

## **ISDS Adds Hygienists to Loan Repayment Bill**

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Because the Illinois State Dental Society's (ISDS) dental hygiene members have actively supported our proposed plan to resolve the access to care issue in our state, ISDS is seeking an amendment to Senate Bill 275 that would add dental hygienists to the Dental Loan Repayment Assistance for Dentists Act. Under ISDS's proposed amendment, dental hygienists would be eligible to receive assistance in loan repayment if they work in an underserved area for a dentist that treats Medicaid patients as provided by Rule of the Department. The amount of assistance will be determined by Rule but will only be for a two-year period.