

## **Information for lavender band Public Health Supervision Reports**

**Do you work under public health supervision?  
Did you know that complying with the Iowa Dental Board rules, which includes filing a summary report of the services you provide each year with the Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau, is very important to the continued success of this program?**

**The board rules pertaining to reporting are:**

**10.5(4) *Reporting requirements.*** Each dental hygienist who has rendered services under public health supervision must complete a summary report at the completion of a program or, in the case of an on going program, at least annually. The report shall be filed with the oral health bureau of the Iowa department of public health on forms provided and include information related to the number of patients seen and services provided to enable the department to assess the impact of the program. The department will provide summary reports to the board on an annual basis.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.15.

Public health supervision of dental hygienists has been a significant step in improving access to preventive dental care for many underserved Iowans. Last year, dental hygienists working under public health supervision provided sealants to more than 5,400 Iowa children; nearly 43,000 screenings and 28,550 fluoride varnish applications were also provided.

If you provide preventive services under public health supervision, your data is very is very important. Reporting the services you provide has allowed the dental board to assess the continued need for public health supervision, and it has helped to expand the program. Data collected so far have played a role in two important changes. Nursing homes were added to the sites where working under public health supervision, dental hygienists, can provide dental hygiene services, and most recently the board removed the one-year exam requirement for hygiene services so that a collaborating dentist and dental hygienist can determine the time frame that an exam must occur in order to meet the needs of their individual programs.

Please do your part to keep these services available to those patients that need them the most. Adhering to board rules and correctly filing reports will ensure that hygienists will continue to work under public health supervision and underserved populations will continue to receive preventive services. If you need information about filing these reports, please contact the Oral Health Bureau at 1-866-528-4020.