

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held August 2, 2012

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman
George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq.
Dennis A. Watson, Esq., abstained

Regulation No. 16A-4624 (#2908)
State Board of Dentistry
Expanded Function Dental Assistant Scope of
Practice and Continuing Education

On September 6, 2011, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Dentistry (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 33.1, 33.205a, and 33.402. The proposed regulation was published in the September 17, 2011 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 26, 2012.


This regulation implements Act 19 of 2010, which amended the Dental Law to expand the scope of practice for expanded function dental assistants (EFDA) to include coronal polishing, performing fluoride treatments and taking impressions of teeth for limited purposes. The regulation also updates the continuing education subject areas, so that EFDAs can receive credit for coronal polishing training.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§122(d.1)(1), (j) and (o)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.




Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman