

REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST

Job Category: Dental Services

Schedule: Full-Time

Location: Potosi

Required Skills:

- Current registration and valid license with state of application.
- Maintaining all continuing education required to support licensure.
- Excellent knowledge of accepted dental practices and able to function well in a fast-paced, team environment.
- Able to pass background check and employment drug screen.

Great Mines Health Center is currently seeking a Registered Dental Hygienist to assist the Dentist in providing preventative dental care based on their individual needs. The Hygienist will motivate, educate, and provide excellent treatment utilizing established dental hygiene protocols and procedures, as well as prepare the patient for the Dentist by discovering and documenting areas of failure, periodontally and restoratively, and facilitates the Dentist's diagnosis and treatment recommendations. The Dental Hygienist will work constantly to improve his/her communication and listening skills and will work collaboratively with coworkers to maintain and exemplify the highest level of professionalism.

Job Duties:

- Prepare the treatment room for incoming patients while adhering to prescribed procedures and protocols.
- Review medical history and document in patient chart.
- Take vitals such as blood pressure, pulse ox, and blood glucose.
- Prepare the patient for dental hygiene treatment.
- Educate and instruct patients of all ages regarding proper dental hygiene care.
- Evaluate the patient's oral health and choose the appropriate materials and equipment.
- Sterilize Instruments.
- Perform dental prophylaxis and periodontal procedures by cleaning stains and deposits from the teeth and beneath gingival margins.
- Detect diseases by completing oral cancer screening, visually inspecting and feeling the gums, and utilizing probes to identify periodontal disease, as well as assess levels of recession.
- Applying fluoride and other caries-preventing agents.
- Chart conditions of decay and disease, existing restorations and conditions, in preparation for diagnosis of treating dentist.
- Educate and prepare patient for treatment procedures performed by the dentist.
- Take appropriate radiographs as prescribed by treating dentist.
- Travel when necessary to perform Dental Screenings for Early Childhood. (3 years minimum experience required to be eligible to perform this duty.)
- Understand and comply with coding and billing guidelines from the ADA and 3rd party payers.
- Give appropriate instruction and education to dental assistants and support staff as needed, as they support providers in delivering quality dental care.
- Work as part of a team to complete tasks to provide quality patient care as a whole.