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Christopher Grovich, Esq.
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Dear Atty. Grovich;

I am writing to express my support of the bulletin that proposes the below changes in the Dental Hygiene regulations.

1. Administration of local anesthesia by Registered Dental Hygienists with full 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 registered dental hygienists.

Every day I see the need for better and more dental health education and support in social services. I know economics is a very large factor in people not getting preventive care.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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