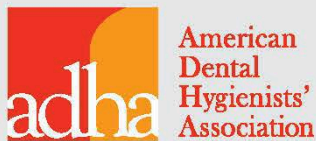




The American Dental Hygienists' Association



Giving you our best,
so you can give your best
to your patients



STRATEGIC PLAN

GOALS

1

Support dental hygiene professionals throughout their careers

Develop resources that support dental hygienists to explore current and future career pathways

Provide access to professional resources

2

Strengthen ADHA's infrastructure

Ensure ADHA has the financial, operational and human resources to support our strategic plan

Ensure unity among ADHA's tri-partite governance structure

Develop and foster a robust leadership pipeline

3

Advocate for the profession

Support state and federal advocacy efforts that advance direct access and the role of dental hygienists

Advance dental hygiene education programs to best prepare professionals for their evolving scope of practice

Foster constituent and member usage of ADHA's advocacy information

CORE IDEOLOGY

Unite, empower
and support the dental
hygiene profession

VISION

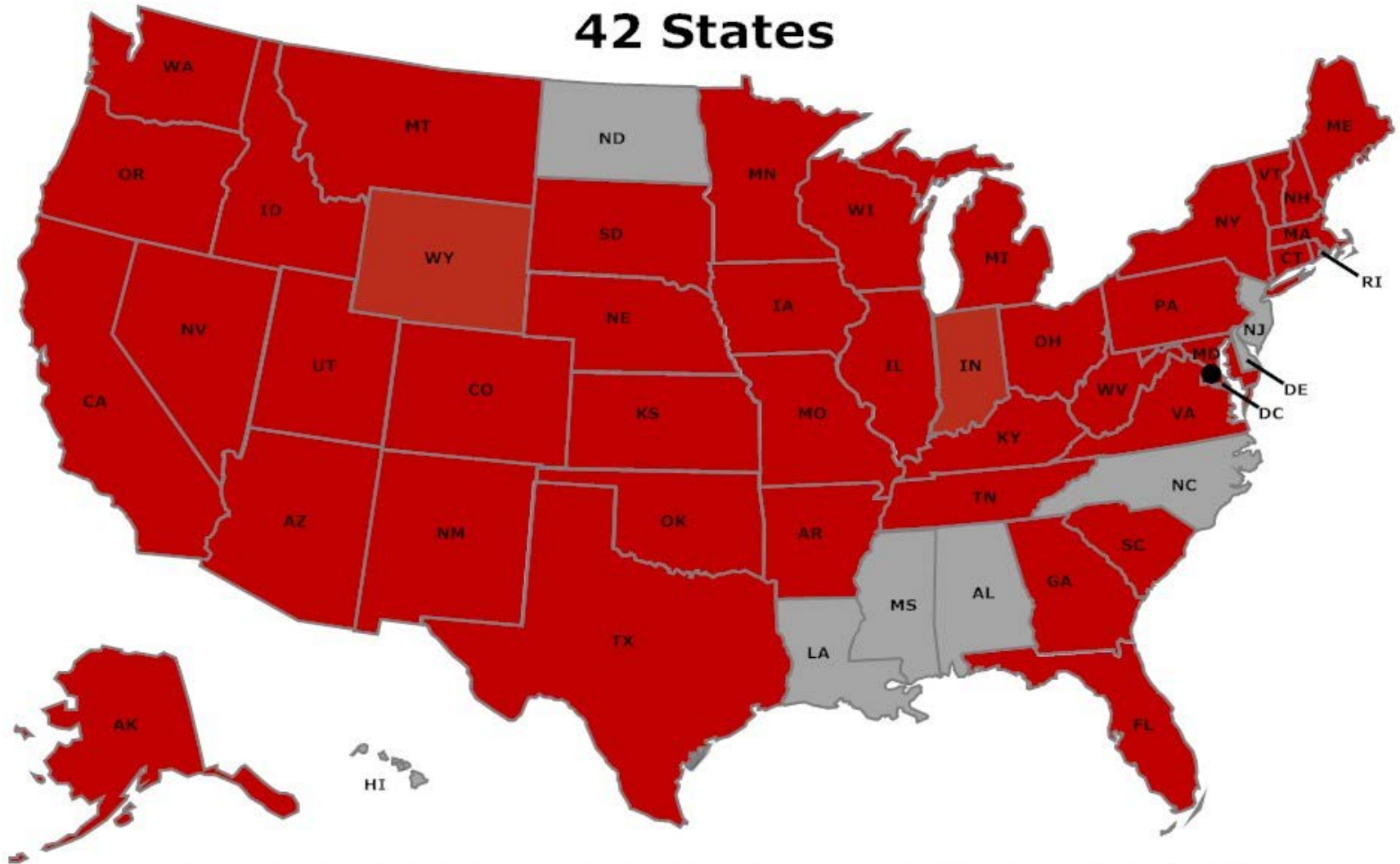
Dental hygienists are
valued and integrated
into the broader health
care delivery system
to improve the public's
oral and overall health

Direct Access

The ability of a dental hygienist to initiate treatment based on their assessment of a patient's needs without the specific authorization a dentist, treat the patient without the presence of a dentist, and maintain a provider-patient relationship.

Direct Access 2018

42 States



The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) defines direct access as the ability of a dental hygienist to initiate treatment based on their assessment of a patient's needs without the specific authorization of a dentist, treat the patient without the presence of a dentist, and maintain a provider-patient relationship (ADHA Policy Manual, 13-15).



■ States that permit direct access to dental hygienists

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ADHA Policy

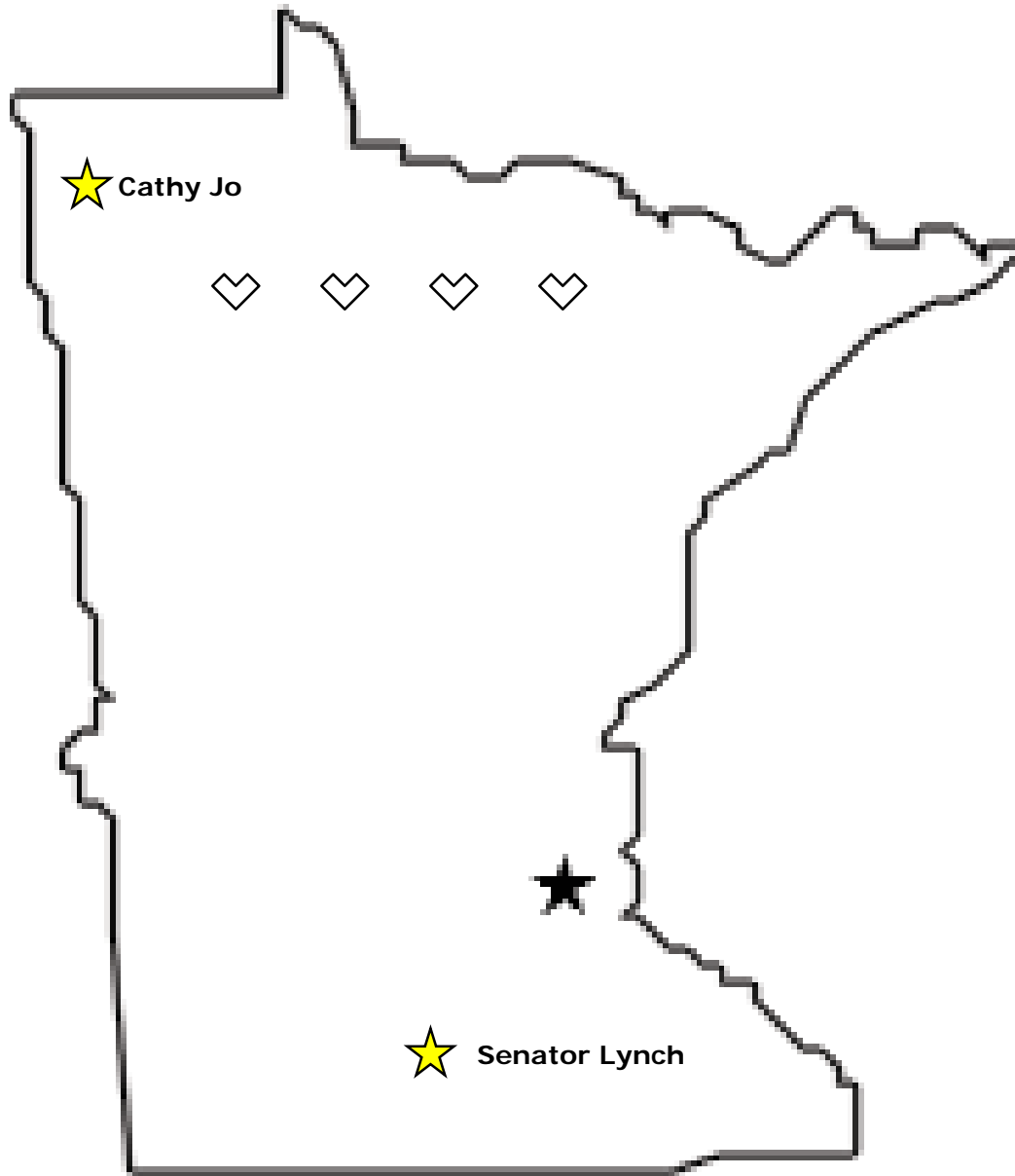
The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports oral health care workforce models that culminate in:

- Graduation from an accredited institution
- Professional licensure
- Direct access to patient care

Minnesota Goals For New Oral Health Practitioners

Improve access by filling gaps where there are not enough dentists

- Dentists are vital to the model
- Designed NOT to replace or compete with dentists
- Part of a broader strategy to improve access
- Not the silver bullet



The last thing you want to hear when you're getting dental care is "uh-oh."



But at the state Capitol, Senator Ann Lynch wants to allow a new type of dental worker to perform unsupervised surgery on you and your family - even pull your teeth - without any training at an accredited dental school.

And worse, a dentist wouldn't even have to be in the building if something goes wrong.

Minnesota's lawmakers must ensure that only supervised, dental school trained professionals perform surgery.

Call Senator Ann Lynch and tell her unsupervised workers doing dental surgery is a bad idea.

Call Senator Ann Lynch today at 651-296-4848.

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Proponents

- Apple Tree Dental
- Aging Services of Minnesota
- Arc Greater Twin Cities
- Arc of Minnesota
- BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota
- Children's Dental Services
- Children's Defense Fund Minnesota
- Community Action Head Start
- Community Dental Care
- Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
- Disability Law Center
- Ecumen
- ElderCare Rights Alliance
- Family Housing Fund
- Families Moving Forward
- HealthPartners
- Hennepin County Medical Center
- Hennepin Faculty Associates
- Lake Superior College
- Lake Superior Community Health Center
- Legal Services Advocacy Project
- Local Public Health Association
- Mary's Place, Sharing and Caring Hands
- Medica
- Metropolitan Health Plan
- Metropolitan State University
- Migrant Health Service
- Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers
- Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs
- Minnesota Council of Health Plans
- Minnesota Dental Hygienists Association
- Minnesota Dental Hygiene Educators' Association
- Minnesota Hospital Association
- Minnesota Social Services Administration
- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency
- National Dental Association
- National Rural Education Association
- National Rural Health Association
- Native American Community Clinic
- Neighborhood Health Care Network
- Neighborhood Involvement Program
- Normandale Community College
- NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center
- Open Door Health Center
- Partnership to Improve Children's Oral Health
- People Serving People
- Portico Healthnet
- PrimeWest
- Regions Hospital
- Sanford Health Plan of MN
- Scenic Rivers Health Services
- St. Anne's Place
- St. Stephen's Human Services
- Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.
- United Way Bright Smiles
- West Side Community Health Services

Opponents

- Minnesota Dental Association
- Minnesota Dental Assistants Association
- Minnesota Academy of General Dentistry

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The American Dental Hygienists' Association affirms its support for optimal oral health for all people and is committed to collaborative partnerships and coalitions that improve access to oral health services.

(Policy Manual, 7S-09/27-74)

Dental Therapists in Minnesota

- Clinics are serving more patients, most of whom are on public programs and underserved
- Improved efficiency for clinics
- Patients experience reduced wait times and travel distances
- Dental clinics experience direct cost savings
- Most savings clinics get go toward seeing more public program/underserved patients
- There are no quality or safety concerns

State Action

States with Legislative Proposals in 2018:

- Arizona
- **Connecticut**
- **Florida**
- Kansas
- Maryland
- **Massachusetts**
- **Michigan**
- Mississippi
- Ohio
- **Washington**
- **Wisconsin**

Occupational Licensing

Assessing State Policy And Practice

The following states will be working on licensing and portability issues, with the support of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA), and The Council of State Governments (CSG):

Arkansas
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Illinois
Indiana
Kentucky
Maryland
Nevada
Utah
Wisconsin

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