



# New York DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

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Re: Letter of Support – Statewide Dental Telehealth Initiative

Dear Review Committee,

On behalf of the New York Dental Hygienists' Association (NYDHA), I am pleased to support HealthEfficient's proposed Statewide Dental Telehealth Initiative and our participation in the New York Tele-Dentistry Alliance.

NYDHA, the statewide professional association for dental hygienists, is dedicated to advancing access to care for all New Yorkers and working to enable dental hygienists to maximize their education and experience in preventive care. We see significant oral health access barriers across New York, particularly for low-income communities, rural residents, individuals with disabilities, and older adults. Tele-dentistry offers a practical way to expand preventive and diagnostic services to underserved populations and dental hygienists are an important part of the tele-dentistry care team.

As part of the Alliance, we'll contribute insights from our work in clinical care delivery, workforce development, policy, and education. Our participation depends on HealthEfficient receiving funding from the New York Health Foundation. We're eager to join in shared learning, provide feedback on statewide guidance, and work with providers, policymakers, and advocates to ensure equitable tele-dentistry implementation statewide.

This initiative will strengthen coordination, reduce duplication, and create practical resources that support sustainable tele-dentistry adoption. We appreciate HealthEfficient's leadership in convening this effort to build lasting infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Krueger". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

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