

### **Dental Hygiene Diagnosis**

The identification of oral conditions for which treatment falls within the dental hygiene scope of practice, as part of a dental hygiene treatment plan.

### **Prescriptive Authority**

The ability to prescribe, administer, and dispense fluoride, topical medications, and chlorhexidine.\*

### **Local Anesthesia**

The administration of local anesthesia.

#### **LEVEL OF SUPERVISION**

- D Direct:** The dentist is required to be physically present during the administration of local anesthesia by the dental hygienist.
- I Indirect:** The dentist is required to be on the premises during the administration of local anesthesia by the dental hygienist.<sup>†</sup>
- G General:** The dentist is required to authorize the administration of local anesthesia by the dental hygienist but is not required to be on the premises during the procedure.

### **Supervision of Dental Assistants**

The ability to supervise dental assistants when performing tasks within the dental hygiene scope of practice.

### **Direct Medicaid Reimbursement**

The direct Medicaid reimbursement of dental hygiene services to the dental hygienist.

### **Dental Hygiene Treatment Planning**

The ability of a dental hygienist to assess oral conditions and formulate treatment plans for services within the dental hygiene scope of practice.\*

### **Provision of Sealants Without Prior Examination**

The ability of a dental hygienist working in a public health setting to provide sealants without prior examination by a dentist.<sup>‡</sup>

### **Direct Access to Prophylaxis from a Dental Hygienist**

The ability of a dental hygienist working in a public health setting to provide prophylaxis without prior examination by a dentist.

### **Not Allowed / No Law**