

## SMILE PARTNERS Mobile Dental Hygiene Services

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### *Dental Hygiene Treatment General Information*

The following information is provided to assist you in giving an informed consent for dental hygiene services from SMILE PARTNERS, which is owned and operated by Debra Olsen, RDHAP. Debra has been a licensed and Registered Dental Hygienist in California for over 16 years. She is also a Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP). This licensing means that Debra has completed additional training and licensing by the State of California to provide services to patients in a variety of settings, mandated by the State.

Dental hygiene procedures are generally safe. However, dental hygiene treatment is not guaranteed. Many factors contribute to the success or failure of treatment including, but not limited to: any existing oral condition, the extent and severity of any infection, your ability to tolerate treatment, and the quality and frequency of your daily oral care. Dental hygienists provide only preventative or therapeutic services as defined by the California Practice Act. A referral to a licensed dentist or physician will be made for all other dental conditions, such as dental decay, tooth extraction, fabrication of dentures or partials and intra and extra oral lesions. Referrals to dental specialists may be necessary, but usually only in very specific cases. Annual dental exams by a licensed general dentist are recommended for the purpose of dental diagnosis and any necessary treatment. For all referrals, either you or the party responsible for you is responsible for the selection of the dentist. SMILE PARTNERS assumes no responsibility for diagnosis, treatment planning or treatment provided by the licensed dentist. All concerns or questions regarding dental care must be directed to the dentist.

Your physician will be required to give consent in the form of a written "Order for Dental Hygiene Services in the Home". If you live in a retirement home or nursing facility, your physician may also need to provide orders for pre or post-treatment medications or possibly an alteration of your current medications. Drugs such as antibiotics, sedatives, anti-anxiety agents or analgesics may be ordered when needed depending on your health status. Antibiotics may be used to prevent infections that may result when bacteria from the mouth enters the bloodstream. Local anesthetics and nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation WILL NOT be used during your appointment. A thorough medical history will be taken as well as a medical consultation with your physician prior to any dental hygiene treatment. Any questions or concerns regarding your treatment or medications can be directed to the physician or hygienist.