

2019 Nebraska Public Health Authorization Dental Services Report

One hundred and twenty-three (123) registered dental hygienists (RDH) were mailed questionnaires regarding usage of the Public Health Authorization (PHA) or Public Health Authorization-Child (PHA-C) during 2019. The 123 included RDHs who either held a PHA or PHA-C permit during 2019. Fifteen permits lapsed during 2019.

Of the 123 RDH sent questionnaires, 106 held a PHA and 17 held PHA-C. One hundred and one (101) responses were received, 93 PHA and 8 PHA-C, reflecting an 82% response.

Fifty-one (51) RDHs reported providing services in 2019, indicating that 41% of RDHs who held a PHA or PHA-C during 2019 utilized the permit. Services were provided in 69 of the 93 counties in Nebraska. Services were provided in the following locations (number of RDHs reporting this location type):

- Nursing Facility (10)
- School-Based Preventative Health Program (38)
- Federal, State or Local Public Health Department or Clinic (11)
- Community Health Center (6)
- Assisted Living (9)
- Tribal Clinic (2)
- Other –
 - Head Start (17)
 - WIC (9)
 - Daycare and/or Preschool (3)
 - Family Center Dakota City (1)
 - Indian Hill Educare (1)
 - Independent Practice (1)
 - Region V Services (for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities) (1)
 - SWATS (1)

No services were reported in the following allowable settings: Correctional Facility and Hospital.

Provided services are broken down by age range as seen in the tables below.

2019 Preliminary Charting and Screening Breakdown by Age				
Total: 29795				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	5998	21608	1138	1051

Eight (8) of the 51 RDHs providing services did not record Preliminary Charting and Screening service numbers.

2019 Oral Health Education to Recipient Breakdown by Age				
Total: 23841				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	4030	16702	1036	2073

2019 Oral Health Education to Caregiver Breakdown by Age				
Total: 2946				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	954	1006	636	350

Oral Health Education provided in Group Settings: 371 presentations total.
 The total number of workshops provided in 2019 was 325. Age information was not included.
 The total number of in-service trainings provided in 2019 was 46. Age information was not included.

2019 Oral Prophylaxis Breakdown by Age				
Total: 3600				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	177	957	931	1535

2019 Pulp Vitality Testing Breakdown by Age				
Total: 157				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided			134	23

2019 Topical Fluorides Breakdown by Age				
Total: 20023				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	5358	11819	1267	1579

2019 Other Topical Agents Breakdown by Age				
Total: 1787				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	1038	612	66	71

2019 Sealants Breakdown by Age				
Total: 15333				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	6493	8728	92	20

2019 Interim Therapeutic Restoration				
Total: 103				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	47	40	15	1

2019 Prescriptions for Mouth Rinses and Fluoride Products				
Total: 160				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	50		30	29

Age unknown – count = 51 (not included in Age Range Counts)

2019 Minor Denture Adjustments				
Total: 40				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided			17	23

2019 Advised Patient - Breakdown by Age				
Total: 21425				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	4814	14533	1040	1038

Twenty-one (21) of the 51 RDHs identified as providing services did not record counts for “patients or recipients of service they advised that such services are preventative in nature and do not constitute comprehensive dental diagnosis and care.”