



Missouri
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'
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The Missouri Dental Board proposed rule change for Local Anesthesia Under General Supervision by Dental Hygienists passed at the October 27, 2023 Missouri Dental Board Meeting.

Note: This information will be sent to the Governor's Office for Approval and then published in the Missouri Register for Comments to be sent to the Missouri Dental Board. MDHA will let you know when to write the MDB at the proper time. In the meantime, consider what you will write in regard to this proposed change on how it will help or hinder patient care. *Email us for sample letters at info@missouridha.org.*

Proposed language change to 20 CSR 2110-2.130 Dental Hygienists:

(E) Administering local anesthesia, as outlined in sections (9), (10), and (11) of this rule:

(11) A hygienist may administer local anesthesia under general supervision to a patient of record of the supervising dentist. A written authorization shall be included in the patient's record prior to the administration of local anesthesia under general supervision. The supervising dentist shall document the applicable American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) classification in the patient record. ASA class III patients may be administered local anesthesia under general supervision after a consultation with the applicable physician of record. ASA class IV and V patients are not candidates for local anesthesia under general supervision. Patients being administered local anesthesia under general supervision must have been examined by the supervising dentist within the previous twelve (12) months. If the patient's medical history has changed since the last examination by the supervising dentist, the hygienist must consult with the dentist before administering local anesthetics. The supervising dentist shall be responsible for the care provided by the hygienist and shall ensure that the office is equipped with appropriate emergency equipment and that the staff are properly trained and competent to address emergency situations that may arise as a result of the administration of local anesthesia under general supervision.