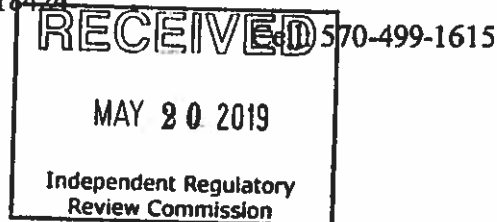


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Subject: Rulemaking 16A-4633 (Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners Practice Sites)

Dear Regulatory Counsel,

I am a Nurse Practitioner who currently works in a Federally Funded FQHC in a pediatric setting. Given this setting I often deal first hand with families that face many barriers when trying to get their children general well care, sick care, and of course, dental care. I truly believe in offering as many services as possible while the child is present in your care. Once the child has left your office, you have lost an opportunity to help that child in all capacities.

Incorporating a PHDHP into the pediatric office can help both children and families on a multitude of levels. Parents could schedule one day from work instead of several days to go to various offices. They will feel empowered in helping their child get the best care possible and knowing they are not over utilizing days off from work.

Having PHDHP's working directly in the same setting will ensure that each child is receiving the appropriate health screenings and oral health care needed in one visit. Parents will be educated on the importance of dental hygiene, so having a PHSHP on site can only increase the child's wellbeing overall. With good oral hygiene care incorporated into well visits, there will be a decline in absenteeism from school because children will be healthier overall, not to mention the reduction of problems in the future.

In summary I firmly support rulemaking 16A-4633 Public Health Hygiene Dental.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

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