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Hello!

I am writing in support of the proposed changes in dental hygiene regulations. I have been a practicing RDH for seven years and I value my career and continued education. Having the certification and freedom to administer local anesthesia would be an extremely positive change in the dental setting for both the doctor and hygienist. This certification would allow for more productivity in appointment times and separate schedules as well as allowing the patient to gain more confidence and comfort with their dental hygienist. RDHs will have more flexibility which will allow for more comprehensive treatment without having to pull the doctor from his own patients' needs.

I am also very excited about the position of a PHDHP! What a leap for our profession! This would open up more access to care for so many Americans! The position would also offer career growth to many dental hygienists in this country who have dreams to expand their career and experience positive changes while continuing to provide dental care to many patients.

The proposed changes in supervision are also positive and will allow for a more communicative and trusting relationship between dentist, hygienist, and patient. CE credit changes allowing for hours in "communication" could only be helpful and encouraging to RDHs who must tweak their communication skills in order to provide the best care possible to their patients.

I look forward to learning and hearing more about all of these proposed changes to a vital and positive profession!

Thank You,

Margaret D. Conlan RDH, BS

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**From:** "Jaclyn Gleber, RDH, PH.D" <JaclynGleber@comcast.net>  
**To:** mconlan22@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2008 5:02:11 PM  
**Subject:** Please support changes in dental hygiene regulations!

Dear Oral Health Colleagues,

September 15, 2008

**This is it!** The long-awaited regulations from the State Board of Dentistry have been published in the PA Bulletin; copy and paste this address into your browser:

<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol38/38-35/1591.html>

Changes in DH regulations include:

1. Administration of local anesthesia by Registered Dental Hygienists with 30 hr. course
2. Creation of a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner requires certification
3. Change in Supervision: dentist & RDH decide supervision needed (removes ASA Classifications)
4. Change from direct to general supervision for radiographs
5. Allows for three hours of continuing ed. in communication skills for RDHs.

Please join PDHA in recommending:

- Revised wording for supervision of RDH in private practice to: "level of supervision will be determined by

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the dentist and the RDH after review of the patients' medical and dental history”

- Inclusion of free health clinics like Community Volunteers in Medicine along with Federally Qualified Health Center LOOK-A-LIKES and non-profit clinics as sites for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice.

**Help us demonstrate broad-based support for these changes by generating your comments by September 29, 2008. It is imperative that each of us and our dental colleagues write 3-4 sentences in support of these regulation improvements. We only have 10 days left to submit a letter AND email to IRRC at address below, IRRC will copy SBoD.**

**PLEASE** express your support for the changes in DH regulations!!

**Send your short encouraging comments to: Christopher Grovich, Esq.**

**State Board of Dentistry, P. O. Box 2649 , Harrisburg , PA 17105-2649.**

**PLEASE COPY the Independent Regulatory Review Commission** on your comments; just copy & paste this email address into an email memo & attach your letter: [irrc@irrc.state.pa.us](mailto:irrc@irrc.state.pa.us)

**It is important that they both hear from us in support of these changes *lest others express opposition more vocally!***

**The deadline for public comment is September 29, 2008 ~10 days.**

If you have questions or desire additional information, please contact any one of us or Morgan Plant, Government Relations Consultant to PDHA, at 717.245.0902 or [mrgnplant@aol.com](mailto:mrgnplant@aol.com).

Overall we are very pleased with these regulation changes and we sincerely thank you for working together to improve access to dental health across PA,

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