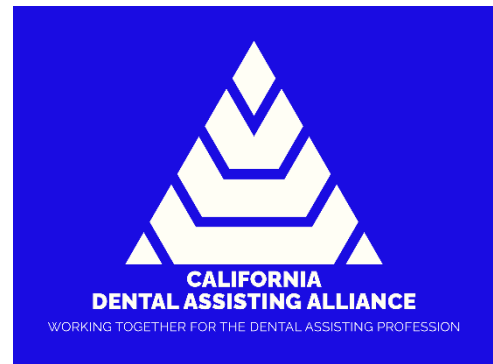


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RE: DBC meeting August 15, 2024  
Agenda item 7(d)(viii)

Dear Dr. Montez:

Thank you for your continued hard work on the Dental Board and our ongoing communication.

Though the Alliance does support most of SB 1453, we do not support the amended language in section 1750(f)(4) that removes the education and work experience requirements before being able to perform coronal polish.

For the unlicensed dental assistant to have no prior work experience other than the 8-hour infection control course (which will be able to be taken entirely virtually when SB 1453 passes), CPR, and the 12-hour coronal polish course, the potential for patient harm is great. Use of a rotary instrument with the potential of turning at 60 MPH with an abrasive in the patient's mouth may cause irreversible damage to soft and hard tissues.

The fact that this duty is currently in the scope of practice for the RDA speaks to its complexity and need for experience working with patients and rotary instruments to ensure patient safety.

We ask that the board reconsider amending the language by reinstating the previously agreed-upon language that included work experience and education requirements prior to the unlicensed dental assistants' ability to perform coronal polish.

We greatly appreciate the board and look forward to voicing our concerns at the meeting.

Thank you,

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