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Christopher Grovich, Esq.  
State Board of Dentistry,

I am in support for these long-awaited regulations from the State Board of Dentistry.

1. Administration of local anesthesia by Registered Dental Hygienists with 30 hr. course
2. Creation of a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner requires basic certification
3. Change in Supervision:(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.

I would also like to recommend...

- Revised wording for supervision of RDH in private practice to: the level of supervision will be 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 along with non-profit dental centers which focus on basic dental care for underserved and underinsured as sites for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice.

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

Sincerely,

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