



Wisconsin's Path to Dental Therapy

By Chelsea Luong, ADTA Communications Associate

Assembly Bill 668 aims to address gaps in oral healthcare by introducing dental therapists. Dental therapists will be authorized to engage in the limited practice of dentistry, enhancing access to dental services for communities in need. Here is an overview of the key provisions outlined in the bill and examines the potential impact on oral healthcare.



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Dental Therapy, A Building Block for Oral Health Care Teams

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The ADTA introduces our treasurer, Mark Kobylinsky! Mark holds dual licenses in dental therapy and dental hygiene, with nine years as a dental hygienist and one year as a dental therapist. Mark received his dental therapy license from Oregon in November 2022 when it began issuing licenses. He is one of 13 licensed dental therapists currently working in the state. Currently, Mark works at Willamette Dental, located in the heart of Southeast Portland, Oregon.



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VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2023



ADTA Virtual Annual Meeting Recap

The ADTA held its Virtual Annual Meeting on Monday, December 11, at 5:30 pm PT. If you could not attend, you can now view the recordings online. Videos have been broken down and include the ADTA Update & Highlights from 2023, a Policy Update from Laura Hale Brannon, project manager for dental therapy with Community Catalyst, and a Tribal update from Dawn Landon, policy & public health programs coordinator with the National Indian Health Board Oral Health Initiative.

[ADTA Virtual Annual Meeting Videos Link.](#)

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OPPORTUNITY JUST AHEAD

If you are in need of scholarship funding, continuing education, or are interested in becoming a dental therapist, click on the opportunities below.

- Michigan Community Health Centers are eager to hire dental therapists, and the Delta Dental Foundation will provide a \$5,000 Workforce Development Incentive to any dental therapist who accepts a position at a Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) member health center! **Watch MPCA's Career Center Page** for new career opportunities.
- The State of Vermont is in need of a dental therapy director at Vermont State University. Legislation passed in 2016 and filling this position will allow Vermont to begin its dental therapy education program. For more information, **click here.**
- Optimize Dental Teams with Dental Therapists: A free self paced 3 credit CE course. For more information, **click here.**

2024 National Tribal Health Conference

Mark your calendars! National Indian Health Board will be hosting their National Tribal Health Conference on **May 19-23, 2024 in Rapid City, SD!**



ON DEMAND LEARNING



Below is a list of on demand webinars in the dental industry. To learn more, click on the event.

- [Minimally Invasive Care in Dentistry: Healing Tooth Decay with Brush On Therapies](#)
 - [An Introduction to Value-Based Care in Oral Health: Moving from Volume to Value](#)
 - [Glass Ionomer Cement: Prevention and Beyond](#)
 - [Caring for Individuals with Disabilities: Practical Considerations for Dental Providers](#)
 - [Providing Oral Health Care to Autistic Individuals](#)
 - [Understanding and Providing Trauma-Informed Oral Health Care](#)
 - [Dental Fear and Anxiety: Why It Exists and What Providers Can Do to Help](#)
 - [Updating Your Knowledge of Dental Caries: Causes, Concerns, and Considerations](#)
 - [Connecting Caries Risk Assessments and Cultural Awareness](#)
 - [Managing Dental Caries: Evolving Strategies and Proven Techniques](#)
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