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States That Do Not Have Regulation on Laser Use by Dental Hygienists* (Draft 4/16/2018)

State	Regulation	Ruling	Description: State Practice Act (SPA) Relative to Dental Hygiene Use of Lasers	State Agency Contact Data
Alabama	NR		Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	5346 Stadium Trace Pkwy, ste.112 Hoover, AL 35244 Ph (205) 985-7267, Fax (205) 985-0674
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
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.
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		Percriptive 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, dlafaiil@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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