



Summary

Analysis of Permissibility of Delegation to Dental Assistants of the Four CPFDA Functions

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States Allowing or Not Prohibiting Dental Assistants to Perform All Four Tasks (Coronal Polishing, Fluoride Application, Sealant Application, & Topical Anesthetics Application)**: **35**

Alaska	Georgia	Louisiana*	Mississippi	New Mexico	Oregon	Utah
Arizona	Idaho	Maine	Montana	North Carolina	Pennsylvania	Vermont
California	Illinois	Massachusetts	Nevada	North Dakota	South Carolina	Virginia
Colorado	Kansas	Michigan	Nebraska	Ohio	South Dakota	Washington
Florida	Kentucky	Minnesota	New Hampshire	Oklahoma	Tennessee	West Virginia

States Expressly Prohibiting Dental Assistants from Performing Each of the Four Tasks†

A. Coronal Polishing: 8

Connecticut	Maryland
Delaware	New Jersey
District of Columbia	New York
Hawaii	Rhode Island

B. Fluoride Application: 6

Connecticut	Missouri
Delaware	Wisconsin
Hawaii	
Iowa	

C. Sealant Application: 13

Alabama	District of Columbia	Maryland	Wyoming
Arkansas	Hawaii	Missouri	
Connecticut	Indiana	New York	
Delaware	Iowa	Wisconsin	

D. Topical Anesthetics Application: 2

New York
Texas

* Coronal polishing and placing sealants are not listed as allowed tasks in Louisiana Dental Practice Act; however, the two tasks are included in a sample outline for Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA) courses provided by the Louisiana Board, so we believe that since they are not prohibited in Louisiana, they are allowed.

** States in which the four tasks are not expressly allowed but could be implied to be allowed are included in this list.

† Including those states where dental assistants are prohibited from performing tasks delegated to dental hygienists.

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