

HB 459 -- EXTENDED ACCESS FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS

SPONSOR: Allen

This bill allows a dental hygienist to enter into an extended access agreement with a dentist authorizing them to provide dental hygiene services in areas of the state without being under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. The extended access agreement will outline the protocols for practice, description of services allowed, populations to be served, the responsibilities of the partnering dentist and the hygienist concerning consultation, record maintenance, emergency management plan, and referral procedures.

The bill contains provisions regarding the creation and the operation of an extended access agreement.