



Legislative Committee

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Legislative bill S. 20, an act to establish and regulate dental therapists in Vermont, was signed into law by Governor Peter Shumlin in June 2016. The new provider will be based on a dental hygienist and will help increase access to dental care for Vermonters. Vermont Technical College administrators and faculty have begun the process of creating an educational program to train dental therapists at their Williston campus.

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) has received approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to add licensed dental hygienists as Medicaid providers so that they can bill Medicaid directly. This 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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