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# Global Commitment Register

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## Licensed Dental Hygienist Provider Type

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) has received approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for Vermont Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) #15-0023 to add licensed dental hygienists as Medicaid providers so that they can bill Medicaid directly. DVHA is now implementing this approved SPA, which will allow hygienists to practice in public health settings to increase access to dental services for beneficiaries who may not be able to access conventional settings (e.g. nursing homes). The hygienists will have to have a collaborative agreement with a Vermont licensed dentist.

Provider Application Packets for Dental Hygienists can be found on the Vermont Medicaid Portal here: <http://www.vtmedicaid.com>.

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2016

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

These changes are being made pursuant to 42 CFR §430.12(c)(1)(ii) under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact of this amendment is an estimated annualized increase of \$64,848.73.

### **Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended September 30, 2015. No comments were received.

### **Additional information:**

The approved SPA page is Attachment 3.1-A, page 3d(3). The Medicaid State Plan can be viewed on the DVHA website here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>