DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, March 1, 2018
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Conference Call
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Times and Order: The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. on March 1, 2018 and continue until agenda items are completed. Public comment will be taken during the committee meeting. This agenda is subject to change.

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OPEN SESSION - 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Mercier, Committee Chairperson
   1.1. Roll call of attendees.
   1.2. Approval of agenda.
   1.3. Approval of the November 22, 2017 meeting minutes.
2. **DENTAL HYGIENE DELEGATION RULES**

   2.1. The committee will discuss the appropriate level of dentist supervision for dental hygienists completing specific dental assistant tasks.

   2.2. The committee will review and modify WAC 246-817-550 Acts that may be performed by licensed dental hygienists under general supervision.

3. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

   The committee will determine any additional information needed for next meeting.

4. **ADJOURN**

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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
   1.1. The audience and committee members were introduced.
   1.2. The committee approved the agenda as presented.
   1.3. The committee approved the October 10, 2017 meeting minutes.

2. SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION

   The committee reviewed and discussed rule language to implement Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1612. General comments received disagree with the legislation. The commission and dental hygiene program are required to implement the legislation.
• WAC 246-817-441 Dentist suicide prevention education – The committee agreed to the proposed rule language.
• WAC 246-815-150 Dental hygienist suicide prevention education – The committee agreed to the proposed rule language.

3. DENTAL HYGIENE DELEGATION RULES

The committee received copies of WAC 246-817-520, 550, and 560 allowed tasks for dental assistants and dental hygienists.

• The committee discussed the correspondence asking if teeth whitening could be performed under general supervision.
• Beverly Frye indicated dental hygienists have adequate training on gingival health.
• Dr. McClellan shared a concern that whitening can cause gum sensitivity, and a dentist may need to write a prescription to treat gum sensitivity. If allowed, a provision may need to be in place.
• Jennifer Zbaraschuk asked if the process is different than root planing and scaling.
• Matthew Bussman asked if teeth whitening falls into an already allowed category, “remove stains.” Everyone agreed that teeth whitening is different.
• A dentist is involved under general supervision as it does require an examination and treatment planning.
• Maxine Janis has no concerns with allowing under general supervision.
• The committee discussed, sterilization, pre and post-operative instruction.
• Dr. Edgar encouraged the dental assistant rules to be opened as well. Dr. McClellan explained that the dental assisting rules were previously updated and the goal is to try to update the dental hygiene rules to bring those up to date.
• Colleen Gaylord mentioned the original request from Dr. Wentworth asked if dental assistants could perform sterilization under general supervision. The dental commission replied to Dr. Wentworth that a legislative change would be required to consider that request. Dental assistants may perform tasks only under close supervision, chapter 18.260 RCW. The Washington State Dental Association is currently evaluating a potential legislative change related to this.

The committee agreed there are several dental assistant listed tasks that could be placed under general supervision for a dental hygienist. The committee will recommend the commission authorize opening the rules for changes. Specific rule changes will be determined through stakeholder meetings.

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

The committee did not identify any future business.
5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: ____________________ Committee Approval By: ____________________

Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager LouAnn Mercier, DDS, Committee Chair
## List of Delegation of Duties by Dentists

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**Orange - Tasks already allowed under general supervision for DH. No change needed.**

**Yellow - Tasks discussed at last meeting to move to general supervision for DH.**

**White - Tasks to consider for general supervision for DH.**
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**Notes:**

A credential is not necessary for nonclinical tasks, including taking health histories and chart notes.

*Close and General Supervision are defined in WAC 246-817-510*
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health- Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-817-550 Acts that may be performed by licensed dental hygienists under general supervision. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering adding certain tasks from WAC 246-817-520 to the list of allowable tasks that a dentist can delegate to dental hygienists under general supervision.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.32.0365 and 18.29.050

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The commission considered a rule request in July 2017 to allow dental hygienists to perform certain tasks listed in WAC 246-817-520 under general supervision. WAC 246-817-520 details what tasks dental assistants can perform under close supervision. Dental hygienists can also perform the same duties under close supervision. Close supervision requires the dentist to be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of a delegated task while general supervision does not. The commission determined some tasks listed in WAC 246-817-520 may be allowed for dental hygienists under the general supervision of a dentist.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☐ Agency study
☒ Other (describe) Collaborative rule-making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Interested stakeholders may sign up for the dental commission or dental hygiene interested parties list GovDelivery at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscribe/new. All rulemaking notices will be emailed to the dental commission and dental hygiene interested parties list, GovDelivery, Washington State Dental Association, and Washington Dental Hygienists’ Association.
Definitions.

The definitions in this section apply throughout WAC 246-817-501 through 246-817-570 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Close supervision" means that a supervising dentist whose patient is being treated has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated and has personally authorized the procedures to be performed. The supervising dentist is continuously on-site and physically present in the treatment facility while the procedures are performed by the assistive personnel and capable of responding immediately in the event of an emergency. Close supervision does not require a supervising dentist to be physically present in the operatory.

(2) "Coronal polishing" means a procedure limited to the removal of plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces, using an appropriate instrument and polishing agent. This procedure is not intended or interpreted to be an oral prophylaxis as defined in subsection (8) of this section a procedure specifically reserved to be performed by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist. Coronal polishing may, however, be a portion of the oral prophylaxis procedure.

(3) "Debridement at the periodontal surgical site" means curettage or root planing after reflection of a flap by the supervising dentist. This does not include cutting of osseous tissues.

(4) "Elevating soft tissues" means part of a surgical procedure involving the use of the periosteal elevator to raise flaps of soft tissues. Elevating soft tissue is not a separate and distinct procedure in and of itself.

(5) "General supervision" means that a supervising dentist has examined and diagnosed the patient and provided subsequent instructions to be performed by the assistive personnel, but does not require that the dentist be physically present in the treatment facility.

(6) "Incising" means part of the surgical procedure of which the end result is removal of oral tissue. Incising, or the making of an incision, is not a separate and distinct procedure in and of itself.

(7) "Luxation" means an integral part of the surgical procedure of which the end result is extraction of a tooth. It is the dislocation or displacement of a tooth or of the temporomandibular articulation.

(8) "Oral prophylaxis" means the preventive dental procedure of scaling and polishing which includes complete removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, stains and the smoothing of unattached tooth surfaces. The objective of this treatment is to create an environment in which hard and soft tissues can be maintained in good health by the patient.

(9) "Periodontal soft tissue curettage" means the closed removal of tissue lining the periodontal pocket, not involving the reflection of a flap.

(10) "Root planing" means the process of instrumentation by which the unattached surfaces of the root are made smooth by the removal of calculus or deposits.

(11) "Supportive services" means services that are related to clinical functions in direct relationship to treating a patient.

(12) "Suturing" is defined as the readaption of soft tissue by use of stitches as a phase of an oral surgery procedure.

(13) "Treatment facility" means a dental office or connecting suite of offices, dental clinic, room or area with equipment to provide dental treatment, or the immediately adjacent rooms or
areas. A treatment facility does not extend to any other area of a building in which the treatment facility is located.

(14) "Volunteer dental assistant" means an individual who, without compensation, provides the supportive services under WAC 246-817-520 in a charitable dental clinic.

WAC 246-817-520

Supportive services that may be performed by registered dental assistants.

(1) A supervising dentist may delegate the supportive services in subsection (4) of this section under the dentist's close supervision, provided the registered dental assistant has demonstrated skills necessary to perform each task competently.

(2) Delegation of supportive services not in subsection (4) of this section may be subject to disciplinary action.

(3) In addition to supportive services in subsection (4) of this section, registered dental assistants may perform nonclinical tasks.

(4) Supportive services allowed under close supervision:

(a) Oral inspection, with no diagnosis.
(b) Take and record blood pressure and vital signs.
(c) Place, expose, and process radiographs.
(d) Take intra-oral and extra-oral photographs.
(e) Perform coronal polish. A licensed dentist shall determine the teeth are free of calculus or other extraneous material prior to dismissing the patient.
(f) Give fluoride treatments.
(g) Give patient education in oral hygiene.
(h) Give preoperative and postoperative instructions.
(i) Deliver an oral sedative drug to patient.
(j) Assist in the administration of inhalation minimal sedation (nitrous oxide) analgesia, including starting and stopping the flow as directed by the supervising dentist.
(k) Place topical anesthetics.
(l) Place and remove the rubber dam.
(m) Apply tooth separators as for placement for Class III gold foil.
(n) Apply sealants.
(o) Place a matrix and wedge for a direct restorative material after the dentist has prepared the cavity.
(p) Place cavity liners and bases.
(q) Perform acid etch and apply bonding agents.
(r) Polish restorations but may not intra-orally adjust or finish permanent restorations.
(s) Sterilize equipment and disinfect operatories.
(t) Place retraction cord.
(u) Hold in place and remove impression materials after the dentist has placed them.
(v) Take impressions, bite registrations, or digital scans of the teeth and jaws for:
(i) Diagnostic and opposing models;
(ii) Fixed and removable orthodontic appliances, occlusal guards, bleaching trays, and fluoride trays; and
(iii) Temporary indirect restorations such as temporary crowns.
(w) Take digital scans of prepared teeth for fabrication of permanent indirect restorations.
(x) Take a facebow transfer for mounting study casts.
(y) Fabricate and deliver bleaching and fluoride trays.
(z) Fabricate, cement, and remove temporary crowns or temporary bridges.
(aa) Remove the excess cement after the dentist has placed a permanent or temporary inlay, crown, bridge or appliance, or around orthodontic bands.
(bb) Place a temporary filling (as zinc oxide-eugenol (ZOE)) after diagnosis and examination by the dentist.
(cc) Pack and medicate extraction areas.
(dd) Place periodontal packs.
(ee) Remove periodontal packs or sutures.
(ff) Select denture shade and mold.
(gg) Place and remove orthodontic separators.
(hh) Select and fit orthodontic bands, try in fixed or removable orthodontic appliances prior to the dentist cementing or checking the appliance.
(ii) Prepare teeth for the bonding of orthodontic appliances.
(jj) Bond attachments for clear removable orthodontic aligners.
(kk) Remove and replace archwires and orthodontic wires.
(ll) Fit and adjust headgear.
(mm) Remove fixed orthodontic appliances, orthodontic cement, and orthodontic bonded resin material.

WAC 246-817-550

Acts that may be performed by licensed dental hygienists under general supervision.

A dentist may allow a dental hygienist licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW to perform the following acts under the dentist's general supervision:
(1) Head and neck examination.
(2) Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets, with no diagnosis.
(3) Patient education in oral hygiene.
(4) Take intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs.
(5) Apply topical preventive or prophylactic agents.
(6) Administer local anesthetic agents and adjunctive procedures if all conditions in (a) through (d) of this subsection are met. Adjunctive procedures include local anesthetic reversal agents and buffered anesthetic.
   (a) The patient is at least eighteen years of age;
   (b) The patient has been examined by the delegating dentist within the previous twelve months;
(c) There has been no change in the patient's medical history since the last examination. If there has been a change in the patient's medical history within that time, the dental hygienist must consult with the dentist before administering local anesthetics;

(d) The delegating dentist who performed the examination has approved the patient for the administration of local anesthetics by a dental hygienist under general supervision and documented this approval in the patient's record;

(e) If any of the conditions in (a) through (d) of this subsection are not met, then close supervision is required.

(7) Polish and smooth restorations.
(8) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the surfaces of the teeth.
(9) Record health histories.
(10) Take and record blood pressure and vital signs.
(11) Perform sub-gingival and supra-gingival scaling.
(12) Perform root planing.
(13) Apply sealants.
(14) Apply topical anesthetic agents.
(15) Deliver oral antibiotic prophylaxis as prescribed by a dentist.
(16) Take impressions, bite registration, or digital scans of the teeth and jaws for:
   (a) Diagnostic and opposing models;
   (b) Fixed and removable orthodontic appliances, occlusal guards, bleaching trays, and fluoride trays; and
   (c) Temporary indirect restorations such as temporary crowns.

WAC 246-817-560
Acts that may be performed by licensed dental hygienists under close supervision.

In addition to the acts allowed in WAC 246-817-520 and 246-817-550, a dentist may allow a dental hygienist licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW to perform the following acts under the dentist's close supervision:

(1) Perform soft-tissue curettage.
(2) Administer local anesthetic agents and adjunctive procedures.
   (a) General supervision is allowed if all conditions in WAC 246-817-550 (6)(a) through (d) are met.
   (b) Adjunctive procedures include local anesthetic reversal agents and buffered anesthetic.
(3) Place restorations into the cavity prepared by the dentist, and thereafter could carve, contour, and adjust contacts and occlusion of the restoration.
(4) Administer nitrous oxide analgesia.
(5) Place antimicrobials.