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Dear Sirs:

I would really like to see these changes made in Dental Hygiene regulation: Administration of local anesthetic 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 RDH's. 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 heath clinics like Community Volunteers in Medicine along with federally qualified health center "look —alikes" and non profit clinics as sites for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice.

Sincerely,

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