

interChange Provider Important Message

Attention: Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental FQHCs

**RE: Termination of Commissioner of Public Health's Order
Allowing Dental Hygienists to Administer COVID-19 Vaccinations**

In accordance with Special Act 22-1, the Commissioner of Public Health's authority under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-131f to authorize qualified persons to administer COVID-19 vaccinations during the public health emergency expired on April 15, 2022. **Effective April 16, 2022, dental hygienists are no longer permitted to administer COVID-19 vaccinations.**

Claims for COVID-19 vaccinations submitted by dental hygienists will be denied. Dental Federally Qualified Health Centers must ensure that claims submitted for COVID-19 vaccinations are not administered by dental hygienists.

Other professionals authorized under the Commissioner's order **except for dental hygienists** may continue to administer COVID-19 vaccinations in accordance with declarations issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act).

A list of eligible provider types, who can administer the COVID-19 vaccination can be found on the State of CT-Department of Public Health's Web page: (<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/PLIS/Approved-COVID-19-Vaccination-Training-Programs>).