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## **Rep. Plumer’s Legislation Expanding Access to Dental Treatment Signed into Law**

**MADISON, WI** – Today, Rep. Plumer’s legislation expanding access to dental treatment was signed into law by Governor Evers.

“It’s great to see this important legislation signed into law. Thank you to Governor Evers for doing so this morning at an event in Wausau,” said Rep. Plumer. “Too many Wisconsinites lack access to dental care simply because there is not enough capacity. Allowing dental therapists to provide care in the state will help so many people get the dental services they need for a healthy life.”

Dental Therapists provide the same type of important mid-level care as a Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner does in a doctor’s office. The new law allows the licensure and practice of Dental Therapists to serve dental patients directly within their scope of care. Dental Therapy education programs must meet specific accreditation requirements. They must also serve as an employee and under the supervision of a dentist.

These requirements, along with additional parameters laid out in the bill, will ensure quality of care and allow Dental Therapists to operate smoothly within the dental infrastructure across the state.

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