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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,

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