

Understanding the State Board Role in Policymaking and What That Means to Us

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Introduction

In this hour we will cover:

- An overview of the role of state regulatory agencies
- A state by state guide to Yes Allowed - 16, No Prohibited 5, and Not Regulated 30
- Introduction to Course Objectives
- How you can find, share and learn more about regulatory issues*

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What are states doing with hygiene use of lasers?

- Each state has the opportunity to regulate their own State Practice Act (SPA) and Scope of Practice, deciding about laser use by doctors and hygienists using lasers under their license. The main concern is that lasers are not just picked up and used without some knowledge of the tool.
- Several state dental boards have asked the ALD to help them better understand lasers prior to setting up regulations that would help their constituents to ensure public safety. Our association is ready to assist any regulator that has questions and seeks to better understand laser technology and its uses in dentistry.



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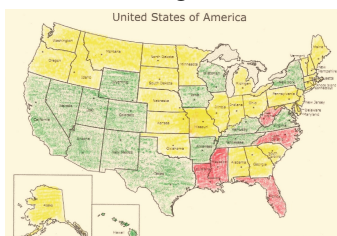
Is regulation needed for dentists and hygienists?

- It is up to each state to determine what their Practice Act consists of and what is necessary to ensure safety. ALD stands ready to assist as needed. States like Nevada, Arizona and Wisconsin have regulations stipulating CE requirements for re-licensure. Some state regulations don't address this topic, while others do with sometimes, inaccurate information about safe laser use.
- This is a bit of a conundrum. Yes, education is needed for safe and effective laser use by any dental practitioner – dentist and hygienist. Should states regulate the use of a dental device / tool is the conundrum?



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What does US Regulation look like across the country?



GREEN – YES, has regulation and approved by State Board

YELLOW – CAUTION, unclear regulation or no regulation

RED – STOP regulation indicate lasers cannot be used by hygienists



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States Allowing Laser Use by Dental Hygienists

- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Hawaii
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- New York
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming



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States Prohibiting Laser Use by Dental Hygienists

- Florida
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- West Virginia



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States That Do Not Have Regulation on Laser Use by Dental Hygienists

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Vermont
- Washington



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Case Studies: Let's look at 8 different state regulations

- We will discuss regulation language in state rules for 8 states
- Wyoming – Texas – Nevada – West Virginia – Florida – Oklahoma – Washington – Maryland



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Case Study 1: Wyoming Yes State

- Wyoming is a YES State. Hygienists have expanded duties and a certification is required; may provide soft tissue therapy within the scope of practice. Cannot use lasers to treat aphthous ulcers or herpetic lesions. Cannot use laser settings that cut soft tissue.



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Case Study 2: Texas Yes State

- Texas is a YES State. Hygienists can use lasers. Requires 12 hours of CE at an approved course, including a hands-on CE activity. Dentists are required to have equivalent or higher training/certification.



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Case Study 2: Texas Yes State, continued

What happened in Texas?

- When the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners was discussing this topic, Dr. Brewster went to all three public board hearings and spoke on the need for education beyond what the manufacturers provide for clinicians. Some include the education with the laser purchase, as was his experience with his first laser and what got Dr. Brewster started with ALD. But not all clinicians take advantage of the manufacturer training, which is difficult to believe, but true. The percentage of participation in free, voluntary, hands-on training is not what it should be. The Texas Board decided to require 8 hours of lecture on science and tissue interaction with 4 hours of hands-on clinical simulation on pig jaws to provide a tactile experience with tissue interaction. During simulation exercises, we demonstrate how power settings and frequency make a difference in results.



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Case Study 3: Nevada Yes State

- Nevada is a YES State that is very specific with its SPA stating...therapeutic perio treatment to include scaling, curettage and has to meet ALD Standards in Laser Education.

Note: In Nevada's rule, the CE activity requires review and approval. Not all courses meet the ALD standards for exams and certification. It is the clinicians responsibility to select courses that meet Nevada's guidelines as meeting ALD's standards. Not all courses will satisfy the Nevada ruling.



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Case Study 4: West Virginia No State

- West Virginia is a No State. Lasers limited to dentists only, even low power lasers.



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Case Study 5: Florida No State

- Florida is a No state. Florida is actively trying to set regulations to move forward with lasers for hygienists. It didn't pass for 2018, but the state is planning on continuing to address this for a more positive result in the future.



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Case Study 6: Oklahoma No Regulation State

- Oklahoma is a NR No Regulation State which currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA. This means that they don't say yes but more importantly they don't say no, allowing hygienists to use their own discretion to use lasers or any tools needed to complete the procedure.



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Case Study 7: Washington No Regulation State

- Washington is a NR State, saying that soft tissue curettage is acceptable but no surgical removal of tissue



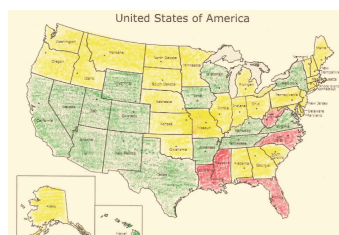
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Case Study 8: Maryland No Regulation State

- Maryland is a NR State. It is not very specific. The regulation states that they don't allow lasers but we can't find any ruling in SPA.



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Summary

In summary this course shared the following educational objectives:

- Which States allow hygienists to use lasers and to what level of practice
- How to keep up with changes that occur with your State Practice Act
- What your state may require from you if you use lasers

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Any Questions?

Thank You!

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State by State Quick Reference Chart on Laser Use by Dental Hygienists* (Draft 4.16.2018)

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Alaska	NR	08.32.110 (4)	Can perform SRP and perio soft curettage with appropriate training and supervision	Licensing Examiner: Jedediah Smith, Telephone: (907) 465-2542, Fax: (907) 465-2974, E-mail: boardofdentalexaminers@alaska.gov, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806
Arizona	Y	R4-11-601	Must complete a course of study, tutorial, written exam and hands on	4205 North 7th Avenue, Ste 300, Phoenix, AZ 85013 Phone: (602) 242-1492, Fax: (602) 242-1445
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California	Y		If laser is used, submit proof to board of completion of approved course	2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA 95815, (877) 729-7789, Fax (916) 263-2140, dentalboard@dca.ca.gov
Colorado	Y	12-35-124 (b)	Currently working on new wording for hygienists to use lasers	1560 Broadway Suite 1350, Denver, Colorado 80202, 303-894-7800, fax 303-894-7764, dental@state.co.us.
Connecticut	NR	20-1261e (2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA, No cutting or removal of soft tissue	410 Capitol Avenue MS #13 PHO, Hartford, Connecticut 06134, 860-509-7590 fax 860-509-8457, oplc.dph@ct.gov.
Delaware	NR	2.5	Full responsibility of dentist	861 Silver Lake Blvd. Cannon Building Suite 203, Dover, Delaware 19904, 302-744-4500 fax 302-739-2711, customerservice.dpr@state.de.us.
DC	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	899 North Capitol Street NE Second Floor, Washington, District Of Columbia 20002, 202-724-8755 fax 202-724-8677
Florida	N	466.023-024(2)	Currently working on new wording for hygienists to use lasers	4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, 850-245-4474, fax 850-921-5389, sue_foster@doh.state.fl.us.

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Georgia	NR		Has a list of "advanced modalities" Laser not on there, but according to "periodontal parameters is says non-surgical therapy	237 Colliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217, 478-207-2440 fax 866-888-1308.
Hawaii	Y		"...or any operation of the teeth or tissues" 5/21/12 says that they can be used to treat periodontal disease	Department Of Commerce And Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 3469, Honolulu, Hawaii 96801, 808-586-270 fax 808-586-2689, dental@dcca.hawaii.gov.
Idaho	NR	54-902	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720, 208-334-2369 fax 208-334-3247, susan.miller@isbd.idaho.gov.
Illinois	NR	225JLCS 25/7.5	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	Department Of Financial And Professional Regulation, 320 W. Washington Third Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62786, 217-785-0800 fax 217-782-7645
Indiana	NR		Perceptive supervision (PS), can't use laser that cuts, ablates hard or soft tissue, but under (PS) it must be written order	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, 402 W. Washington Street Room W072, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, 317-234-2003, fax 317-233-4236
Iowa	Y	153.15	Therapeutic and preventive in nature, recognized laser course prior. Can't be used to cut tissue	400 SW 8th Street Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, 515-281-5157 fax 515-281-7969, ibde@iowa.gov.
Kansas	NR	65-1456 (f)(4)(F)	Delegated by dentist verbally and written	900 SW Jackson Street Room 564-S, Topeka, Kansas 66612, 785-296-4690 fax 785-296-3116, info@dental.state.ks.us.
Kentucky	Y		State Board class equal or higher than Academy of Laser Dentistry, www.laserdentistry.org	312 Whittington Parkway Suite 101, Louisville, Kentucky 40222, 502-429-7280, fax 502-429-7282, David.Beyer@ky.gov.
Louisiana	N	Ch 7 701 B.2.	Says hygienists can't cut or do surgical procedure with laser, may have new pending information soon	365 Canal Street Suite 2680, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, 504-568-8574 fax 504-568-8598, pburkhalter@lsbd.org.
Maine	NR	18374-2-S	Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including Root Planing and curretage	143 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, 207-287-3333 fax 207-287-8140, dental.board@maine.gov.
Maryland	NR		States that they don't allow lasers but can't find any ruling in SPA	Spring Grove Hospital Center, Benjamin Rush Building, 55 Wade Ave/ Tulip Drive, Catonsville, MD 21228, 410-402-8501, fax 410-

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				402-8505, dhmh.mddentalboard.gov
Massachusetts	NR	Section 51	can't cut or surgical, but gingival curettage and root planning okay	239 Causeway St. 5th Floor Suite 500, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, 617-973-0971 fax 617-973-0980, dentistry.admin@state.ma.us.
Michigan	NR		Nothing listed about procedures , can do direct tissue curettage	P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909, 517-335-0918 fax 517-373-2179, bhphelp@michigan.gov.
Minnesota	NR		Nothing listed about lasers, root planing and scaling okay, regulates procedure not the tool used as long as procedure in scope	2829 University Avenue SE Suite 450, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414, 612-617-2250, fax 612-617-2260, Marshall.Shragg@state.mn.us.
Mississippi	N	73-9-5 (1)	Board regulation 13- No, Dental Hygienists provide treatment to prevent oral disease, periodontal disease	600 East Amite Street Suite 100, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, 601-944-9622 fax 601-944-9624, dental@dentalboard.ms.gov.
Missouri	NR	332.311 2	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	3605 Missouri Boulevard P.O. Box 1367, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, 573-751-0040 fax 573-751-8216 dental@pr.mo.gov.
Montana	NR	37-4-401,24.138.407	Root planning and subgingival curettage, but not cutting hard or soft tissue	301 South Park P.O. Box 200513, Helena, Montana 59620, 406-841-239, fax 406-841-2305 , dlibsdden@mt.gov.
Nebraska	NR	38-1131 (1) (6)	Subgingival debridement, Gingival curettage	301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, 402-471-2118 fax 402-471-3577, dhhs.medicaloffice@nebraska.gov
Nevada	Y	NRS 631.030	Therapeutic perio treatment to include scaling, curettage and has to meet ALD Standards in Laser Education	6010 S Rainbow Blvd # 1, Las Vegas, NV 89118 (702) 486-7044 e-mail: nsbde@nsbde.nv.gov
New Hampshire	NR	317-A:21-C	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	2 Industrial Park Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, 603-271-4561 fax 603-271-6702, dental.board@nh.gov.
New Jersey	NR	13:30-1 A.3, N.J.A.C 13:30-1A 2 (b) (3)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	Jonathan Eisenmenger, <i>Executive Director</i> , P.O. Box 45005, Newark, New Jersey 07101, (973) 504-6405
New Mexico	Y	16.5.29.12A	Minimum 6 hours with hands on supervised from guidelines 16.5.1.15NMAC, certificate posted in office	2550 Cerrillos Rd. Second Floor, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, 505-476-4680 fax 505-476-4545, Dental.Board@state.nm.us.

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New York	Y		Hygienists can remove calculus and plaque above and below gumline doesn't prohibit lasers	89 Washington Avenue 2nd Floor West Wing, Albany, New York 12234, 518-474-3817 x300 fax 518-473-6995, dentbd@mail.nysed.gov.
North Carolina	N	21NCAC 16G.0101 (23)& 0103 (2)	Apply sulcular antibiotic and surgical or cutting procedure on hard or soft tissue included	507 Airport Boulevard Suite 105, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560, 919-678-8223 x1782, fax 919-678-8472, info@ncdentalboard.org.
North Dakota	NR	43-20-12	Can't cut hard or soft tissue except with Root Planning, Lasers not mentioned in SPA, tool not regulated has to be in scope of practice	P.O. Box 7246, Bismarck, North Dakota 58507, 701-258-8600, fax 701-224-9824, ndsbde@aptnd.com.
Ohio	NR	4715-9-01(B)(2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	77 S. High Street 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 614-466-2580, fax 614-752-8995 Lili.Reitz@den.state.oh.us.
Oklahoma	NR	195:15-1-6(b)(10)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	2920 N Lincoln Blvd., Ste. B, OKC, OK 73105, (405)522-4844 Fax: (405)522-4614
Oregon	NR	679.010, 818-035-0025 A (2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA, Can't cut hard or soft tissue except with root planning,	1500 SW 1st Ave., Ste. # 770, Portland, OR 97201, 971-673-3200, Fax 971-673-3202
Pennsylvania	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105, 717-783-7162 fax 717-787-7769, st-dentistry@pa.gov.
Rhode Island	NR	14.1(2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA, Hygienists can't do surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue	3 Capitol Hill Room 104, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, 401-222-2828 fax 401-222-1272, Gail.Giuliano@health.ri.gov.
South Carolina	NR	40-15-82(2)	prohibits cutting or performing surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue, not allowed to use lasers for bleaching	P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, 803-896-4599 fax 803-896-4719, llr@llr.sc.gov.
South Dakota	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	105 S. Euclid Ave. PO Box 1079 Suite C, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, 605-224-1282 fax 888-425-3032, brittany@sdboardofdentistry.com
Tennessee	Y	0460-03-09(ww)	The use of lasers for examination and/or periodontal treatment under the supervision of a licensed Dentist. Must have didactic and hands on portion	227 French Landing Suite 300, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, 800-778-4123, fax 615-770-7444, dea.smith@tn.gov

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Texas	Y	115.2	Hygienists can use lasers, but needs 12 hours of CE at a approved course, including a hands on portion	333 Guadalupe Tower 3 Suite 800, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-463-6400 fax 512-463-7452, information@txbde.texas.gov
Utah	Y	R156-69-602, 58-69-102 (7)(a)(ix)	Allows hygienists to use lasers for bleaching and for periodontal debridement	P.O. Box 146741, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, 801-530-6628 fax 801-530-6511, doplweb@utah.gov.
Vermont	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	89 Main Street Third Floor (City Center), Montpelier, Vermont 05620, 802-828-2390, fax 802-828-2465, dlafaill@sec.state.vt.us.
Virginia	Y	18VAC60-25-40 C1	Under direction from Dentist can use "non surgical lasers"	9960 Mayland Drive Perimeter Center Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, 804-367-4538, fax 804-527-4428, denbd@dhp.virginia.gov.
Washington	NR	18-29-050	Soft tissue curettage but not surgically removal of tissue	Dental Health Care Quality Assurance, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, Washington 98504, 360-236-4700 fax 360-236-2901 hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov.
West Verginia	N		Lasers limited to dentists only, even low power lasers	1319 Robert C. Byrd Drive PO Box 1447, Crab Orchard, West Virginia 25827, 877-914-8266 fax 304-253-9454, wvbde@suddenlinkmail.com.
Wisconsin	Y	447.06(2)(b)(c,d) (e)	Scope of practice training necessary with hands on portion by recognized course provider	1400 E. Washington Ave., Madison, Wisconsin 53703, 608-266-2112, fax 608-267-3816, dsps@wi.gov
Wyoming	Y		Wiith expanded duties certification, to provide soft tissue therapy within the scope of practice, can't use laser settings that cut	2800 Central Avenue , Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, 307-777-6529 fax 307-777-3508 debra.bridges@wyo.gov.

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DC	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	899 North Capitol Street NE Second Floor, Washington, District Of Columbia 20002, 202-724-8755 fax 202-724-8677
Delaware	NR	2.5	Full responsibility of dentist	861 Silver Lake Blvd. Cannon Building Suite 203, Dover, Delaware 19904, 302-744-4500 fax 302-739-2711, customerservice.dpr@state.de.us.
Georgia	NR		Has a list of "advanced modalities" Laser not on there, but according to "periodontal parameters is says non-surgical therapy	237 Colliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217, 478-207-2440 fax 866-888-1308.
Idaho	NR	54-902	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720, 208-334-2369 fax 208-334-3247, susan.miller@isbd.idaho.gov.
Illinois	NR	225JLCS 25/7.5	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	Department Of Financial And Professional Regulation, 320 W. Washington Third Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62786, 217-785-0800 fax 217-782-7645
Indiana	NR		Perceptive supervision (PS), can't use laser that cuts, ablates hard or soft tissue, but under (PS) it must be written order	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, 402 W. Washington Street Room W072, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, 317-234-2003, fax 317-233-4236

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Kansas	NR	65-1456 (f)(4)(F)	Delegated by dentist verbally and written	900 SW Jackson Street Room 564-S, Topeka, Kansas 66612, 785-296-4690 fax 785-296-3116, info@dental.state.ks.us.
Maine	NR	18374-2-S	Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including Root Planing and curettage	143 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, 207-287-3333 fax 207-287-8140, dental.board@maine.gov.
Maryland	NR		States that they don't allow lasers but can't find any ruling in SPA	Spring Grove Hospital Center, Benjamin Rush Building, 55 Wade Ave/ Tulip Drive, Catonsville, MD 21228, 410-402-8501, fax 410-402-8505, dhmh.mddentalboard.gov
Massachusetts	NR	Section 51	can't cut or surgical, but gingival curettage and root planning okay	239 Causeway St. 5th Floor Suite 500, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, 617-973-0971 fax 617-973-0980, dentistry.admin@state.ma.us.
Michigan	NR		Nothing listed about procedures, can do direct tissue curettage	P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909, 517-335-0918 fax 517-373-2179, bhphelp@michigan.gov.
Minnesota	NR		Nothing listed about lasers, root planing and scaling okay, regulates procedure not the tool used as long as procedure in scope	2829 University Avenue SE Suite 450, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414, 612-617-2250; fax 612-617-2260, Marshall.Shragg@state.mn.us.
Missouri	NR	332.311 2	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	3605 Missouri Boulevard P.O. Box 1367, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, 573-751-0040 fax 573-751-8216 dental@pr.mo.gov.
Montana	NR	37-4-401, 24.138.407	Root planning and subgingival curettage, but not cutting hard or soft tissue	301 South Park P.O. Box 200513, Helena, Montana 59620, 406-841-239; fax 406-841-2305, dlibsdden@mt.gov.
Nebraska	NR	38-1131 (1) (6)	Subgingival debridement, Gingival curettage	301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, 402-471-2118 fax 402-471-3577, dhhs.medicaloffice@nebraska.gov
New Hampshire	NR	317-A:21-C	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	2 Industrial Park Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, 603-271-4561 fax 603-271-6702, dental.board@nh.gov.
New Jersey	NR	13:30-1 A.3, N.J.A.C 13:30-1A 2 (b) (3)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	Jonathan Eisenmenger, <i>Executive Director</i> , P.O. Box 45005, Newark, New Jersey 07101, (973) 504-6405
North Dakota	NR	43-20-12	Can't cut hard or soft tissue except with Root Planning, Lasers not mentioned in SPA, tool not regulated has to be in scope of practice	P.O. Box 7246, Bismarck, North Dakota 58507, 701-258-8600, fax 701-224-9824, ndsbde@aptnd.com.

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Ohio	NR	4715-9-01(B)(2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	77 S. High Street 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 614-466-2580, fax 614-752-8995 Lili.Reitz@den.state.oh.us.
Oklahoma	NR	195:15-1-6(b)(10)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	2920 N Lincoln Blvd., Ste. B, OKC, OK 73105, (405)522-4844 Fax: (405)522-4614
Oregon	NR	679.010, 818-035-0025 A (2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA, can't cut hard or soft tissue except with root planning,	1500 SW 1st Ave., Ste. # 770, Portland, OR 97201, 971-673-3200, Fax 971-673-3202
Pennsylvania	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105, 717-783-7162 fax 717-787-7769, st-dentistry@pa.gov.
Rhode Island	NR	14.1(2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA, Hygienists can't do surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue	3 Capitol Hill Room 104, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, 401-222-2828 fax 401-222-1272, Gail.Giuliano@health.ri.gov.
South Carolina	NR	40-15-82(2)	prohibits cutting or performing surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue, not allowed to use lasers for bleaching	P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, 803-896-4599 fax 803-896-4719, llr@llr.sc.gov.
South Dakota	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	105 S. Euclid Ave. PO Box 1079 Suite C, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, 605-224-1282 fax 888-425-3032, brittany@sdboardofdentistry.com
Vermont	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	89 Main Street Third Floor (City Center), Montpelier, Vermont 05620, 802-828-2390, fax 802-828-2465, dlaill@sec.state.vt.us.
Washington	NR	18-29-050	Soft tissue curettage but not surgically removal of tissue	Dental Health Care Quality Assurance, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, Washington 98504, 360-236-4700 fax 360-236-2901 hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov.

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Florida	N	466.023-024(2)	Currently working on new wording for hygienists to use lasers	4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, 850-245-4474, fax 850-921-5389, sue_foster@doh.state.fl.us.
Louisiana	N	Ch 7 701 B.2.	Says hygienists can't cut or do surgical procedure with laser, may have new pending information soon	365 Canal Street Suite 2680, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, 504-568-8574 fax 504-568-8598, pburkhalter@lsbd.org.
Mississippi	N	73-9-5 (1)	Board regulation 13- No, Dental Hygienists provide treatment to prevent oral disease, periodontal disease	600 East Amite Street Suite 100, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, 601-944-9622 fax 601-944-9624, dental@dentalboard.ms.gov.
North Carolina	N	21NCAC 16G.0101 (23)& 0103 (2)	Apply sulcular antibiotic and surgical or cutting procedure on hard or soft tissue included	507 Airport Boulevard Suite 105, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560, 919-678-8223 x1782, fax 919-678-8472, info@ncdentalboard.org.
West Virginia	N		Lasers limited to dentists only, even low power lasers	1319 Robert C. Byrd Drive PO Box 1447, Crab Orchard, West Virginia 25827, 877-914-8266 fax 304-253-9454, wvbde@suddenlinkmail.com.

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