

**21 NCAC 16H .0208 LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR ASSISTING HYGIENISTS**

A Dental Assistant II may assist a Limited Supervision Hygienist, who is qualified and practicing pursuant to 21 NCAC 16Z .0101-.0103, in providing oral hygiene instruction, applying sealants, applying topical fluorides, applying fluoride varnishes, and while the Hygienist is performing prophylaxis, provided:

- (1) The treatment is provided to children in school-based oral health programs under the "ECU School-based Oral Health Expansion Readiness" grant, proposal number 19-0786 and related project number A19-0231, developed by the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine and funded by The Duke Endowment; and
- (2) Prior to any treatment being provided, a licensed North Carolina dentist has:
  - (a) examined the patient;
  - (b) ordered in writing the treatment provided to the patient; and
  - (c) agreed to provide the patient with any necessary additional treatment resulting from the treatment rendered in accordance with this Rule.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-29(c)(9); 90-48; 90-233;  
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