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To: Mississippi Licensed Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Re: GENERAL SUPERVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Dear Mississippi Licensed Dentists and Dental Hygienists:

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Legislature amended the Mississippi Dental Practice Act – Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-5: “Dental Hygiene” Defined. Effective July 1, 2025, this amendment authorizes dental hygienists to practice under the general supervision of Mississippi dentists under specific conditions. To implement this change, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners (hereafter, “the Board”) filed an emergency amendment to Board Regulation 13. This emergency rule will remain in effect until such time the Board can adopt permanent amendments to Board Regulation 13. The public will be afforded the opportunity to submit comments regarding the proposed permanent amendments to Board Regulation 13.

The Board will utilize a two-step process – **REGISTRATION & AUTHORIZATION** – for license holders desiring to practice general supervision. A dental hygienist may only practice under general supervision upon registering with the Board as eligible *and* upon receiving authorization from the supervising dentist.

**REGISTRATION.** Any Mississippi licensed Dental Hygienist desiring to practice under general supervision must register as eligible under law with the Board. Interested applicants must submit a completed Application to Register Eligibility; after which, the Board’s staff will verify eligibility. Applicants satisfying eligibility requirements under Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-5 will be registered with the Board as eligible to practice under general supervision.

**AUTHORIZATION.** Any Mississippi licensed Dentist desiring to practice general supervision must submit a completed application for each dental hygienist he or she desires to supervise under general supervision. Applications will be restricted only to dental hygienists registered with the Board as eligible to practice under general supervision. The Application to Authorize General Supervision will be available by July 01, 2025.

The Board has worked diligently to create an emergency amendment to Board Regulation 13 in an abbreviated time frame. Initially, the applications referenced above will require manual entry; however, the Board is working with our software vendor to incorporate this process into

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the Board's online licensure system. Until such time that the process is incorporated, the Board will maintain a list of eligible dental hygienists on the Board's website and provide e-mail notifications evidencing dentists' authorization of eligible dental hygienists.

Finally, it is imperative that both Mississippi licensed dentists and dental hygienists desiring to practice general supervision familiarize him or herself with the changes to the law and the Board's regulations. Failure to adhere to the law and/or regulations may result in disciplinary action by the Board. See the link below for a resource page that will have all applications, as well as, additional pertinent information.

Included on the Resource Page: [Application for Registration - General Supervision | Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners](#) are the following:

Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-5: "Dental Hygiene" Defined, as amended  
30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.13 – Board Regulation 13, as amended (temporary)  
Application to Register Eligibility to Practice under General Supervision  
Application to Authorize General Supervision  
Listing of Eligible Dental Hygienists (after July 1, 2025)

If you have concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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