

Dental Board of California,

I wish to make public comment on agenda item 6 “Update and Discussion on Status of Survey Regarding Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Function Administration of Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide” for the upcoming Dental Board of California Dental Assisting Council meeting being held on November 17, 2022.

I am opposed to this possible change in status for the RDAEF unless the RDAEF is required to have the similar educational requirements that are required by dental hygienists for licensure in California. I am also opposed that RDAEF could take an SNL course that is required for out-of-state RDH seeking the CA license. The out-of-state RDH’s still take the pre-requisite sciences, core hygiene course before being allowed to take the SNL course.

Thank you,

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