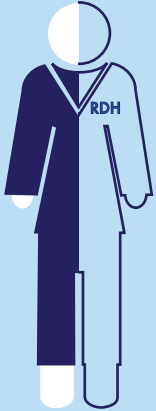


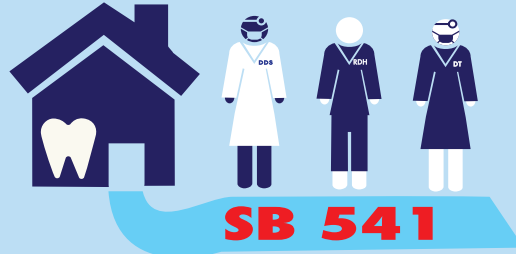


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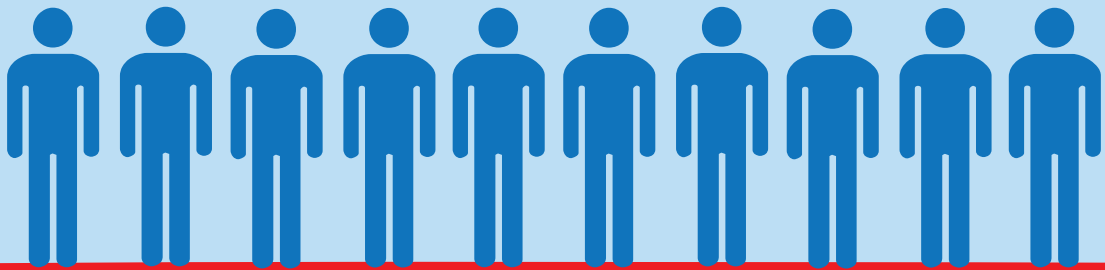
## SB 541: A Career Ladder for Registered Dental Hygienists



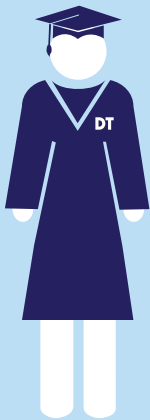
HALF of Michigan's  
**10,300**  
registered dental hygienists (RDH) are **UN- OR UNDEREMPLOYED**



Good oral health care is a dental home = **EDUCATION+ PREVENTION+ RESTORATIVE CARE**. A **TEAM** of providers means patients have **ACCESS** to the skill set that **MEETS** their **NEEDS**.



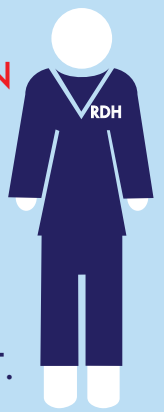
RDHs are **LIMITED** by their current scope of practice to providing education and preventative services that – while incredibly valuable – fall short of what many **MICHIGANDERS NEED**.  
(i.e. restorative services)



**CODA STANDARDS** allow for RDHs to enter a **dental therapy education program** with advanced standing to recognize the overlap in skill sets.



If **SB 541** passes, **RDHs IN MICHIGAN** would be well-positioned to seek a license in dental therapy and they would be **INCREDIBLY USEFUL** in the workforce – dually licensed as a RDH and DT.



To learn more about how dental therapists can help provide access to care visit [MIDentalAccess.org](http://MIDentalAccess.org).

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