

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF
DENTISTRY
RULE 150-9-.01 GENERAL DUTIES OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Dentistry (hereinafter “Board”) proposes amendments to Georgia Board of Dentistry Rule 150-9-.01 GENERAL DUTIES OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS (hereinafter “proposed amendments”).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Dentistry’s web page at <http://gbd.georgia.gov/>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM on June 2, 2023 at the Department of Community Health at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to May 26, 2023. Written comments should be addressed to Executive Director of the Georgia Board of Dentistry at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. You may email your comments to elacefield@dch.ga.gov.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered by the Georgia Board of Dentistry during its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM on June 2, 2023 at the Department of Community Health at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Dentistry has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 31-13-5, 43-11-7, 43-11-23, and 43-11-80.

At its meeting on March 3, 2023, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7 and 43-11-9.

At its meeting on March 3, 2023, the Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-11-7 and 43-11-9 to adopt or implement differing actions for

businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of dentistry.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 28 day of April, 2023.



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Georgia Board of Dentistry

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
RULE 150-9-.01 GENERAL DUTIES OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS.**

- Purpose:** To clarify the statutory basis of the and make reference to the Official Code of Georgia, to correct a reference to a now-repealed regulation and amend to reference new regulation; to amend the Rule to accord with O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23
- Main Features:** Addition of reference to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74, correction of reference to now-repealed Ga. Comp. R. & Regs 290-5-22-.04 to Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 111-8-90-.04, addition of reference to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23.

**DIFFERENCES OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
RULE 150-9-.01 GENERAL DUTIES OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS.**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

A copy of the draft rule approved by the Board is attached hereto.

150-9-.01. General Duties of Dental Assistants

- (1) A dental assistant shall be defined as one who is employed in a dental office to perform certain duties that assist the dentist. It is expected that the dental assistant will be familiar with the operations performed in the conduct of a dental practice; specifically, the sterilization of instruments, the general hygiene of the mouth, secretarial work, making appointments and bookkeeping. Under no circumstances may he or she perform any of the operations catalogued as dental hygiene treatments in [O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74](#) or Board Rule 150-5-.03(5).
- (2) Direct supervision and control as it pertains to a dental assistant shall mean that a dentist licensed in Georgia is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental assistant and, before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the dental assistant.
- (3) In addition to routine duties, the general duties identified below may be delegated to dental assistants under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. These duties may only be delegated in those instances when they are easily reversible and will not result in increased risk to the patient:
 - (a) Make impressions for diagnostic models and opposing models.
 - (b) Place and expose radiographs after completing the training required by Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. ~~290-5-22-.04~~ ~~111-8-90-.04~~ titled X-Rays in the Health Arts.
 - (c) Remove sutures - other than wire sutures.
 - (d) Remove periodontal dressing.
 - (e) Place and remove rubber dams.
 - (f) Apply topical anesthetic.
 - (g) Remove visible excess cement from supramarginal areas of dental restorations and appliances with non-mechanical hand instruments.
 - (h) Fabricate extraorally temporary crowns and bridges.
 - (i) Cement temporary crowns and bridges with intermediate cement.
 - (j) Remove temporary crowns and bridges seated with intermediate cement.
 - (k) Place intracoronal temporary restorations using intermediate cement.
 - (l) Place drying and deoiling agents prior to the cementation of permanent crowns and bridges.
 - (m) Remove dry socket medication.
 - (n) Place and take off a removable prosthesis with a pressure sensitive paste after the appliance has been initially seated by the dentist.
 - (o) Etch unprepared enamel.
 - (p) Polish the enamel and restorations of the anatomical crown; however, this procedure may only be executed through the use of a slow speed handpiece (not to exceed 10,000 rpm), rubber cup and polishing agent. This procedure shall in no way be represented to patient as a prophylaxis. This procedure shall be used only for the purpose of enamel preparation for:
 1. Bleaching,
 2. Cementation of fixed restorations,

3. Bonding procedures including supramarginal enamel restorations after removal of orthodontic appliances. No direct charge shall be made to the patient for such procedure.
- (q) Dry canals with absorbent points and place soothing medicaments (not to include endodontic irrigation); and place and remove temporary stopping with non-mechanical hand instruments only.
 - (r) Place matrix bands and wedges.
 - (s) Select, pre-size and seat orthodontic arch wires with brackets which have been placed by the dentist. Adjustment of the arch wire may only be made by the dentist.
 - (t) Select and pre-size orthodontic bands which initially must be seated by the dentist.
 - (u) Place and remove pre-treatment separators.
 - (v) Cut and tuck ligatures, remove ligatures and arch wires, remove loose or broken bands.
 - (w) Remove and recement loose bands that previously have been contoured and fitted by a dentist, but only after a dentist has examined the affected tooth and surrounding gingival and found no evidence of pathology.
 - (x) Perform phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures after appropriate Board approved training is ~~acquired~~ successfully completed as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23.
 - (y) Use a rubber cup prophylaxis on a patient with primary dentition. A dental assistant may only begin providing rubber cup prophylaxis after the dental assistant has completed a curriculum approved by the Board or a minimum of eight hours of on-the-job training in the provision of rubber cup prophylaxis by a dentist licensed to practice in Georgia.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-9, 43-11-23, 43-11-80, 43-11-81.