

# Modernize Connecticut Dentistry: Allow Dentists to Perform Cosmetic Injections



## The Issue

Connecticut is one of the few remaining states that does not allow dentists to perform non-surgical cosmetic injections—such as dermal fillers and neuromodulators—despite dentists’ advanced training in facial anatomy and routine use of facial injections in patient care.

## Why This Makes Sense

### **Dentists are facial experts.**

Dental education includes extensive training in head and neck anatomy, facial musculature, nerves, and vasculature—often exceeding that of other providers currently authorized to perform these procedures.

### **Patients want continuity of care.**

For many patients, cosmetic injections are the final step in a treatment plan that restores oral function and facial esthetics. Patients prefer receiving this care from their trusted dental provider.

## Significance of Implementation

- ✓ **37 states** already allow dentists to safely perform cosmetic injections
- ✓ Dentists give **facial injections every day** for anesthesia, TMJ disorders, and pain management; often the exact same pharmaceuticals in the exact same injection sites as they would for cosmetic purposes
- ✓ Connecticut already allows **plastic surgeons, dermatologists**, as well as non-doctoral professionals (APRNs, PAs, and RNs) to provide these services
- ✓ Dentists receive **equal or greater facial anatomy training** than many authorized providers

To learn more about Dental Anesthesia Regulations, please contact the Connecticut State Dental Association at 860-378-1800 or [kgerrity@csda.com](mailto:kgerrity@csda.com).



## Public Safety & Access

- Cosmetic injections are **non-surgical and low-risk** when performed by trained clinicians
- Authorizing dentists will **expand access** and reduce unnecessary referrals
- Care is delivered in a **trusted, regulated healthcare setting**

## The Ask

**Support legislation to modernize Connecticut's dental scope of practice** and allow licensed dentists to perform dermal fillers and neuromodulator injections. Removing four words from the dental scope of practice will:

- Align Connecticut with national standards
- Improve patient access and continuity of care
- Maintain the highest standards of safety and quality