



March 5, 2021

To: Advisory Committee for Oral Health Nevada (AC4OH)

From: The Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association (NDHA)

RE: NDHA update for March 5, 2021

The NDHA continues to support current bill language for all licensed dental practitioners to administer vaccines. The NDHA created an infographic flyer to promote vaccine administration for distribution to legislators for Nevada's Oral Health Matters Legislative Days to be held on March 25-26th. Please see the attached flyer.

The NDHA supports the role of the dental hygienist as a primary care professional. In October 2020, the NDHA passed a resolution during their House of Delegates to advocate for dental hygienists to apply for and obtain a National Provider Identification (NPI) number. The NPI system acknowledges and verifies primary care providers with a unique numerical combination and documents the proportion of professionals available to treat patients in each specialty. Therefore, the NDHA is hosting an educational webinar on March 12th to educate dental hygienists on the NPI system and its utilization as well as how to apply for an NPI number.

In addition to the NPI webinar, the NDHA has planned multiple continuing education events in conjunction with its Northern and Southern NV component associations and the Western Society of Periodontology, beginning with our first in-person CE event on April 9-10th.

Please feel free to reach out if any additional information is needed. Thank you to the AC4OH for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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