



Final Rule on Local Anesthesia Under General Supervision 10/1/2024

The Missouri Dental Board proposed rule change for Local Anesthesia Under General Supervision by Dental Hygienists was finalized October 1, 2024 with its printing in the Missouri Register. It will go into effect on November 30, 2024. However, there are many steps that must first be taken.

Here is the language that will allow Local Anesthesia Under General Supervision.

Final wording:

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.