



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 146

Assembly Amendment 1

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 146

Current law authorizes dental hygienists to practice dental hygiene in certain settings, without the authorization and presence of a licensed dentist, in accordance with certain conditions specified in the statutes. Assembly Bill 146 increases the settings in which this may occur, by including the following:

- Federal, state, county, or municipal correctional or detention facilities and facilities established to provide care for terminally ill patients.
- Charitable institutions open to the general public or members of a religious sect or order.
- Nonprofit home health care agencies.
- Nonprofit dental care programs serving primarily indigent, economically disadvantaged, or migrant worker populations.
- Nursing homes, community-based residential facilities, and hospitals.
- Facilities that are primarily operated for the purpose of providing outpatient medical services.

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In addition to the settings identified in the bill, Assembly Amendment 1 adds the following settings in which dental hygienists may practice dental hygiene without the authorization and presence of a licensed dentist:

- Adult family homes.
- Adult day care centers.

- Community rehabilitation programs, which are defined as a nonprofit entity or governmental agency providing vocational rehabilitation services to disabled individuals to maximize the employment opportunities of such individuals.

BILL HISTORY

On March 28, 2017, Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Bernier. On March 29, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Health recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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