















## Dental Therapy State Law Comparison

	AK 	MN 	ME 	VT 	AZ 	MI 	ID 	NM 	NV 	CT 	OR 	CO 	WA 	WI 
Year authorized	2004	2009	2014 (amended in 2019 & 2023)	2016	2018	2018 (amended in 2020)	2019	2019	2019	2019	2021	2022	2017/2023*	2024
Authorizing authority	Federal	State	State	State	State	State	State	State	State	State	State	State	State	State
Link to Statute	<a href="#">Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Standards</a>	<a href="#">HF 535</a>	<a href="#">LD 1230, LD 1441, LD 1581</a>	<a href="#">SB 20</a>	<a href="#">HB 2235</a>	<a href="#">SB 541, HB 5827</a>	<a href="#">SB 1129</a>	<a href="#">HB 308</a>	<a href="#">SB 366</a>	<a href="#">SB 807</a>	<a href="#">HB 2528</a>	<a href="#">SB 219</a>	<a href="#">SB 5079</a>	<a href="#">SB 689</a>
Received state license?	No (federal CHAP certification)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (certification on top of hygiene license)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Practice setting restrictions	Tribal health system	Public health facility, Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or 50%+ of patients be underserved	None	None	Tribal clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and look-alikes	Public health facility or 50%+ of patients underserved	Tribal health system	Tribal clinics and public health facilities	Public health facility or 50%+ of patients underserved	Public health facilities	Public health facility, HPSA or 50%+ of patients be underserved	None	Tribal clinics, FQHCs and look-alikes	HPSA or 50%+ of patients be underserved
Education	CHAP board certified program (which must meet or exceed Commission on Dental Accreditation [CODA] standards)	Program approved by MN dental board or CODA accredited	CODA accredited or a program the dental board deems equivalent	CODA accredited (unless applying for licensure by endorsement)	CODA accredited (unless licensed in another state first)**	CODA accredited or a program the dental board deems equivalent	CODA accredited	CODA accredited	CODA accredited	CODA accredited	CODA accredited or participant in OR dental therapy pilots	CODA accredited or AK/MN program developed before the adoption of CODA standards in 2015	CODA accredited or graduated before Sept. 2022 from a program the dental board deems equivalent	CODA accredited or at the time of graduation was approved by the MN dental board and was subsequently CODA accredited
Specific degree required?	No	Dental Therapist (DT): BS Advanced Dental Therapist (ADT): MS	MS	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hygiene degree required?	No	No	Yes	Yes (unless applying for licensure by endorsement)	Yes (unless licensed in another state first or practicing in Tribal settings)**	No	No	Yes (except in Tribal settings)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Minimum level of supervision after completing clinical hours	General	DT: Varies by procedure ADT: General	General	General	General	General	General	General or on-site supervision depending on procedure	General	General	General or on-site supervision depending on procedure	General or on-site supervision depending on procedure	General	General
Minimum clinical hours before full licensure or general supervision	400 hours	2,000 hours	2,000 hours	1,000 hours	1,000 hours	500 hours	500 hours	1,500-2,000 hours	500-1,500 hours	1,000 hours	None	1,000 hours	400 hours if graduated from non-CODA accredited program	2,000 hours

Note: Dental therapists in the Tribal health system can work under a state license or a federal certification under the Community Health Aide Program, however, in the Lower 48, a state must have also authorized dental therapists in order for them to be able to work under a CHAP certification.

\*Dental therapists were authorized in Washington Tribal communities in 2017 and in FQHCs and look-alikes in 2023

\*\* Under its Universal License Recognition law, Arizona allows dental therapists who are Arizona residents and licensed in other states to receive a license in Arizona