



April 11, 2026

The Honorable Joseph Solomon, Jr.
Chair, House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903
rep-solomon@rilegislature.gov

Re: Support for House Bill [H7837](#)

Dear Chairman Solomon and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Oral Health Coalition, I am writing in support of the proposed legislation, House Bill [H7837](#), which would allow a Public Health Dental Hygienist to seek reimbursement from any other insurance or third-party payer. Allowing Public Health Dental Hygienists to bill other insurances (e.g., Medicare) would help bridge the gap for underserved populations by expanding the availability of dental care services to all Rhode Islanders.

For this reason, the Rhode Island Oral Health Coalition strongly supports the proposed bill.

Thank you for considering our support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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