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Mr Grovich

I am writing to express support to the new Dental Hygiene regulations.

Most states already do allow hygienists to administer anesthesia. In the past, patient care in Pennsylvania did not include hygienists giving local anesthesia. Production of patient care would benefit with the hygienist giving anesthesia because in the past pt care would be stopped until the doctor could break away from what they were doing to give the injection on anesthesia.

Changes in dental hygiene supervision from direct to general supervision, along with the development of a public health dental hygiene practitioner will provide greater access to care for those who cannot access care in private practice.

The continuing education for communication skills is a valuable asset to lifelong learning for the provider and will benefit patient care.

Thank you for your consideration and help with the approval of these practice acts.

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A frustrated Pennsylvania hygienist certified to give anesthesia but cannot due so due to the current Pa practice act.

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