



Advocacy in the Past 30 Years

– Serving Dental Hygienists since 1919 –

- 1994** CDHA joins the California Fluoridation Taskforce
- 1998** CDHA sponsors AB 560 creating the RDHAP license following years of CDHA advocacy and pilot projects opposed by CDA
- 2003** CDHA lobbies Regulation 1072 to remove restrictions on location of RDHAP programs
The first group of hygienists graduated from the West Los Angeles College RDHAP program
- 2006** CDHA sponsored AB 1334 (Salinas) clarifying RDHAP duties and allowing hiring of a dental assistant for limited procedures
- 2008** CDHA passed SB 853 (Perata) establishing the Dental Hygiene Committee of CA as an independent body focused solely on regulating the practice of dental hygiene - a first in the nation
- 2010** Western Regional Exam Boards (WREB) added to approved CA licensure clinical exams
- 2013** CDHA Task Force begins process that results in the CDT Code Full Mouth Debridement (Effective 2017)
- 2014** Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) added to approved CA licensure clinical exams
CDHA advances scope of practice for RDH/RDHAP placement of interim temporary restorations via telehealth supervision by passing AB 1174 (Bocanegra)
CDHA supports SB 850 (Block) creating a statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program for 15 community college districts
- 2016** CDHA sponsors AB 502 (Chau) allowing RDHAPs to incorporate
- 2018** CDHA sponsors AB 1482 (Low) establishing the Dental Hygiene Committee as its own autonomous board – the Dental Hygiene Board of CA – allowing RDHs and APs to determine the direction of their profession for years to come
CDHA and Assemblyman Nguyen create Periodontal Disease Awareness Month
- 2021** CDHA supports AB 927 (Medina) which makes permanent the Statewide Baccalaureate Degree opportunities for additional community colleges
- 2022** CDHA sponsors AB 2145 (Davies) clarifying that RDHAPs can provide in-service training in Skilled Nursing Facilities
- 2023** CDHA successfully lobbied to stop a bill (AB 481) that would allow unlicensed dental assistants to place sealants
- 2024** CDHA supports AB 2630 (Bonta) including transitional kindergarten in the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment mandate
CDHA removes barriers to practice in Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas and further solidifies DHBC's independence from DBC by passing SB 1451 (Roth) – marking long sought wins for dental hygiene profession
CDHA opposes ADA resolutions to allow dental assistants to scale supra gingival and allow foreign trained dentists to work as hygienists
- 2025** CDHA joined the coalition to oppose the elimination of the Prop. 56 Medi-Cal Dental enhancements
CDHA strengthened its relationship with the Department of Health Care Services, which administers the Medical Dental program, to the benefit of hygienists and their patients. CDHA worked with DHCS, and continues to work with them, to resolve portal issues APs have experienced with the transition from Delta Dental to Gainwell
CDHA had discussions with Dental Therapy proponents regarding the regulation of dental hygiene practice and education programs in California
CDHA successfully opposed AB 873, an attempt to reduce infection control protections for dental assistants, which would impact the dental team. The bill was held in committee
CDHA successfully supported SB 386, a bill sponsored by the CA Dental Association, to stop predatory dental insurance plan billing practices. The bill was signed into law