Over the summer, I began looking into equipment, supplies and so many things that would be needed to get started in this new adventure. Finally, I wrote letters of introduction to nursing homes and other facilities in a three county area of NE Montana. It wasn’t long before the first nursing home contacted me to begin seeing patients.

My business is called Dental Pro on the Go and I have been providing services in Culbertson and Plentywood at three facilities. Before long, I hope to also begin in several other locations. I am so thrilled to be able to reconnect with many of the people who were my patients in private practice over the years, and they are genuinely happy to see me, too. There is a need to dovetail hygiene services with the WIC program, so I am working on a plan to implement dental care for children who receive WIC benefits.

I feel privileged to have a great support group with other LAP hygienists across Montana; without them, I am sure I would be fumbling around trying to figure out what to do next. I can’t thank them enough! This is such an exciting time for MDHA, and I am very proud to have been a member for over 35 years! I encourage other hygienists to “drink the kool-aid”, obtain your LAP and share your hygiene skills with people in non-traditional settings who desperately need dental care.

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