

Amendment to Rule 270-X-3.10 Duties of Allied Dental Personnel

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board intends to amend paragraph 3 of this Rule to add periodontal probing as an allowable duty for a dental hygienist to perform. This type of probing is part of the instruction received by dental hygienists and is consistent with other duties already allowed.

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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SERVICE
JERRY L. BASSETT, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama (1975) Section 41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is correct copy of rule as promulgated and adopted on the 1st day of March, 2007, and file with the agency secretary on the 6th day of March, 2007.

AGENCY NAME: BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF ALABAMA.

 X Amendment New Repeal (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No.: 270-X-3.10 (3)(i)

Rule Title: **Duties of Allied Dental Personnel**

ACTION TAKEN: Rule 270-X-3.10 was adopted without change.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XXV ISSUE NO. 3, AAM, DATED December, 2006.

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama, (1975) §34-9-2, 34-9-6, 34-9-27 and 34-9 -43(1). Adopted as revised: June 19, 2003

(Date Filed)
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Certifying Officer or his or her Deputy

(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF ALABAMA

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NUMBER: 270-X-3.10

TITLE OF RULE: Duties of Allied Dental Personnel.

270-X-3.10 Duties of Allied Dental Personnel. Allied dental personnel are dental hygienists, dental assistants and dental laboratory technicians.

All allied dental personnel are prohibited from using laser technology except dental hygienists who should use this technology for diagnostic purposes only.

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 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. (Excluding aerosol types.)
2. Oxygenating Agents. (Excluding endodontic therapy.)
3. Apply anti-inflammatory agents.
4. Apply astringents.
5. Desensitizing agents.
6. Topical fluoride.

(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 precontour 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 and opposing casts. No orthodontic appliances, prosthetic appliances, bridges or any other structures which may be worn in the mouth will be made from any of the casts outlined above or duplicates thereof.

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

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

- (n) Remove intra-oral sutures. (Excluding wire sutures.)
- (o) Make dental radiographs.
- (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 N₂O and O₂.
- (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 shall not 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, prosthetic appliances, bridges or any other structures and make adjustments outside the mouth of the patient to the dentures, partial dentures, 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 dentures, partial dentures, removable orthodontic appliances, prosthetic appliances, bridges or other structures are delivered to the patient leaving the dental office with such dentures, partial dentures, removable orthodontic appliances, prosthetic appliances, bridges or other structures the dentist shall personally consult with the patient, examine such dentures, partial dentures, removable orthodontic appliances, prosthetic appliances, bridges or other structures, and make such additional adjustments as may be required; and (2) that final placement and cementation of all fixed appliances, fixed bridges and other fixed structures shall be performed by the dentist.
- (u) Apply reversible liners and bases to dentures, orthodontic appliances, prosthetic appliances, bridges or any other structures; however, only a dentist can insert into the mouth of the patient such dentures, orthodontic appliances, prosthetic appliances, bridges or other structures holding such liners and bases, and allow the patient to close on such dentures, orthodontic appliances, prosthetic appliances, bridges or other structures holding such liners and bases for the purpose of contouring such liners and bases to the patient's mouth.

(3) Dental Hygienists Only.

- (a) Remove extrinsic stains, accretions, and calcareous deposits from teeth.
- (b) Gingival curettage.
- (c) Root planing.
- (d) Polish completed restorations.
- (e) Place Pit and Fissure Sealant. A Dentist must examine the patients mouth immediately both before and after the Pit and Fissure Sealant is placed.
- (f) Place resorbable chlorhexidine chips.
- (g) Place topical or subgingival antimicrobial or anitbacterial agents.
- (h) Use laser technology for diagnostic purposes only.
- (i) Periodontal probing.

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama, (1975) §34-9-2, 34-9-6, 34-9-27 and 34-9 -43(1).
History: Adopted as revised: June 19, 2003, Amended March 1, 2007