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DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE WEBINAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, May 24, 2018

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Webinar

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Times and Order: The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. on May 24, 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 April 12, 2018 meeting minutes.

2. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- 2.1. Board of Denturist
- 2.2. Dental Hygiene Examining Committee
- 2.3. Dental Quality Assurance Commission

3. DENTAL HYGIENE DELEGATION RULES

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

4. ELECTION

The committee will elect a new chairperson and a vice-chairperson.

5. FUTURE BUSINESS

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

6. ADJOURN

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**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 12, 2018

(subject to approval)

MEMBERS PRESENT

LouAnn Mercier, DDS, Committee Chair
Matthew Bussman, ATC, Public Member
Sonia Pal, DMD
Lyle McClellan, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bree Kramer, EFDA
Maxine Janis, RDH
Eric Hansen, Denturist

STAFF PRESENT

Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager
Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Trina Crawford, Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Emily Lovell, Washington State Dental
Association (WSDA)
Beverly Frye, RDH, Washington Dental
Hygienists' Association (WDHA)
Jennifer Zbaraschuk, RDH, WDHA
Melissa Johnson, WDHA and Willamette
Dental
Colleen Gaylord, WDHA

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 1:01 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 March 1, 2018 meeting minutes with correction to remove an attendee listed that was not present.

2. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- 2.1. Board of Denturists did not have an update at this time.
- 2.2. Matthew Bussman, public member of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (hygiene examining committee) shared that the hygiene examining committee recently approved the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) examination for

dental hygienist licensure. Additionally, they have a new member and a new chairperson.

- 2.3. Dr. McClellan member of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) shared the commission had no comments at this time on the dental hygiene delegation rules. Dr. Mercier member of the commission reported that the commission will be holding two rules hearings on April 20, 2018 for dentist continuing education requirements and dentist suicide prevention education rules.

3. DENTAL HYGIENE DELEGATION RULES

- 3.1. The committee discussed stakeholder comments.

- Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) provided a letter to the committee listing tasks they have concerns with adding to general supervision for dental hygienists. Generally, the WSDA list includes tasks that would traditionally be done as a part or portion of a complete procedure and a dentist would be in the office.
- Discussion included tasks could be prepped before a dentist arrives in the office.
- The committee will discuss “Assist in administration of inhalation minimal sedation...” at a future committee meeting.
- The committee determined to remove “Apply tooth separators as for placement for Class III gold foil” from the proposed rule modification. A gold foil is not a common dental procedure any longer. It requires a device that has a screw that separates the contact area. This may need to be removed from the dental assistant task list in the future.
- Place matrix and wedge – This may be necessary to prepare a patient before a dentist arrives at the office.
- Melissa Johnson asked the committee to consider if the dental hygienist has the education, training, and skills to complete the task safely.
- Where is the need for general supervision?
- Most of the tasks being considered adding to dental hygienist general supervision will be done occasionally under general supervision, this allows for uncommon situations.
- Any task must be approved and delegated by the dentist.
- Rules should be consistent with current practice and procedures.
- Orthodontic tasks were discussed
- WSDA indicated that the orthodontists on their committee had concerns allowing the listed orthodontic tasks under general supervision.
- Fit and adjust headgear – Concerns of adjustment of the jaw can happen. Dr. McClellan indicated it would have to be treatment planned to have the adjustment.
- Deliver oral sedative – The committee previously discussed this task in a past rule modification. They will re-discuss at a future committee meeting.
- Pack and medicate extraction area – WSDA expressed concerns with this task as an oral surgeon on their committee shared incidents where there has been complications due to improper packing. This would be under general supervision and the dentist must treatment plan the task.

- General supervision is defined in the law, WAC 246-817-510. A dentist must have 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. Dr. Mercier asked if the rule could reference the general supervision rule. This is uncommon for other delegation rules but could be done.
 - Acid etch – WSDA recommends adding for “sealants only”. A dentist would be present except for sealants.
 - Place temporary filling – WSDA recommends changing to “replace at temporary or permanent”. Without a prep by the dentist, the filling cannot be placed. The hygienist would not be placing a new filling, it would be if replacement if something happened to an existing filling.
- 3.2. The committee modified proposed WAC 246-817-550 rule by removing the “apply tooth separators” tasks. All other tasks will be listed in 3 categories, agreed tasks to add to rule, tasks with stakeholder concerns, and task that need additional research.

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

The committee determined an additional meeting was necessary to further discuss identified items and address any stakeholder comments. Ms. Santiago will contact the Orthodontic Association for comment related to orthodontic tasks. Additionally, the question will include if the orthodontic tasks require the dentist to do a final check after the task is completed.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Committee Approval By:

Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

LouAnn Mercier, DDS, Committee
Chair

Item 3.1

Dental Hygiene General Supervision
WAC 246-817-550
COMMENTS Received
March –April 2018

#	Date	From	Summary	Action
1	4/16/18	WSDA - Orthodontist	<p>Some of these tasks require the orthodontist to be present, immediately check and confirm the procedure. For example " Prepare teeth for the bonding of orthodontic appliances " needs that the orthodontist be there immediately within a few minutes to complete the procedure, same as "Bond attachments for clear removable orthodontic aligners." The same rule applies for "Select and fit orthodontic bands, try in fixed or removable orthodontic appliances prior to the dentist cementing or checking the appliance. " The orthodontist must be present and readily available to confirm and glue the appliance.</p> <p>- "Fit and adjust headgear" is complex, needs multiple wire bending and adjustments on the Headgear. Especially the initial headgear delivery. Orthodontist must perform this.</p> <p>- "Remove fixed orthodontic appliances, orthodontic cement, and orthodontic bonded resin material " This one requires use of high-speed handpiece. Are dental hygienists trained to use a high speed handpiece? If they are trained, and are comfortable, I don't have a problem them performing this.</p>	
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The following dental assistant tasks are already items listed in dental hygienist general supervision rule:

- Oral inspection, with no diagnosis.
- Take and record blood pressure and vital signs.
- Place, expose, and process radiographs. (Worded differently in WAC 246-817-550 – Take intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs)
- Perform coronal polish. A licensed dentist shall determine the teeth are free of calculus or other extraneous material prior to dismissing the patient. (Worded differently in WAC 246-817-550 – Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the surfaces of the teeth)
- Give patient education in oral hygiene.
- Place topical anesthetics.
- Apply sealants.
- Take impressions, bite registrations, or digital scans of the teeth and jaws for:
 - Diagnostic and opposing models;
 - Fixed and removable orthodontic appliances, occlusal guards, bleaching trays, and fluoride trays; and
 - Temporary indirect restorations such as temporary crowns.

The following tasks have general consensus to add to the dental hygienist general supervision rule:

- Take intra-oral and extra-oral photographs.
- Give fluoride treatments.
- Give preoperative and postoperative instructions.
- Place and remove the rubber dam.
- Sterilize equipment and disinfect operatories.
- Take a facebow transfer for mounting study casts.
- Fabricate and deliver bleaching and fluoride trays.
- Fabricate, cement, and remove temporary crowns or temporary bridges.
- Place periodontal packs.
- Remove periodontal packs or sutures.
- Select denture shade and mold.
- Polish restorations but may not intra-orally adjust or finish permanent restorations.
- Remove the excess cement after the dentist has placed a permanent or temporary inlay, crown, bridge or appliance, or around orthodontic bands.
- Place and remove orthodontic separators.
- Remove and replace archwires and orthodontic wires.

The following tasks were considered to add to the dental hygienists general supervision rule but need further discussion or research:

- Place a matrix and wedge for a direct restorative material after the dentist has prepared the cavity.

- Place cavity liners and bases.
- Place retraction cord.
- Perform acid etch and apply bonding agents.
- Place a temporary filling (as zinc oxide-eugenol (ZOE)) after diagnosis and examination by the dentist.
- Pack and medicate extraction areas.
- Select and fit orthodontic bands, try in fixed or removable orthodontic appliances prior to the dentist cementing or checking the appliance.
- Prepare teeth for the bonding of orthodontic appliances.
- Bond attachments for clear removable orthodontic aligners.
- Remove fixed orthodontic appliances, orthodontic cement, and orthodontic bonded resin material.
- Hold in place and remove impression materials after the dentist has placed them.
- Take digital scans of prepared teeth for fabrication of permanent indirect restorations.
- Fit and adjust headgear.
- Assist in the administration of inhalation minimal sedation (nitrous oxide) analgesia, including starting and stopping the flow as directed by the supervising dentist.
- Deliver an oral sedative drug to patient.

The following dental assistant tasks were determined not to add to the dental hygienist general supervision rule:

- Apply tooth separators as for placement for Class III gold foil.

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 pa-

tient'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.

(17) Take intra-oral and extra-oral photographs.

(18) Give fluoride treatments.

(19) Give preoperative and postoperative instructions.

(20) Place and remove the rubber dam.

(21) Polish restorations but may not intra-orally adjust or finish permanent restorations.

(22) Sterilize equipment and disinfect operatories.

(23) Take a facebow transfer for mounting study casts.

(24) Fabricate and deliver bleaching and fluoride trays.

(25) Fabricate, cement, and remove temporary crowns or temporary bridges.

(26) Remove excess cement after the dentist has placed a permanent or temporary inlay, crown, bridge or appliance, or around orthodontic bands.

(27) Place periodontal packs.

(28) Remove periodontal packs or sutures.

(29) Select denture shade and mold.

(30) Place and remove orthodontic separators.

(31) Remove and replace archwires and orthodontic wires.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.0365 and 18.29.050. WSR 17-01-045, § 246-817-550, filed 12/13/16, effective 1/13/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.0365, 18.29.050 and 18.32.002. WSR 14-12-057, § 246-817-550, filed 5/30/14, effective 6/30/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.035. WSR 95-21-041, § 246-817-550, filed 10/10/95, effective 11/10/95.]