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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No.: 270

Department or Agency: Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

Rule No.: 270-X-3-.10

Rule Title: Duties Of Allied Dental Personnel

Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?	Yes
Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?	Yes
Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?	No
Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved?	No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?	NA
Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?	Yes
Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule?	No

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?	No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer: Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas

Date: Monday, November 16, 2026

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BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF ALABAMA

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

RULE NO. & TITLE: 270-X-3-.10 Duties Of Allied Dental Personnel

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:
Allow Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists the option to place IV's and draw blood.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:
All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Sharon Thomas Board of Dental Examiners 2229 Rocky Ridge Rd Birmingham, AL 35216 or sthomas@dentalboard.org. Comments will be accepted through 5:00 pm on Monday January 4, 2027.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Monday, January 4, 2027

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:
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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

270-X-3-.10 Duties Of Allied Dental Personnel.

Allied dental personnel are dental hygienists, dental assistants and dental laboratory technicians. Subject to the prohibition that no intra-oral procedure can be performed unless under the direct supervision of a duly licensed dentist as defined by Board rule, the following allied dental personnel may perform the following:

(1) Dental Laboratory Technicians:

(a) No intra-oral duties are allowable other than assisting the dentist in determining tooth color.

(2) Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists:

(a) Preliminary charting and inspection of the oral cavity. (Final examination and diagnosis must be made by a dentist before treatment can be instituted.)

(b) Apply topical agents under direct supervision of the dentist.

1. Apply topical anesthetics.

2. Oxygenating Agents. (Excluding endodontic therapy.)

3. Apply anti-inflammatory agents.

4. Apply astringents.

5. Desensitizing agents.

6. Topical fluoride.

7. Apply light-cured medicinal bonding agents.

8. Apply etchant materials.

(c) Place and remove rubber dam.

(d) Place and remove periodontal dressings.

(e) Place and remove alveolar socket dressings.

(f) Construct and remove with hand instruments only interim restorations. (Interim restorations being any

restoration placed while a more permanent restoration is being completed.)

(g) Construct and place temporary crowns (excluding stainless steel crowns placed with intentions of reasonable permanency.)

(h) Contour stainless steel or chrome crowns but cannot cement them.

(i) Pre-fit and pre-contour orthodontic appliances either extra-orally or intra-orally for final adaptation by the dentist.

(j) Remove excess cement with hand instruments from around permanent dental restorations and orthodontic appliances.

(k) Make impressions for diagnostic casts or opposing casts.

(l) Place, wedge and remove matrices for operative dentistry.

(m) Take and record case history, blood pressure, pulse, and oral temperature.

(n) Remove intraoral sutures. (Excluding wire sutures.)

(o) Make dental radiographs or digital images.

(p) Give oral hygiene instructions including plaque staining, flossing, brushing, and caries susceptibility tests.

(q) Place cavity liners and bases. (Excluding capping of exposed pulpal tissues.)

(r) Assist in the administering of N20 and 02.

(s) Insert into the mouth of the patient wax models of dentures, partial dentures, or any other structures and make adjustments outside the mouth of the patient to such wax models pursuant to written or verbal instructions or directions from the dentist; provided, however,

1. That the dental hygienist or dental assistant may use these wax models of dentures, partial dentures or any other structure to register the jaw relationships or occlusal relationships of the patient, and

2. That before such wax models may be used for the manufacture of dentures, partial dentures or other structures the dentist shall personally consult with the patient, examine such wax models, and make such additional adjustments as may be required.

(t) Insert into the mouth of the patient dentures, partial dentures, removable orthodontic appliances, prostheses, devices to treat sleep apnea or anti-snoring devices, or any other structures and make adjustments outside the mouth of the patient to the dentures, prostheses (fixed or removable), removable orthodontic appliances, prosthetic appliances, bridges, or other structures pursuant to written or verbal instructions or directions from the dentist; provided, however,

1. That before such prostheses (fixed or removable), removable orthodontic appliances, or other structures are delivered to the patient leaving the dental office with such removable orthodontic appliances, prostheses (fixed or removable) or other structures the dentist shall personally consult with the patient, examine such prostheses (fixed or removable), removable orthodontic appliances, or other structures, and make such additional adjustments as may be required; and

2. That final placement and cementation of all fixed appliances, fixed prostheses and other fixed structures shall be performed by the dentist.

(u) Apply reversible liners and bases to prostheses, orthodontic appliances, or any other structures. However, the dentist shall personally consult with the patient and examiner such liners and bases, and make such additional adjustments as may be required.

(v) Place and remove gingival retraction materials.

(w) Make final impressions for removable and fixed prostheses, orthodontic appliances, retainers, devices to treat sleep apnea or anti-snoring devices, and medicament/whitening delivery trays. However, before said impressions may be used for the manufacture of prostheses and appliances, the dentist shall examine and approve such impressions for accuracy.

(x) Use laser and/or narrow band (light) imaging technology for preliminary diagnostic purposes only with the dentist's final examination and diagnosis.

(y) Perform coronal polishing under the direct supervision of a duly licensed dentist; provided the final evaluation of the patient's oral condition and determination of the need for additional prophylaxis or periodontal treatment shall be made by the supervising dentist, as permitted by law.

(z) Place pit and fissure sealants under the direct supervision of a duly licensed dentist; provided the supervising dentist shall make the final evaluation of the patient's oral condition and determine the overall treatment plan.

(aa) Place an intravenous (IV) catheter under the direct supervision of a duly licensed dentist; provided that the dental assistant or dental hygienist shall not administer any drugs and that the individual has been trained to competency via a Board approved course in IV start/phlebotomy.

(3) Dental Hygienists Only:

(a) Remove extrinsic stains, accretions, and calcareous deposits from teeth.

(b) Gingival curettage.

(c) Root planning.

(d) Place resorbable chlorhexidine chips.

(e) Place topical or sub-gingival antimicrobial or antibacterial agents.

(f) Periodontal probing.

(g) Bleaching of teeth.

Author: Board of Dental Examiners
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-9-2, 34-9-6, 34-9-27, 34-9-43.
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