

Oral Preventive EFDA & Other Workforce Efforts

History of Activity 2020-2026

2020

COVID-19 Escalates Existing Dental Workforce Issues

MDA Surveys Missouri Dentists about Dental Team Scope of Practice through ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI) — Nov 2020

2021

Workforce Executive Session at MDA House & MDA House Passes 2021H-9 to establish MDA Exploratory Committee on Workforce — Nov 2021

Focus Area A
RDH Scope & Delegation

Focus Area B
DA/RDH Schools

Focus Area C
EFDA Scope & Delegation

2022

MO Office of Dental Health Workforce Survey — Spring 2022

MDHA Hygiene Workforce Survey — Spring 2022

Dr. Guy Deyton, then State Dental Director, convenes small group of oral health stakeholders to consider all recent available data to address shortages and make recommendations — May 2022

Educational articles in MDA Focus magazine share recommendations of oral health group Summer 2022

HB2149 "Missouri Dental Board Pilot Project" passes, giving statutory authority to develop pilot projects to extend dental care to underserved populations — May 2022

MDA Exploratory Committee Presents Report to MDA House — Nov 2022

1. Severity of the workforce issues should be addressed immediately
2. Support dental team scopes to work at top of education
3. Support RDH local anesthesia under general supervision policy change
4. Support Oral Preventive Assistant EFDA (OPA-EFDA)

MDA Board supports pursuing OPA-EFDA (regulatory) as part of legislative agenda — Nov 2022

MDA House of Delegates changes policy on RDH Local Anesthesia Delegation — Nov 2022

Missouri Dental Board (MDB) Authorizes Nursing Home Pilot Project coordinated by Office of Dental Health — Dec 2022

MDA creates workgroup to pursue OPA-EFDA Pilot Concept — Dec 2022

2023

MDB prepares to promulgate rule for RDH Local Anesthesia under General Supervision — Jan 2023

OPA-EFDA Workgroup continues to develop focus areas of a potential pilot project — Jan 2023

OPA-EFDA Curriculum Workgroup creates course content and standards — Jan 2023

Full promulgation of Rules for local anesthesia under general supervision progressing through MDB

Waiver of Rules approval for OPA-EFDA Pilot — July 2023

OPA-EFDA RFA Site Application & Selection Process Begins — Oct 2023

OPA-EFDA Didactic & Hands-On Training & Clinicals to Follow in Selected Sites Anticipated to Begin — Jan 2024

2024

Phase 1 (Curriculum) of OPA-EFDA Pilot Begins — Jan 2024

OPA-EFDA & Local Anesthesia Under General Supervision Rules Posted in Missouri Register — May 2024

Phase 1 (Curriculum) of OPA-EFDA Pilot Concludes — Sep 2024

Final Order of Rulemaking Posted in Missouri Register — Oct 2024

MDA Gets Legal Opinion on Ability to Promulgate OPA EFDA through Rule — Nov 2024

American Legislative Exchange Council Adopts Dental Access Model, which includes Missouri OPA-EFDA — Dec 2024

2025

Phase 2 (Clinical Practicum) of OPA-EFDA Pilot Begins — Jan 2025

Phase 2 (Clinical Practicum) of OPA-EFDA Pilot Concludes — Feb 2025

Phase 3 (Clinical Study) of OPA-EFDA Pilot Begins — Mar 2025

OPA-EFDA Pilot Project Interim Report Submitted to MDB — Apr 2025

OPA-EFDA Pilot Project Interim Report Submitted to MDB — Jul 2025

Phase 3 (Clinical Study) of OPA-EFDA Pilot Concludes — Sep 2025

OPA-EFDA Pilot Project Concludes, Final Data Analysis Begins — Oct 2025

OPA-EFDA Pilot Project Final Report Submitted to MDB — Dec 2025

2026

MDB Rule promulgation to allow dentists to delegate Expanded Functions to RDH under General Supervision — Jan 2026

OPA-EFDA Pilot Project Final Report Submitted to ADA HPI for Review — Feb 2026

OPA-EFDA Pilot Project Final Report with ADA HPI Review Submitted to MDB — Mar 2026

Two rule changes promulgated by MDB: Create Periodontal EFDA & Add entities to the definition of Public Health Setting — May 2026