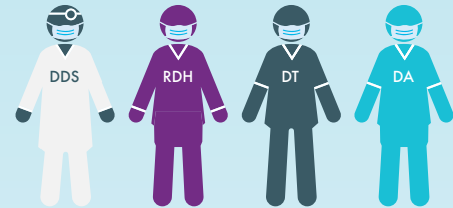


A Career Ladder for Allied Dental Professionals



DENTAL THERAPY

PROVIDES AN **OPPORTUNITY** FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND ASSISTANTS TO ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS, WORK WITH **MORE AUTONOMY**, AND EARN **BETTER PAY**.



NOW WE CAN EXPAND THE DENTAL TEAM

TO INCLUDE VERSATILE MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS. THEY CAN SUPERVISE DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND HYGIENISTS AND PRACTICE WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE SUPERVISING DENTIST.

RDHs ARE WELL-POSITIONED TO **SEEK A LICENSE** IN DENTAL THERAPY AND WOULD BE THE **MOST VERSATILE** MID-LEVEL PROVIDER. TREATMENTS FOR PERIODONTAL DISEASE ARE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF A DENTAL THERAPIST, BUT A **DUALLY LICENSED RDH/DT** CAN PROVIDE THESE **MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES**.

DAs AND RDAs ARE ALSO WELL-POSITIONED TO **PURSUe A LICENSE** IN DENTAL THERAPY, WITH **KNOWLEDGE** AND **EXPERIENCE** IN **RESTORATIVE INSTRUMENTS** AND **PROCEDURES**.

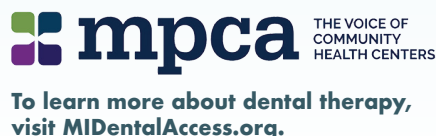


THE ABILITY OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE IS **LIMITED** BY THEIR **SCOPE OF PRACTICE** AND **SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS**.



CODA STANDARDS

ALLOW FOR ALLIED DENTAL PROFESSIONALS TO ENTER A DENTAL THERAPY EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH **ADVANCED STANDING** TO RECOGNIZE THE OVERLAP IN SKILL SETS.



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