

Dear Colleagues,

On May 3, 2011, House Bill 1319 by Representative Gayle Harrell passed the Florida Senate 38-0 with language allowing licensed Florida dental hygienists to performed preventative oral health services in health access settings without the prior authorization of a dentist. The bill was presented by Senator Thad Altman who substituted HB 1319 for his companion bill. Yesterday, the identical bill passed the Florida House 116-0.

This language was originally filed in House Bill 225 by Representative Fred Costello and Senate Bill 446 by Senator Alan Hays.

Senator Hays, Senator Altman, Representative Costello and Representative Harrell were all instrumental in the passage of this law.

Next, HB 1319 will go to Governor Rick Scott for his signature. A big thanks to everyone who contacted their legislators!

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