

## HOUSE BILL No. 2324

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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AN ACT concerning dental hygienists; concerning the providing of certain dental hygiene preventive services and reimbursement therefor.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. (a) A dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene preventive services without the prior authorization or the presence of a dentist and the dental hygienist's services may be reimbursed by medicaid or any other third-party payer or agency in the following circumstances:

(1) Within the preceding three years the dental hygienist has either (A) practiced clinical dental hygiene under the supervision of a dentist for a minimum of 500 hours; or (B) been a full-time faculty member of an accredited dental hygiene program for two semesters; and

(2) the preventive services are limited to (A) application of decay preventive measures such as fluorides, fluoride varnish or pit and fissure; (B) assessment of the patients' dental hygiene status; (C) assessment of the patients' apparent need for further evaluation by a dentist to determine the presence of caries or other dental abnormalities; (D) removal of calculus, stains and accretions from surfaces of the teeth; and (E) additional services as the board may establish by rule and regulation; and

(3) The dental hygienist advises the patient that the services are preventive in nature and do not constitute comprehensive dental diagnosis and care and provides a copy of findings and report of treatment to the dental supervisor, or if there is no dentist to the medical supervisor of the facility; and

(4) The patient is treated by the dental hygienist at (A) a community, rural, migrant or federally qualified health center; (B) a state, county or local public health program or facility; (C) a state or federal correctional institution; (D) a hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility or other long-term care facility where the patient is confined; (E) a school based health program; or (F) other category or facility as the Kansas dental board may establish by rule and regulation.

(b) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the dental practices act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.