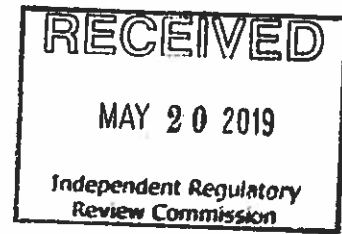


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Subject: Rulemaking 16A-4633 (Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner Practice Sites)

Dear Ms. O'Malley:

I am writing on behalf of Scranton and surrounding areas and our oral health community. Our community would greatly benefit from the proposed changes of the PHDHP access to care.

I believe that every person should have the access to quality oral care and the expansion of this rule will allow for the needs of our residents to receive such.

The addition of a Public Health Dental Hygienist to public school districts would reach the needs of our children, of whom will benefit the most with this proposed rule.

The expansion into medical facilities would also be in the best interest of our children due to the fact that most have a medical home and not a dental home by the age of one.

In summary, I support rulemaking 16A-4633 Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner Practice Sites and respectfully requests acceptance of the rulemaking as proposed.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Samantha Bitto