

CDHA will still need letters written in support of SB 653. Please see details below for information and a draft letter to send your legislator.

Thank you and we will continue to inform our members as we move forward!

Call to Action: Your Legislators - Our Voice

We understand why most of you were unable to join us on Legislative Day. Your help is still needed spreading awareness to all legislators on how SB 653 can improve healthcare in California.

RDHs and RDHAPs, please email or call your senators. Meet with them (or their staff) in their local office if possible. If you aren't sure of your legislator's local address or email, go to "findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov", input your zip code and follow the links.

Your message can be short and sweet:

- "Please support Senate Bill 653 in Senate Business and Professions Committee. The bill supports preventive oral healthcare in underserved areas and in public health. Here is the link to the bill
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB653"
- If you can, attach a copy of the SB 653 Fact Sheet and the Nat'l Assn of Dental Plan study; or bring to the local office.
- [Click here for Fact Sheet](#)
- [Click here for NADP study.](#)

Below is a list of Senate B&P committee members with links to their websites and capitol office phone numbers:

- [Senator Steven M. Glazer](#) (Chair), 916 651 4007 - District 7: Antioch, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Lafayette, San Ramon Valley, Tri-Valle
- [Senator Bob Archuleta](#), 916 651 4032 - District 32: Downey, Cerritos,

- Buena Park, Hacienda Heights, Montebello and everything inbetween
- [*Senator Bill Dodd*](#), 916 651 4003 - District 3: Napa-Solano counties and parts of Sonoma, Contra Costa, Yolo and Isleton in Sacramento County
- [*Senator Cathleen Galgiani*](#), 916 651 4005- District 5: all of San Joaquin County plus Modesto and Galt
- [*Senator Jerry Hill*](#) , 916 651 4013 - District 13: San Mateo County plus northern Santa Clara County including Mt. View & Sunnyvale
- [*Senator Connie M. Leyva*](#), 916 651 4020 - District 20: Parts of Los Angeles County and San Bernadino counties
- [*Senator Richard Pan*](#), 916 651 4006 - District 6: mostly Sacramento County and a portion of Yolo
- [*Senator Scott Wilk*](#), 916 651 4021 - District 21: Victorville, Lancaster, Santa Clarita
- [*Senator Ling Ling Chang*](#) is Vice Chair for the Senate B&P, 916-651-4029. If you are in her district, be sure to thank her for authorizing our bill.

If you know of physicians or clinics interested in working with RDH and RDHAPs, we also need the following:

- a physician to testify at the committee hearing that he/she would like to work with a hygienist and explain the benefits;
- letters of support from physicians who want to work with RDH and RDHAPs;
- letters of support from public health clinics which would like to incorporate preventive oral health care as part of the services they offer.

[Click here for physician support letter.](#)

[Click here for PH Clinic support letter.](#)

Please have the clinics and physicians personalize the letters on their own letterhead if possible and email the signed letters to Jennifer Tannehill at jtannehill@aaronread.com.

Sacramento Capitol News

Secretary of State building named after March Fong Eu

On Monday March 25, the California Secretary of State Building was renamed in honor of March Fong Eu. There are over 2000 buildings owned by the state, and only a few are named after individuals, and this may be the first California state owned building named after a woman (a Southern California government building is reportedly named after Rosa Parks). CDHA was invited to the renaming ceremony and was acknowledged by the Masters of Ceremony. CDHA President-Elect Darla Dale, along with Government Relations Council Co-Chairs Lisa Okamoto and Maureen Titus, and Editor Liz Moore attended.



Secretary Eu, who passed away last year at the age of 95, served as ADHA President prior to becoming an Assemblywoman and then California's Secretary of State for five terms. Secretary Eu was a true trailblazer: First woman to serve as division chair of the UCSF Dental Hygiene Department in 1951; First woman elected as California's Secretary of State; First Asian-American elected to a statewide office in the US; First woman to serve as Acting California Governor.

To learn more about this remarkable woman and her legacy, watch "Leading the Way" - [click here](#)

Governor Appoints New Secretary of CA Health & Human Services Agency

Governor Newsom has appointed Mark Ghaly, practicing pediatrician and director of health and social impact for Los Angeles County, as his secretary for the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS). CHHS oversees the Department of Health Services, of which Jennifer Kent remains the Director.

Ghaly was deputy director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services overseeing community health and integrated programs from 2011 to 2018 and medical director for the Southeast Health Center, a San Francisco Department of Public Health clinic, from 2006 to 2011. As both a physician and an expert in public health, Ghaly brings an understanding of how individual and community health outcomes intersect with policy and law on issues like whole-person care, mental health and stage of life care. Ghaly will help lead the administration's efforts to advance Governor Newsom's agenda to lower health care costs and expand access.

RDHAP Updates

Attention RDHs and RDHAPs:

With funding from Proposition 56 (Tobacco Tax), county health departments are developing local oral health programs. They will be looking to contract with RDH/RDHAPs to do kindergarten oral health assessments, sealants and other oral health preventive services.

If you are interested and want to learn more, CDHA can help connect you.

[Click Here to take the survey on career opportunities with county health departments.](#)



RDHAP List on the Medi-Cal Dental Provider Website

At long last, Medi-Cal Dental's online provider site now includes RDHAPs, by county. Be sure your name is listed if you serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

[Click Here to view the list](#)

UPDATE ON 9920 Denti-Cal Code...

As previously reported, a new Denti-Cal Code provides additional reimbursement when serving patients with special needs! When submitting claims for reimbursement, you must include the patient's Medical Condition code in the comment section to validate the extra time needed. This benefit is available for up to four visits in a twelve month period and the supplemental payment is 40% of the Schedule of Maximum Allowance for D9920.

Liberty Dental Accepts RDHAP Providers

Liberty Dental Plan now accepts RDHAPs as providers in its network. The AP page on their website is:

<https://www.libertydentalplan.com/Providers/Join-Our-Network.aspx>



This is an important first step in getting RDHAPs recognized and included on insurance provider network. Yet only a few RDHAPs have taken advantage of this opportunity so far. Please share your concerns with Liberty Dental so that they may address the roadblocks to RDHAP participation.

Jessica Salazar-Olivares, Liberty Network Manager Provider Relations, is available to listen to those concerns as well as answer questions and help with the paperwork. Jessica can be contacted directly via E-mail at jsalazar@libertydentalplan.com or reached via phone at 888-273-2997 x 273 (office), 949-232-2505 (mobile), 5:00 am- 5:00 pm. PST, Monday through Friday.

[Liberty CA Contracting and Credentialing Packet](#)

[Liberty Site Application](#)

[Liberty Medicare Advantage Addendum](#)

LAO Report Supports Expanding AP Scope

California's Legislative Analysts's Office (LAO) released a report "Improving Access to Dental Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. This report analyzes the challenges and considers options and recommendations including expanding the scope for RDHAPs.

[Click Here for the full LAO Report](#)

A new era has begun...

The Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC) is now known as the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC). A hundred years of advocacy and growth have led us to this milestone for the profession of dental hygiene. Their website is still www.dhcc.ca.gov for the time being.



With Sunset Review behind them, the DHBC focus for 2019 is on regulatory packages.

- Required curriculum for DH educational programs;
- Radiograph decision making and the placement of Interim Therapeutic Restorations (ITRs); and
- Retired license fee and permanently disabled category.
- Mobile dental hygiene practice;
- Out of state educators for local anesthesia, nitrous oxide and curettage;
- Any changes necessary due to legislation passed regarding criminal convictions.

Check the DHBC website in the upcoming months for postings of the above regulatory packages.

The next DHBC meeting will be in Sacramento on April 12-13.

Dental Board Meeting (DBC)

The DBC is undergoing their own Sunset Review in 2019. For those interested the DBC's Sunset Report can be found at <https://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/index.shtml#reps>.

The next DBC meeting will be in Anaheim on May 15-16.

DHBC and DBC meetings are all webcast and can be viewed on their respective websites, www.dhcc.ca.gov and www.dbc.ca.gov.

CalHyPAC: Keeping Our Political Voice Strong

This year's Silent Auction at the **CDHA House of Delegates (HOD)** will benefit CalHyPAC. Each component's participation is appreciated and more information has been provided to your Trustees. While at the HOD, be sure to visit CalHyPAC's Boutique featuring 90's Neon/Glow accessories to compliment your outfit for the President's Reception. The HOD will be held on June 7-9 at the Hyatt Regency in Orange County.

CalHyPAC is the California Dental Hygienists' Association's Political Action Committee, a separate entity from the CDHA. The PAC establishes relationships with California legislators who believe that dental hygienists are an important and essential part of the health care system. We support candidates for the California Legislature who believe in our interests, concerns and goals.

CalHyPAC is an essential part of CDHA's government affairs program and is the only political action committee that represents California dental hygienists.

[Click here to learn more about CalHyPAC and donate today!](#)

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