



# 2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Massachusetts



## How to Use the Following Charts

- View which job designations are used in your state.
- Be sure to follow the legal requirements to perform dental radiographic procedures.
- See which tasks are not permitted by state law.
- Review all the allowable tasks for each level of dental assisting as published in the state practice act.

View the education/training/credential required for each level of dental assisting.

Arizona		State approval 1/6/17	
Education/Training/Credential Required	Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)	Proposed Function Category (A-Z)	Functions Allowed/Prohibited by State (A-Z)
<p>To perform specified restorative functions in Arizona under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function (RF) Restorative Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate (see requirements to candidates)</li> <li>Successfully complete an EFDA training course approved by the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) or a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited program</li> <li>AND DANB's AMP, TMP and TAMP</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE criteria, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form</li> <li>AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate</li> </ul> <p>To perform coronal polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Coronal Polishing Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Coronal Polishing Certificate for Arizona Restorative Certificate</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Coronal Polishing Certificate (see requirements to candidates)</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform coronal polishing procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form</li> <li>AND the DANB for the Arizona Coronal Polishing Certificate</li> </ul> <p>A dental assistant in Arizona may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act and supportive procedures on the Licensed Assistant Dental Form (LADF) under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Registered Function (RF) Restorative</p> <p>Registered Function (RF) Coronal Polishing</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Coronal Polishing Assistant</p>	<p>In order to legally operate under a job requirement and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function (RF) Radiography Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and Safety (RHS) exam</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Radiography Functioning Certificate, issued by the ASBDE</li> <li>AND be currently certified in another U.S. state with a Radiography Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE</li> </ul> <p>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform dental radiographic procedures equivalent to the ASBDE criteria, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form <p>AND the DANB for the Arizona Radiography Certificate </p></p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assisting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46. Taking full impressions for any activating orthodontic appliances, fixed or removable prosthetics.</li> <li>51. Introral carrying of dental radiographs or "filmholders"</li> <li>A procedure which by law only a supervisor or practitioner may perform.</li> <li>Any procedure which requires the use of a dental procedure, including and including of other restorative procedures.</li> </ul> <p>* Under a new Arizona law passed in the 2015 legislative session, a dental assistant who has met the requirements for an Registered Function Radiography Certificate, issued by the ASBDE</p> <p>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform dental radiographic procedures equivalent to the ASBDE criteria, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form</p> <p>AND the DANB for the Arizona Radiography Certificate</p>

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Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)	Proposed Function Category (A-Z)	Functions Allowed/Prohibited by State (A-Z)	Functions Allowed/Prohibited by State (A-Z)
<p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Apply fluoride varnish</li> <li>40. Apply sealants</li> <li>* Place interim restorations under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through telehealth.</li> </ul> <p>Level of Supervision Not Specified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations or the placement and contouring of amalgamated crowns, including the placement of the tooth by a licensed dentist; the restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist.</li> </ul> <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Perform coronal polishing procedures</li> </ul> <p>Under Direct Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Remove sutures</li> <li>23. Apply topical fluoride</li> <li>35. Apply sealants</li> <li>42. Remove periodontal dressings with hand instruments</li> <li>47. DR. Remove orthodontic cement</li> <li>49. Remove orthodontic cement and interim restorations with hand instruments</li> <li>52. Remove orthodontic cement and interim restorations with hand instruments</li> <li>53. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction</li> </ul> <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Collect and record information pertaining to dental conditions</li> <li>3. Collect and record information pertaining to existing restorations</li> <li>4. Take or instruct patients in oral hygiene techniques</li> <li>5. Perform radiographic procedures, delivery concerning the setup and placement, and provide oral and dental hygiene instructions relative to specific office treatment</li> </ul>	<p>General Supervision</p> <p>Direct Supervision</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>61. Remove excess cement from trays, crowns, bridges, and orthodontics</li> <li>62. Remove periodontal dressings with hand instruments</li> <li>* Prepare a patient for retentive resin and complete denture impressions using a dental tray</li> <li>* Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction</li> </ul> <p>* Check the supragingival surface of the tooth in preparation for the placement of dentin covers, dental core appliances <p>* Acid etch procedures <p>* Removal of dressings and packs </p></p></p>	<p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare a patient for retentive resin and complete denture impressions using a dental tray</li> <li>* Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction</li> </ul>

Compare your state's job designations to those used as standardized job titles in the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.

If your state's dental practice act specifically defines levels of supervision, the state-specific definition is noted below the chart. See Appendix B for more information about supervision.

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of MA	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in MA
<p>To qualify as an <b>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</b>, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be 18 years of age and of good moral character <b>AND</b></li> <li>Hold any of the following national DANB certifications: CDA, COA, CPFDA or CRFDA; or certification from another Board-approved certifying body at the time of registration <b>AND</b></li> <li>Complete a formal program in the Massachusetts delegable expanded functions at a CODA-accredited program <b>AND</b></li> <li>Hold current certification in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer from the American Red Cross or BLS from the American Heart Association <b>AND</b></li> <li>Apply to the MA Board of Registration in Dentistry for registration.</li> </ul>	<p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>To take dental radiographs under the supervision of a dentist, a dental assistant must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be an on-the-job trained Dental Assistant (OJT) <b>AND</b> Complete a course in radiological techniques and safeguards <b>AND</b> Pass the DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam or other exam approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry, within one year of the course completion <b>OR</b></li> <li>Be a Massachusetts Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA), Certified Assistant (CA), or Formally Trained Dental Assistant (FTDA) <b>AND</b> Successfully complete a course with a curriculum that complies with Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) standards for radiological techniques and safeguards in dentistry</li> </ul>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform and record charting of the oral cavity and surrounding structures, including but not limited to existing dental restorations, lesions, and periodontal probing depths</li> <li>Perform sub-gingival and supra-gingival scaling</li> <li>Perform final positioning and attachment of orthodontic bonds and bands</li> <li>Take final impressions for fixed and removable prosthetic restoration of teeth or oral structures</li> <li>Perform pulp testing</li> <li>Perform final diagnoses and treatment planning</li> <li>Perform surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue</li> <li>Prescribe or parenterally administer drugs or medicaments</li> <li>Prescribe dental lab work orders for any appliance or prosthetic device or restoration to be inserted into a patient's mouth</li> <li>Operate high speed rotary instruments in the mouth</li> <li>Perform pulp-capping procedures</li> <li>Perform final cementation of crowns and bridges</li> <li>Perform preliminary evaluation to determine needed dental hygiene services</li> <li>Make referrals to dentist, physicians and other practitioners in consultation with a dentist</li> <li>Conduct dental screenings</li> <li>Evaluate radiographs for provision of dental hygiene services</li> <li>Perform minor emergency denture adjustments in nursing homes or other residential or long-term care facilities</li> <li>Perform minor emergency dental adjustments</li> <li>Administer local anesthesia</li> <li>Perform gross debridement and/or scaling and root planing</li> <li>Perform root planing and curettage</li> <li>Prepare and perform oral cytological smears or studies</li> <li>Use diagnostic and periodontic non-cutting lasers</li> <li>Perform polishing of amalgam restorations</li> <li>Perform micro disk identification applications</li> <li>Perform periodontal charting</li> <li>Irrigate root canals</li> </ol>
<p>To qualify as a <b>Formally Trained Dental Assistant (FTDA)</b>, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be 18 years of age and of good moral character <b>AND</b></li> <li>Complete a dental assisting program accredited by CODA or authorized, approved, accredited, licensed or certified by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE), or the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) or both <b>AND</b></li> <li>Hold current certification in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer from the American Red Cross or BLS from the American Heart Association <b>AND</b></li> <li>Apply to the MA Board of Registration in Dentistry for registration.</li> </ul>	<p>Certified Assistant (CA) or Formally Trained Dental Assistant (FTDA)</p>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>The ADAA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles (left) based on its national Core Competencies Study conducted from 2002-2005.</p> <p>The same study utilized a list of 70 job functions which were determined to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are numbered to the right, using language directly from this state's dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the study's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with bullets are part of this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB/ADAA research.</p>	<p>(Continued from previous row)</p>
<p>To qualify as a <b>Certified Assistant (CA)</b>, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be 18 years of age and of good moral character <b>AND</b></li> <li>Hold any of the following national DANB certifications: CDA, COA, CPFDA or CRFDA; or certification from another Board-approved certifying body at the time of registration <b>AND</b></li> <li>Hold current certification in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer from the American Red Cross or BLS from the American Heart Association <b>AND</b></li> <li>Apply to the MA Board of Registration in Dentistry for registration</li> </ul>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>(Continued from previous row)</p>	<p>(Continued from previous row)</p>
<p>To qualify as a <b>Dental Assistant Trained on the Job (OJT)</b>, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be 18 years of age, of good moral character, and not licensed as a dentist or dental hygienist <b>AND</b></li> <li>Complete a course in infection control/CDC guidelines* <b>AND</b></li> <li>Hold current certification in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer from the American Red Cross or BLS from the American Heart Association <b>AND</b></li> <li>Apply to the MA Board of Registration in Dentistry for registration.</li> </ul>	<p>Dental Assistant Trained on the Job (OJT)</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>(Continued from previous row)</p>	<p>(Continued from previous row)</p>
<p>A person who is at least 18 years of age and who has not previously been licensed as a dental assistant, dental hygienist, or dentist may undergo unlicensed on-the-job training for a one-time period of up to six consecutive months. Prior to commencing training, the prospective dental assistant must complete infection control education and must submit a notice of intent to the MA Board of Registration in Dentistry containing information required by the Board.</p>	<p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>(Continued from previous row)</p>	<p>(Continued from previous row)</p>

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Job Title  
According to  
State of MA

Allowable Functions  
(Functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations;  
functions with bullets are in this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research)

Expanded  
Function  
Dental  
Assistant  
(EFDA)

**With Immediate Supervision\***

- 12, 33. Place restorative materials in tooth for condensation and finishing by the dentist
- 14 Dry root canals with paper points
- 34. Apply cavity varnish, liner(s) and bonding agents

- 43. Select and adapt stainless steel crowns or other pre-formed crown for insertion by dentist
- 58. Removal of implant healing caps/cover screws for restorative procedures
- 59. Assist or monitor nitrous oxide analgesia

**Under supervision of a dentist holding a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit**

- Assist in anesthesia administration, including patient monitoring (*must be appropriately trained and hold current certification in BLS for the Healthcare Provider*)

**With Direct Supervision\***

- 6. Place and remove gingival retraction materials
- 12, 51 Place and condense amalgam restorations
- 33. Place and finish composite restorations
- 51. Carve, contour, adjust amalgam restorations

- 70. Place stainless steel crowns
- Record dental screenings
- Record charting of the oral cavity and surrounding structures, including but not limited to dental restorations, lesions and periodontal probing depths

- Apply bleaching agents and activate with non-laser non-curing device
- Obtain endodontic cultures
- Preliminarily fit crowns to check contacts, adjust occlusion on crowns inside the mouth
- Place temporary soft liners in a removable prosthesis

**Under General Supervision\***

- 9. Polish teeth, after dentist or dental hygienist has determined that teeth are free of calculus, with slow-speed hand piece
- 13. Remove sutures
- 15. Place and remove orthodontic arch wires
- 18. Apply anti-cariogenic agents, including fluoride varnish
- 22. Expose radiographs (*see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page*)
- 24. Provide oral health instruction
- 27. Place and remove dental dams
- 29. Preliminary intraoral fit of bands
- 35, 62. Place and remove periodontal dressings
- 37. Take and record vital signs
- 40. Apply and adjust dental sealants
- 42. Place and remove orthodontic separators
- 44. Take impressions for study casts and bite registrations, including for identification purposes, night guards and custom fluoride and bleaching trays pursuant to a dentist's prescription or order

- 44. Take impressions for orthodontic retainers
- 44,64. Take impressions for athletic mouth guards
- 45. Place and remove matrix bands
- 47. Fabricate provisional restorations intraorally
- 47,54. Cement and remove temporary crowns and bridges
- 48. Irrigate and aspirate the oral cavity
- 48. Retract lips, cheek, tongue and other oral tissue parts
- 50. Place temporary restorations (not including temporization of inlays, onlays, crowns and bridges) to provide palliative treatment
- 50. Place cotton pellets and temporary restorative materials into endodontic openings
- 50. Place temporary sedative restorations/fillings
- 54, 55. Remove temporary restorations with hand instruments
- 56. Apply topical anesthetic agents
- 61. Remove excess cement and bonding agents from bridges and appliances (including orthodontic appliances) with hand instruments

- 68. Perform minor emergency palliative orthodontic adjustments to eliminate pain and discomfort
- Re-cement and adjust intact temporary restorations intraorally
- Apply desensitizing agents
- Place and remove wedges
- Insert and/or perform minor adjustment of night mouth guards, athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays
- Preliminary oral fit of arch wire
- Select size of headgear
- Etch appropriate enamel surfaces before bonding of orthodontic appliances by a dentist
- Place elastics and ligature wires
- Remove fixed orthodontic appliances
- Take intra-oral photographs
- Review medical and dental history
- Perform dietary screening for dental disease prevention and control
- Adjust dentures on the tissue side to eliminate tissue irritation

**With Immediate Supervision\***

- 12, 33. Place restorative materials in tooth for condensation and finishing by the dentist
- 34. Apply cavity varnish, liner(s) and bonding agents
- 43. Select and adapt stainless steel crowns or other pre-formed crown for insertion by dentist
- 50. Place temporary sedative restorations/fillings (*CA only; FTDA is not allowed to perform this function*)

- 54, 55. Remove temporary restorations with hand instruments
- 58. Removal of implant healing caps/cover screws for restorative procedures
- 59. Assist or monitor nitrous oxide analgesia
- 70. Place stainless steel crowns
- Place temporary soft liners in a removable prosthesis (*FTDA; CA may perform under immediate supervision*)
- Obtain endodontic cultures (*FTDA; CA may perform under direct supervision*)

**Under supervision of a dentist holding a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit**

- Assist in anesthesia administration, including patient monitoring (*must be appropriately trained and hold current certification in BLS for the Healthcare Provider*)

**With Direct Supervision\***

- 6. Place and remove gingival retraction materials
- 40. Apply and adjust dental sealants
- 45. Place and remove matrix bands
- 47. Fabricate provisional restorations intraorally
- 50. Place cotton pellets and temporary restorative materials into endodontic openings
- 61. Remove excess cement and bonding agents from bridges and appliances

- (including orthodontic appliances) with hand instruments
- Record dental screenings
- Record charting of the oral cavity and surrounding structures, including but not limited to dental restorations, lesions and periodontal probing depths
- Apply desensitizing agents
- Place and remove wedges
- Apply bleaching agents and activate with non-laser non-curing device

- Preliminarily fit crowns to check contacts, adjust occlusion on crowns inside the mouth (*CA only; FTDA is not allowed to perform this function*)
- Place temporary soft liners in a removable prosthesis (*CA; FTDA may perform under immediate supervision*)
- Obtain endodontic cultures (*CA; FTDA may perform under immediate supervision*)

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\*Immediate Supervision: Supervision of dental procedures by a licensed dentist, who remains in the dental facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures, and before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the treatment rendered.  
 Direct Supervision: Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist who remains in the dental facility while the procedures are being performed by the auxiliary  
 General Supervision: Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist but not requiring the physical presence of a supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures.

# Massachusetts

Job Title  
According to  
State of MA

Allowable Functions

(Functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations;  
functions with bullets are in this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research)

Certified  
Assistant  
(CA)  
or  
Formally  
Trained  
Dental  
Assistant  
(FTDA)

Dental  
Assistant  
Trained  
on the  
Job  
(OJT)

**Under General Supervision\***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Polish teeth, after dentist or dental hygienist has determined that teeth are free of calculus, with slow-speed hand piece</li> <li>13. Remove sutures</li> <li>15. Place and remove orthodontic arch wires</li> <li>18. Apply anti-cariogenic agents, including fluoride varnish</li> <li>22. Expose radiographs (See "Radiography Requirements" on p. 64)</li> <li>24. Provide oral health instruction</li> <li>27. Place and remove dental dams</li> <li>29. Preliminary intraoral fit of bands</li> <li>35, 62. Place and remove periodontal dressings</li> <li>37. Take and record vital signs</li> <li>48. Irrigate and aspirate the oral cavity</li> <li>42. Place and remove orthodontic separators</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>44, 64. Take impressions for study casts and bite registrations, including for identification purposes, night guards, and custom fluoride and bleaching trays pursuant to a dentist's prescription or order</li> <li>44. Take impressions for orthodontic retainers</li> <li>44, 64. Take impressions for athletic mouth guards</li> <li>47, 54. Cement and remove temporary crowns and bridges</li> <li>48. Retract lips, cheek, tongue and other oral tissue parts</li> <li>50. Place temporary restorations (not including temporization of inlays, onlays, crowns and bridges) to provide palliative treatment</li> <li>56. Apply topical anesthetic agents</li> <li>68. Perform minor emergency palliative orthodontic adjustments to eliminate pain and discomfort</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insert and/or perform minor adjustment of night mouth guards, athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays</li> <li>• Preliminary oral fit of archwire</li> <li>• Select size of headgear</li> <li>• Etch appropriate enamel surfaces before bonding of orthodontic appliances by a dentist</li> <li>• Place elastics and ligature wires</li> <li>• Remove fixed orthodontic appliances</li> <li>• Remove excess cement and bonding agents from orthodontic appliances with hand instruments</li> <li>• Re-cement and adjust temporary restorations intraorally</li> <li>• Review medical and dental history and consult when necessary with medical practitioner</li> <li>• Take intraoral photographs</li> <li>• Perform dietary screening for dental disease prevention and control</li> </ul> |
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**With Immediate Supervision\***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12, 33. Place restorative materials in tooth for condensation and finishing by the dentist</li> <li>34. Apply cavity varnish, liner(s) and bonding agents</li> <li>43. Select and adapt stainless steel crowns or other pre-formed crown for insertion by dentist</li> <li>44, 64. Take impressions for study casts and bite registrations, including for identification purposes, night guards and custom fluoride and bleaching trays pursuant to a dentist's prescription or order</li> <li>44, 64. Take impressions for athletic mouth guards</li> <li>45. Place and remove matrix bands</li> <li>47. Fabricate provisional restorations intraorally</li> <li>47, 54. Cement and remove temporary crowns and bridges</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50. Place temporary restorations (not including temporization of inlays, onlays, crowns and bridges) to provide palliative treatment</li> <li>58. Removal of implant healing caps/cover screws for restorative procedures</li> <li>59. Assist or monitor nitrous oxide analgesia</li> <li>61. Remove excess cement and bonding agents from bridges and appliances with hand instruments</li> <li>68. Perform minor emergency palliative orthodontic adjustments to eliminate pain and discomfort</li> <li>• Place and remove wedges</li> <li>• Insert and/or perform minor adjustment of night mouth guards, athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays</li> <li>• Apply bleaching agents and activate with a non-laser non-curing device</li> </ul> |
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**Under supervision of a dentist holding a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit**

- Assist in anesthesia administration, including patient monitoring (*must be appropriately trained and hold current certification in BLS for the Healthcare Provider*)

**With Direct Supervision\***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Place and remove gingival retraction materials</li> <li>13. Remove sutures</li> <li>15. Place and remove orthodontic arch wires</li> <li>18. Apply anti-cariogenic agents, including fluoride varnish</li> <li>24. Provide oral health instruction</li> <li>27. Place and remove dental dams</li> <li>29. Preliminary intraoral fit of bands</li> <li>42. Place and remove orthodontic separators</li> <li>44. Take impressions for orthodontic retainers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50. Place cotton pellets and temporary restorative materials into endodontic openings</li> <li>56. Apply topical anesthetic agents</li> <li>61. Remove excess cement and bonding agents from orthodontic appliances with hand instruments</li> <li>• Record dental screenings</li> <li>• Record charting of the oral cavity and surrounding structures, including but not limited to dental restorations, lesions and periodontal probing depths</li> <li>• Preliminary oral fit of arch wire</li> <li>• Apply desensitizing agents</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select size of headgear</li> <li>• Etch appropriate enamel surfaces before bonding of orthodontic appliances by a dentist</li> <li>• Place elastics and ligature wires</li> <li>• Remove fixed orthodontic appliances</li> </ul> |
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**Under General Supervision\***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22. Expose radiographs (see "Radiography Requirements" on p. 64)</li> <li>37. Take and record vital signs</li> <li>48. Retract lips, cheek, tongue and other oral tissue parts</li> <li>48. Irrigate and aspirate the oral cavity</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review medical and dental history and consult when necessary with medical practitioner</li> <li>• Take intraoral photographs</li> </ul> |
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 Direct Supervision: Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist who remains in the dental facility while the procedures are being performed by the auxiliary.  
 General Supervision: Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist but not requiring the physical presence of a supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures.