



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Provisional Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensees and Applicants  
**FROM:** Kentucky Board of Dentistry  
**RE:** Temporary Amendment of Regulation Affecting Dental Hygienists Practicing Under General Supervision Pursuant to Executive Orders 2020-243 and 2020-257  
**DATE:** ~~Sept. XX~~, 2020  
*Oct 8*

On March 6, 2020, Gov. Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency in Kentucky related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was followed by additional orders, including requirements that state agencies take actions necessary to ensure appropriate social distancing while continuing to provide necessary services to the public.

Therefore, in response to, and under authority of, Executive Orders 2020-243 and 2020-257, the Board of Dentistry announces the following change to the relevant administrative regulation, which will be in effect for the duration of the declared state of emergency:

- 201 KAR 8:562, Section 12(5) – The requirement that an oral examination by a dentist shall have been performed within the seven (7) months preceding treatment by the dental hygienist is hereby amended. The oral examination of a patient by the supervising dentist shall now have been completed within the twelve (12) months preceding treatment by the dental hygienist practicing under general supervision.

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Geoffrey Ball, DMD  
President of the Board of Dentistry  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Dated: ~~Sept.~~, 2020  
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J. Michael Brown  
Secretary of the Executive Cabinet  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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