

# New Workforce Strategies: Learning from States & Partners

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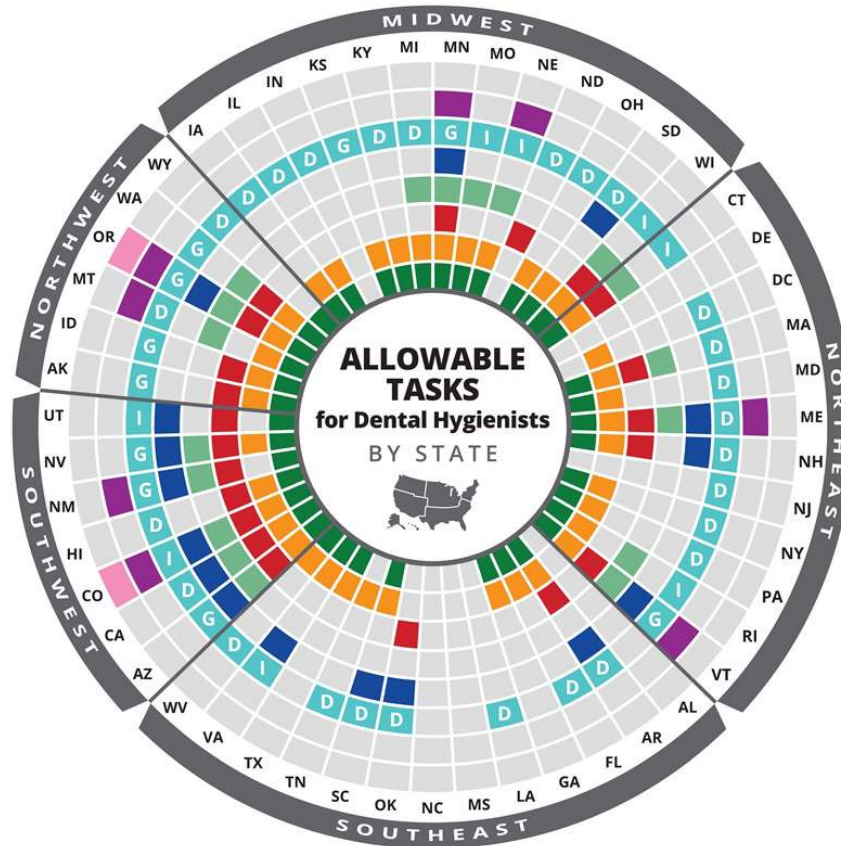
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# Variation in Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice by State



The purpose of this graphic is to help planners, policymakers, and others understand differences in legal scope of practice across states, particularly in public health settings.

Research has shown that a broader scope of practice for dental hygienists is positively and significantly associated with improved oral health outcomes in a state's population.<sup>1,2</sup>

- Dental Hygiene Diagnosis
- Prescriptive Authority
- Local Anesthesia
  - D Direct
  - I Indirect
  - G General
- Supervision of Dental Assistants
- Direct Medicaid Reimbursement
- Dental Hygiene Treatment Planning
- Provision of Sealants
- Direct Access to Prophylaxis
- Not Allowed / No Law

<https://oralhealthworkforce.org/resources/variation-in-dental-hygiene-scope-of-practice-by-state/>

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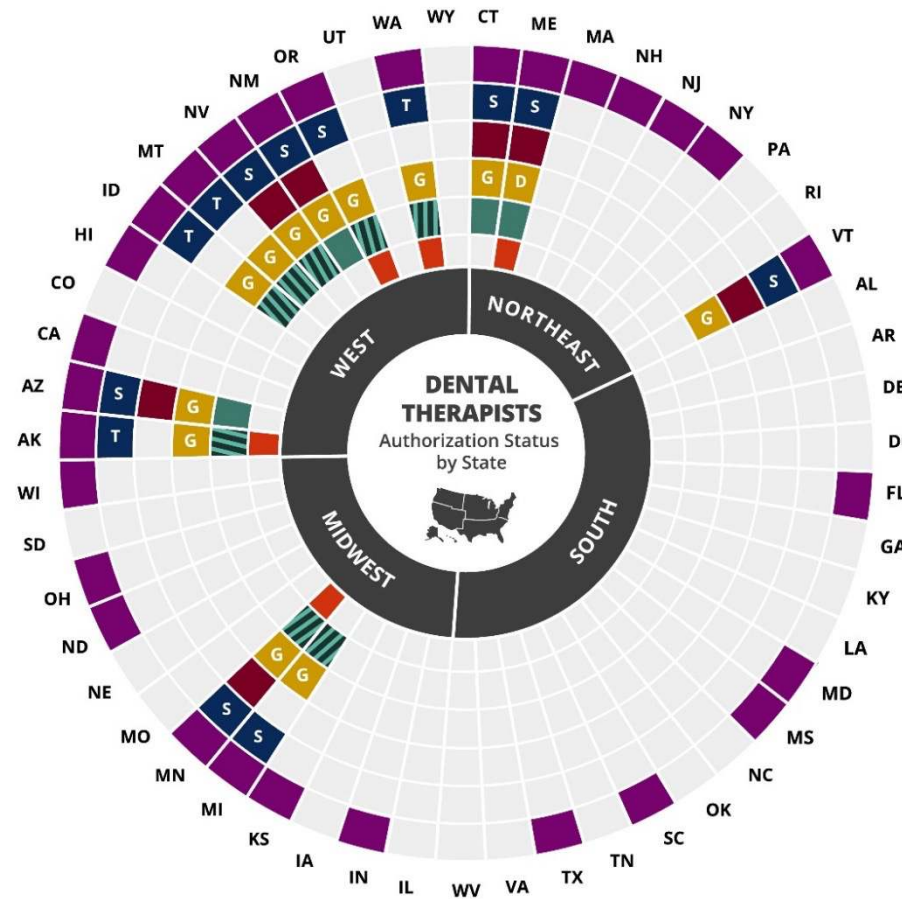
This graphic describes the highest level of practice available to a dental hygienist in a state, including dental hygiene therapy. The graphic is for informational purposes only and scope of practice is subject to change. Contact the applicable dental board or your attorney for specific legal advice.



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# Authorization Status of Dental Therapists By State



**Campaign for Dental Therapy in the State (Active or Prior)**

**Authorization of Dental Therapy**

T Tribal Dental Therapy    S Statewide

**Mandated Dual Dental Hygiene and/or Degree Requirement in State Statute**

**Dental Therapist Supervision Level by Dentist**

D Direct    I Indirect    G General

**Population/Setting Restrictions on DT Practice**

● Setting Only    ● Population Only    ● Both

**Dental Therapists Practicing in the State**

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# Apple Tree Dental Satisfaction Survey Results



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