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My name is Hyacinth Tucker-Harris I am a Registered Dental Hygienist. It is imperative that these regulations pass.

1. Administration of local anesthesia by Registered Dental Hygienists

- 2. Creation of a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner
- 3. Changes in Supervision (removal of ASA Classifications)
- 4. Change from direct to general supervision for radiographs

5. Allows for three hours of continuing ed. in communication skills for RDHs.

Revised wording for supervision of RDH in private practice: "as determined by the dentist and the RDH after review of the patients' medical and dental history"

• Inclusion of free health clinics like Community Volunteers in Medicine as sites for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice, but overall we are very pleased with these regulations.

The state of Pennsylvania has to meet the needs of its growing population and the changes that all professions are making. The state of Pennsylvania does not want to be left behind.

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