



MDHA Update & Action Alert:
TIME SENSITIVE!

As many of you are aware, this legislative session MDHA is sponsoring **S.664, *An Act relative to the sustainability of public health dental hygienists through adequate reimbursements***

The hearing for S.664 has been scheduled for
Tuesday, December 5 at 10:00 AM
before the Joint Committee on Financial Services.

Now, we now need your help in advancing this
legislation on Beacon Hill!

It is critical that members of the committee **hear from dental hygienists in the field during this legislative hearing** for the bill to receive a favorable report. We need you to voice your support for this legislation and share your personal stories from the field as to why these bills are so crucial in your work.

To support this bill, you can register to provide oral testimony
in-person or virtually [HERE](#) by November 30th at 4pm.
You can also submit written testimony to be read by the committee
by following the instructions below.

You can use the **template below** that can be easily filled out to be submitted. When you have completed your written testimony, please send it to Calli Masters at **cmasters@charlesgrouppconsulting.com** so that it can reach the committee's desk! If you have already sent Calli testimony, it has been included in the testimony packet. **Please do so no later than Friday, December 8th**

Thank you for all that you do to support MDHA and oral health across the
Commonwealth!

November XX, 2023

Senator Paul Feeney
Chair, Joint Committee on Financial Services
State House, Room 112
Boston, MA 02133

Representative Murphy
Chair, Joint Committee on Financial Services
State House, Room 254
Boston, MA 02133

Testimony in SUPPORT of S.664, *An Act relative to the sustainability of public health dental hygienists through adequate reimbursements*

Dear Chair Feeney and Chair Murphy,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of S.664, *An Act relative to the sustainability of public health dental hygienists through adequate reimbursements*. My name is _____ and I am a _____, submitting this testimony on behalf of (if appropriate) _____.

This legislation would allow public health dental hygienists (PHDHs) in Massachusetts to bill third party insurance carriers for the services that they provide. As a result, this bill would increase the ability of patients on both public and private healthcare plans to access dental care in Massachusetts, and ensure that PHDHs are being adequately reimbursed for services they are providing.

I am personally motivated to submit comments today because:

Please insert comments on your personal experiences, and why you see the proposed changes to the general laws as so critical in Massachusetts.

As a [insert title/position] in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am proud to stand behind legislation that would benefit dental hygienists, dentists, and, most importantly, patients. **I ask that you favorably report out S.664 as soon as possible.** Again, I thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony and for the Committee's consideration of this important piece of legislation.

Best,

NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION-AFFILIATION (if appropriate)