

# UNDERSTANDING LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

## PROPOSED REGULATORY BYLAW AMENDMENTS

### CONSULTATION OBJECTIVES

- Validate Requirements for Independent Practice
- Ensure Public Protection and Patient Safety
- Publicly Informed Decision Making
- Align Regulatory Standards
- Balance Autonomy with Accountability
- Engage Partners in Policy Development

### CONSULTATION WINDOW

JAN 29, 2026- FEB 24, 2026

### PARTNERS WE ARE ENGAGING

- Public
- Dental Hygienists
- Provincial and National Associations
- Indigenous Consulting Groups
- Regulatory Bodies

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



A pending change to provincial health legislation would allow dental hygienists to practice independently of employment or contract with a dentist.

To implement this change, the College of Dental Hygienists of Saskatchewan (CDHS) is seeking input on new requirements to practice aimed to ensure safe, quality care.

### CURRENT STATE

Approximately 3% of dental hygienists in Saskatchewan practice *independently* (self-employed) under a contract agreement with a dentist.



### PROPOSED

Dental hygienists would apply for approval from the College to practice *independently*, and meet the additional requirements set out in the proposed bylaw amendments



### EXEMPTIONS

Dental hygienists practising as employees will not be impacted by this change.



## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Consultation feedback will be reviewed and compiled
- CDHS Council will approve the amendments for the next phase
- Proposed amendments be submitted to Ministry of Health, Government of Saskatchewan for approval and enactment
- Repeal of Section 25 of the Dental Disciplines Act and accompanying bylaw changes to be implemented

We invite you to review the consultation materials and submit feedback by February 24, 2026, via the **SUBMIT FEEDBACK** icon on the homepage of our website

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