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To Whom It May Concern:

I would really like to see these changes in DH regulations: administration of local anesthesia by Registered Dental Hygienists, creation of a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner, changes in supervision: dentist and RDH decide supervision need, change from direct to general supervision for radiographs, and allowing for three hours of continuing education in communication skills for RDHs. I am joining PDHA in recommending the revised wording for supervision of RDH in private practices to: "level of supervision will be determined by the dentist and the RDH after review of the patients' medical and dental history"; and 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.

I am confident the we are capable of performing these duties. It's time for change.

Sincerely,



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