Support adding Dental Therapists to New Mexico’s Dental Team

Dental Therapists: Community-based. Patient focused.

**Dentist (DDS/DMD)**
- 500 competencies
- (Head of dental team)
- Provides routine & complex procedures and treatment.

**Dental Therapist (DT)**
- 90 competencies
- (Dentist off-site supervision)
- Provides preventive services & routine treatment (e.g. cleanings & fillings), oral health education.

**Dental Hygienist (DH)**
- Provides oral health education, scaling & cleanings.

**Dental Assistant (DA)**
- Chairside support for dentist before & during treatment.

**Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC)**
- Works in communities providing oral health education, coordinates patient care.

**Extending Care to More Community Settings**
- Native American Clinics
- School Based Health Clinics
- Community Clinics & Private Practice
- Mobile Dental Clinics

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