



CalHyPAC

KEEPING OUR POLITICAL VOICE STRONG

CalHyPAC, the Political Action Committee of the California Dental Hygienists' Association sends this newsletter to continue to provide you with the latest information about legislation, regulations and policies affecting California dental hygienists and let you know how you can help.

CalHyPAC Newsletter

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WHAT IS CalHyPAC?

CalHyPAC is the Political Action Committee created by the California Dental Hygienists' Association.

CalHyPAC is a voluntary, non-partisan, political advocacy committee.

CalHyPAC is an essential part of CDHA's government relations program

CalHyPAC supports legislators who share the interest, concerns and goals of the dental hygiene profession.

Dear California Dental Hygienists,

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CALIFORNIA



CDHA will be having a Legislative Day!!

Date: Tuesday March 21, 2017

Make plans now to join us and help legislators understand and support our role as dental hygienists in improving healthcare. More details to come soon.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

- Recent policy changes threaten care to the elderly, developmentally and medically challenged and homebound.
- SB 815 Advisory Committee has been selected
 - includes consumer advocacy organizations, provider/providers associations, health plans/health plan associations, and legislative staff.
 - No dental provider included.
- The CDHA Government Relations Council (GRC) and Alternative Practice Council (APC) developed a Position Paper. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Aaron Read & Associates (ARA) also developed a press release and Call to Action. [CLICK HERE](#)

Labor Laws and Employee Rights

- National Labor Relations Board provides free speakers to groups. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

Dental Hygiene Committee of California

- DHCC is working to correct DHCS' misconception that caries risk assessment is not in the DH scope of practice.

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Dental Board of California

- California Dental Director, Dr. Jay Kumar reported to August Dental Board of California that he is:
 - Considering loan repayment for dental hygiene, not just dentistry.
 - Possibility of expanding workforce capacity beyond dental personnel, perhaps into medical practices

The CDHA Government Relations Council's (GRC) and Aaron Read and Associates developed a Position Paper. [click here](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING NATIONALLY

In June, CDHA's House of Delegates voted to separate from the ADHA. California Registered Dental Hygienists have the option of joining CDHA as a stand alone organization. They can also join the ADHA separately.



Supreme Court Ruling has States reexamining Licensing Boards

- Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Louisiana, and Nebraska are the first states to reexamine the licensing boards.
- California and Washington are self regulated by dental hygiene boards.



Recent Legislation

Legislature has ended it's 2016 Session for the year. Now is a good time to visit your legislator in his/her local office, introduce yourself as an RDH or RDHAP serving in his/her constituent and indicate your desire to help with healthcare issues, access, etc. Talking points available in the Members Section of [CDHA.org](#).

For this year's legislative bills signed by Governor Brown of interest to our profession, check out the October 2016 GRC Legislative Update.

CalHyPAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT-HEIDI COGGAN

Meet the CalHyPAC Chair, Heidi Coggan RDHAP, BS.

I have been an active member of CalHyPAC committee for over six years now. Prior to being on the committee, I have always recognized the importance of supporting CDHA's PAC.

As an RDHAP, I recognize the need to expand our scope of practice and allow the underserved access to care. DHCS has recently stated that caries assessment is not in an RDH/RDHAP's scope of practice. This is very concerning. It affects all hygienists and the people who suffer the most are the patients who are no longer receiving dental hygiene care.

As RDHs AND RDHAPs, we have had to fight for every victory! We must continue to be vigilant in order to continue towards progress. CDHA continually advocates on behalf of patients as well as dental hygienists and CalHyPAC is the committee that supports all candidates who share in CDHA's vision. I personally believe that as our vision continues to evolve and expand, supporting CalHyPAC is one of THE most important steps we can make in advancing our future. We have the power if we use the right tools! Please donate at your next local meeting or visit calhypac.org and donate on the website.



ADVOCACY

Advocacy is an important component in any organization and for its members to make legislators aware of their positions on policy issues. As a licensed profession governed by state practice acts and rules, dental hygiene is directly impacted by many policy issues that shape day-to-day dental hygiene practice and the delivery of oral health care services.

Issues requiring advocacy in California are: scope of practice, access to care, continuing education and reimbursement under Dent-Cal. Your involvement as a dental hygiene professional is critical to the success of any advocacy effort! Below are CalHyPAC members working hard for our members.

Read about the power of CDHA advocacy.

[CLICK HERE](#)



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CDHA'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FIRM IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN CALIFORNIA

The California Dental Hygienists' Association has retained the legislative advocacy firm of [Aaron Read and Associates](#) since 1984 to help us work with legislative leaders, state agencies, the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC) and other associations.



Aaron Read,
legislative advocate

Together we promote state policies encouraging increased availability of oral health care, to improve laws and regulations that protect the public's oral health and enhance the practice of dental hygiene. CDHA's executive officers, the Government Relations Council (GRC) and the CalHyPAC committee work closely with legislative advocates Mr. Aaron Read, Mr. Terry McHale, and Ms. Jennifer Tannehill

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !

Want to help CDHA be successful in having a strong voice in Sacramento about the issues we care about?

- You can donate money to CalHyPAC
We welcome donations from members, friends, potential members, and non-members.
- You can write letters to your legislators about legislation affecting dental hygiene.
- **JOIN YOUR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.** Legislative victories are made possible through the involvement of members like yourself and CDHA's multifaceted public policy initiatives. You are essential to the success of CDHA'S legislative and political advocacy.

WANT TO DONATE?

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