

**Delegated Dental Procedures for Dental Auxiliaries Chart**  
**Michigan Dental Association**  
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| DA | RDA | RDH | Procedure  |
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| G  | G   |     | Trial sizing of orthodontic bands  |
| G  | G   |     | Holding the matrix for anterior resin restorations   |
| G  | A   |     | Making impressions for study and opposing models   |
| G  | G   |     | Applying of topical anesthetic solutions   |
| G  | G   |     | Instructing in the use and care of dental appliances   |
| G  |     |     | Operation of dental radiographic equipment if the assistant has successfully completed a course in dental radiography which is substantially equivalent to a course taught in a program approved by the board pursuant to R338.11303 or R338.11307 |
|    | A   | A   | Operating dental radiographic equipment  |
| D  |     |     | Placing and removing orthodontic separators  |
| D  |     |     | Placing and removing orthodontic elastics, ligatures, and arch wires   |
|    | A   |     | Removing orthodontic elastics, ligatures, and elastic or wire separators   |
|    | A   |     | Replacing elastic or wire separators   |
| D  |     |     | Dispensing aligners  |
|    | A   | A   | Placing and removing rubber dam  |
|    | A   |     | Removing excess cement from supragingival surfaces of a tooth with a non-tissue cutting instrument   |
|    | A   |     | Polishing specific teeth with a slow-speed rotary hand piece immediately before a procedure that would require acid etching before placement of sealants, resin-bonded orthodontic appliances, and direct restorations                             |
|    | A   |     | Applying anticariogenic agents including, but not limited to, sealants, fluoride varnish, and fluoride applications  |
|    |     | A   | Applying anticariogenic and desensitizing agents including, but not limited to, sealants, fluoride varnish, and fluoride applications  |
|    | G   |     | Applying desensitizing agents*   |
|    | A   |     | Polishing and contouring of sealants with a slow-speed rotary hand piece immediately following the procedure for the purpose of occlusal adjustment  |
|    | A   |     | Inspecting and charting of the oral cavity using a mouth mirror and radiographs  |
|    | A   |     | Replacing existing temporary restorations and existing temporary crowns and temporary bridges  |
|    | A   | A   | Classifying occlusion  |
|    | A   | A   | Providing nutritional counseling for oral health and maintenance   |
|    | A   | A   | Applying commonly accepted emergency procedures  |
|    | G   |     | Placing and removing a nonmetallic temporary restoration with non-tissue cutting instruments   |
|    | G   |     | Sizing of temporary crowns and bands   |
|    | G   |     | Performing pulp vitality testing*  |
|    | G   |     | Placing and removing matrices and wedges*  |
|    | G   |     | Applying cavity liners and bases*  |
|    | G   |     | Placing and removing nonepinephrine retraction cords*  |
|    | G   |     | Taking an impression for orthodontic appliances, mouth guards, bite splints, and bleaching trays*  |
|    | G   |     | Drying endodontic canals with absorbent points*  |
|    | G   |     | Etching and placing adhesives before placement of orthodontic brackets*  |
|    | D   | A   | Placing and removing periodontal dressings   |
|    | D   | A   | Temporarily cementing and removing temporary crowns and bands  |
|    | D   | A   | Removing sutures   |

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|  | D | Applying in-office bleaching   |
|  | D | Cementing orthodontic bands or initial placement of orthodontic brackets   |
|  | D | Removing orthodontic adhesive from teeth, supragingivally, after removing brackets with non-tissue cutting instruments   |
|  | D | Placing, condensing, and carving amalgam restorations**  |
|  | D | Placing Class I resin bonded restorations, occlusal adjustment, finishing and polishing with non-tissue cutting rotary hand pieces**   |
|  | D | Taking of final impressions for indirect restorations**  |
|  | D | Assisting and monitoring of the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia by the dentist or the RDH***   |
|  | A | Removing accretions and stains from the surfaces of the teeth and applying of topical agents essential to complete prophylaxis   |
|  | A | Root planing or debridement  |
|  | A | Polishing and contouring restorations  |
|  | A | Charting of the oral cavity, including all of the following:<br>•periodontal charting<br>•intra- and extra-oral examining of soft tissue<br>•charting of radiolucencies or radiopacities, existing restorations, and missing teeth   |
|  | A | Preliminary examining that includes testing pulp vitality using an electric pulp tester  |
|  | A | Applying topical anesthetic agents by prescription of the dentist  |
|  | A | Placing and removing intra-coronal temporary sedative dressings  |
|  | A | Placing and removing postextraction  |
|  | A | Removing excess cement from tooth surfaces   |
|  | A | Taking impressions for study or opposing models, orthodontic appliances, mouth guards, bite splints, and bleaching trays   |
|  | A | Placing subgingival medicaments  |
|  | A | Applying or dispensing in-office bleaching products  |
|  | D | Performing soft tissue curettage   |
|  | D | Administer intra-oral block or infiltration anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia or both to a patient who is 18 years of age or older and only if the RDH has met the following requirements:<br>(a) successfully completed an approved course, as defined in section 16611(4) of the code MCL 333.16611(4), in the administration of local anesthesia and/or nitrous oxide analgesia<br>(b) successfully completed a state or regional board administered written examination in local anesthesia within 18 months of completion of the approved course<br>(c) successfully completed a state or regional board administered written examination on nitrous oxide analgesia, within 18 months of completion of the approved course, if such an examination exists<br>(d) maintains and provides evidence of current certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support<br>(2) a dental hygienist who meets the requirements of this subrule (1) of this rule shall not administer more than 50% nitrous oxide |

#### LEVELS OF SUPERVISION

The definitions that follow are taken from the Administrative Rules of the Michigan Board of Dentistry.

**A = ASSIGNMENT** — means that a dentist designates a patient of record upon whom services are to be performed and describes the procedures to be performed. Unless the assignment is designated in these rules under general or direct supervision, the dentist need not be physically present in the office or in the treatment room at the time the procedures are being performed.

**G = GENERAL SUPERVISION** — means that a dentist has designated a patient of record upon whom services are to be performed. The dentist shall be physically present in the office at the time the procedures are being performed.

**D = DIRECT SUPERVISION** — means that a dentist has designated a patient of record upon whom services are to be performed by an assistant, registered dental assistant, or registered dental hygienist and has described the procedure to be performed. The dentist shall examine the patient before prescribing the procedure to be performed and again upon completion of the procedure. The dentist shall be physically present in the office at the time procedures are being performed.

\*A dentist shall assign these procedures to a RDA only if the RDA has successfully completed an approved course as defined in section 16611 (12) and (13) of the code, MCL 333.16611(12) and (13).

\*\*A dentist shall assign these procedures to a RDA only if the RDA has successfully completed an approved course as defined in section 16611 (11) of the act, followed by a comprehensive clinical experience of sufficient duration that validates clinical competence through a criterion-based assessment instrument.

\*\*\*A dentist shall assign this procedure to the RDA only if the RDA has successfully completed an approved course as defined in section 16611 (7) of the act, in the assisting and monitoring of the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia.

**NOTE:** A registered dental hygienist shall not perform functions exclusive to a registered dental assistant unless the registered dental hygienist is also licensed as a registered dental assistant.