



REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST



Job Category: Dental Services

Schedule: Full-Time

Description:

Great Mines Health Center is currently seeking a highly motivated, dedicated Registered Dental Hygienist who is mission-oriented and community-focused to assist in our dental department with our Dentists in providing preventative dental care based on patient individual needs. The Hygienist motivates, educates, and provides excellent treatment utilizing established dental hygiene protocols and procedures. They prepare the patient for the Dentist and facilitate the Dentist's diagnosis and treatment recommendations. The Dental Hygienist maintains and exemplifies the highest level of professionalism and ethical standards while working collaboratively with a passionate group of coworkers.

Why Join Our Team?

Great Mines Health Center has an amazing group of professionals who dedicate themselves to supporting our community through excellence in care coupled with compassion and meeting the needs of those we serve. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, our mission is to provide the highest level of care that addresses the diverse needs of our patients. As a member of our team, when you invest in us, we will invest in you through excellent benefits, merit increases, bonuses, continuing education fees, student loan forgiveness opportunities, incentive program, malpractice insurance and more.

Essential Functions of Position:

- 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/deposits from 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 assessing 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.

Working Conditions:

Regular exposure to blood and/or body fluids

Regular exposure to biohazard and/or chemical waste materials

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.