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**PART 4A. DELEGATION, SUPERVISION, ASSIGNMENT OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS,
REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANTS, AND REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

R 338.11401 Definitions.

Rule 1401. As used in this part:

- (a) "Assignment" means a dentist designates a patient of record upon whom services are to be performed and describes the procedures to be performed. Unless assignment is designated in these rules under general or direct supervision, the dentist need not be physically present in the office at the time the procedures are being performed.
- (b) "Delegation" means an authorization granted by a licensee to a licensed or unlicensed individual to perform selected acts, tasks, or functions that fall within the scope of practice of the delegator and that are not within the scope of practice of the delegatee and that, in the absence of the authorization, would constitute illegal practice of a licensed profession.
- (c) "Direct supervision" means that a dentist complies with all of the following:
 - (i) Designates a patient of record upon whom the procedures are to be performed and describes the procedures to be performed.
 - (ii) Examines the patient before prescribing the procedures to be performed and upon completion of the procedures.
 - (iii) Is physically present in the office at the time the procedures are being performed.
- (d) "General supervision" means that a dentist complies with both of the following:
 - (i) Designates a patient of record upon whom services are to be performed.
 - (ii) Is physically present in the office at the time the procedures are being performed.
- (e) "Patient of record" means a patient who has been examined and diagnosed by a dentist and whose treatment has been planned by a dentist or a patient who has been examined, evaluated, assessed, and treatment planned by a dental therapist to the extent authorized by the supervising dentist. A patient of record includes a patient getting radiographic images by allied dental personnel with training pursuant to R 338.11411(a) after receiving approval from the assigning dentist or dental therapist.

R 338.11411 Delegated and assigned dental procedures for allied dental personnel.

Rule. 1411. A dentist may assign or delegate procedures to an unlicensed dental assistant, registered dental assistant, or registered dental hygienist under the provisions of section 16611 of the code, MCL 333.16611, as provided in *Table 1*.

DELEGATED AND ASSIGNED DENTAL PROCEDURES FOR ALLIED DENTAL PERSONNEL			
Profession			Procedure
DA	RDA	RDH	
G	A	A	Operating of dental radiographic equipment. A DA shall have successfully completed a course in dental radiography that is substantially equivalent to a course taught in a program approved by the board pursuant to R 338.11302, R 338.11303, or R 338.11307. A dentist may delegate necessary radiographs for a new patient to an RDA or RDH.
G	A	A	Instructing in the use and care of dental appliances.
G	A	A	Taking impressions for study and opposing models.
G	A	A	Applying nonprescription topical anesthetic solution.
G	A	A	Trial sizing of orthodontic bands.
D	A	A	Placing, removing, and replacing orthodontic elastic or wire separators, arch wires, elastics, and ligatures.
D	A	A	Dispensing orthodontic aligners.
	D	A	Removing orthodontic bands, brackets, and adhesives with non-tissue cutting instruments.
	A	A	Polishing specific teeth with a slow-speed rotary hand piece immediately before a procedure that requires acid etching before placement of sealants, resin-bonded orthodontic appliances, and direct restorations.
	G*	G*	Etching and placing adhesives before placement of orthodontic brackets and attachment for aligners.
	D	D	Cementing orthodontic bands or initial placement of orthodontic brackets and attachments for aligners.
	A	A	Removing excess cement from supragingival surfaces of a tooth with a non-tissue cutting instrument.
	A	A	Providing nutritional counseling for oral health and maintenance.
A	A	A	Applying commonly accepted medical emergency procedures.
	A	A	Inspecting and charting the oral cavity using a mouth mirror and radiographs.
	A	A	Preliminary examination including classifying occlusion.
	A	A	Placing and removing dental dam.
	A	A	Applying anticariogenic agents including, but not limited to, sealants, fluoride varnish, and fluoride applications
	A	A	Polishing and contouring of sealants with a slow-speed rotary hand piece immediately following a procedure for occlusal adjustment.
	A		Fabricating temporary restorations and temporary crowns and temporary bridges.
	A	A	Placing and removing a nonmetallic temporary or sedative restoration with non-tissue cutting instruments.
	A	A	Sizing of temporary crowns and bands.
	A	A	Temporarily cementing and removing temporary crowns and bands.
	G*	A	Preliminary examination including performing pulp vitality testing.
	G*	A	Applying desensitizing agents.
	G*	A	Taking impressions for intraoral appliances including bite registrations.

DELEGATED AND ASSIGNED DENTAL PROCEDURES FOR ALLIED DENTAL PERSONNEL (Continued)			
Profession			Procedure
DA	RDA	RDH	
	G*		Placing and removing matrices and wedges.
	G*		Applying cavity liners and bases.
	G*		Drying endodontic canals with absorbent points.
	G*		Placing and removing nonepinephrine retraction cords or materials.
	A	A	Placing and removing post extraction and periodontal dressings.
	D	A	Removing sutures.
	D	A	Applying and dispensing in-office bleaching products.
	G	G	Prior to cementation by the dentist, adjusting and polishing contacts and occlusion of indirect restorations. After cementation, removing excess cement from around restorations.
	D**		Placing, condensing, and carving amalgam restorations.
	D**		Placing Class I resin bonded restorations, occlusal adjustment, finishing and polishing with non-tissue cutting slow-speed rotary hand pieces.
	D**		Taking final impressions for direct and indirect restorations and prosthesis including bite registration.
	D	D	Assisting and monitoring the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia by a dentist or the RDH. A dentist shall assign these procedures only if the RDA or RDH has successfully completed an approved course that meets the requirements of section 16611(7) of the code, MCL 333.16611, with a minimum of 5 hours of didactic instruction. The levels must be preset by the dentist or RDH and must not be adjusted by the RDA except in case of an emergency, in which case the RDA may turn off the nitrous oxide and administer 100% oxygen. As used in this subdivision, "assisting" means setting up equipment and placing the face mask. Assisting does not include titrating and turning the equipment on or off, except in the case of an emergency in which circumstances the RDA may turn off the nitrous oxide and administer 100% oxygen.
		A	Removing accretions and stains from the surfaces of the teeth and applying topical agents essential to complete prophylaxis.
		A	Root planing, debridement, deep scaling, and removal of calcareous deposits.
		A	Polishing and contouring restorations.
		A	Charting of the oral cavity, including all the following: periodontal charting, intra oral and extra oral examining of the soft tissue, charting of radiolucencies or radiopacities, existing restorations, and missing teeth.
		A	Applying topical anesthetic agents by prescription of the dentist.
	A	A	Placing and removing surgical temporary sedative dressings.
		A	Removing excess cement from tooth surfaces.
		A	Placing subgingival medicaments.
		A	Micro abrasion of tooth surfaces to remove defects, pitting, or deep staining.
		D	Performing soft tissue curettage with or without a dental laser.
D	G	G	Taking digital scans for final restorations or intra-oral appliances.

DELEGATED AND ASSIGNED DENTAL PROCEDURES FOR ALLIED DENTAL PERSONNEL (Continued)			
Profession			Procedure
DA	RDA	RDH	
		D***	<p>Administering intra oral block and infiltration anesthesia, or no more than 50% nitrous oxide analgesia, or both, to a patient who is 18 years of age or older if the RDH has met all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Successfully completed an approved course that meets the requirements in section 16611(4) of the code, MCL 333.16611, in the administration of local anesthesia, with a minimum of 15 hours didactic instruction and 14 hours clinical experience. (ii) Successfully completed a state or regional board administered written examination in local anesthesia within 18 months of completion of the approved course in paragraph (i) of this subdivision. (iii) Successfully completed an approved course that meets the requirements in section 16611(4) of the code, MCL 333.16611, in the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia, with a minimum of 4 hours didactic instruction and 4 hours clinical experience. (iv) Successfully completed a state or regional board administered written examination in nitrous oxide analgesia, within 18 months of completion of the approved course in paragraph (iii) of this subdivision. (v) Maintains and provides evidence of current certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support that meets the standards contained in R 338.11705.
<p>DA = dental assistant, RDA = registered dental assistant as defined in R 338.11101, RDH = registered dental hygienist as defined in R 338.11101.</p> <p>A = Assignment as defined in R 338.11401.</p> <p>G = General supervision as defined in R 338.11401.</p> <p>D = Direct supervision as defined in R 338.11401</p> <p>* A dentist shall assign these procedures to an RDA and RDH only if the RDA has successfully completed an approved course that meets the requirements in section 16611(12) and (13) of the code, MCL 333.16611, and contains a minimum of 10 hours of didactic and clinical instruction.</p> <p>** A dentist shall assign these procedures to an RDA only if the RDA has successfully completed an approved course that meets the requirements in section 16611(11) of the code, MCL 333.16611, and contains a minimum of 20 hours of didactic instruction followed by a comprehensive clinical experience of sufficient duration that validates clinical competence through a criterion based assessment instrument.</p> <p>*** The department fee for certification of completion of the requirements is \$10.</p>			