

**TITLE 16. DENTAL HYGIENE BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

LEGEND

**Underlined**                      Indicates proposed regulatory language.

**Adopt Section 1117 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR)  
to read as follows:**

**§1117 Reporting Dental Relationships Between Registered Dental Hygienists in  
Alternative Practice and Licensed Dentists**

- (a) Upon application for a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice (RDHAP) license, the applicant shall provide documentation specified in subdivision (f) to the Dental Hygiene Board of California (Board) of a relationship with at least one licensed dentist located in California for referral, consultation, and emergency services.
- (b) An RDHAP shall provide the documentation specified in subdivision (f) to the Board of a current relationship with at least one licensed dentist for referral, consultation, and emergency services at every biennial license renewal.
- (c) An RDHAP shall report any termination of the existing dentist relationship to the Board within 30 calendar days of the termination and provide the documentation specified in subdivision (f) to the Board for at least one licensed dentist with whom the new relationship has been established for referral, consultation, and emergency services.
- (d) At all times during the relationship between the RDHAP and the dentist, the dentist's license must be current, active, and not under discipline prohibiting practice by the Dental Board of California (DBC).
- (e) If an RDHAP learns that the dentist with whom they have an existing relationship is being placed under discipline prohibiting practice by the DBC, the RDHAP shall terminate the existing dental relationship and notify the Board within 30 calendar days of the termination, and shall provide the documentation specified in subdivision (f) to the Board with at least one licensed dentist with whom the new relationship has been established for referral, consultation, and emergency services.

- (f) Documentation required to be reported to the Board shall include a completed and signed “Documentation of Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) Relationship with Dentist” (Form RDHAP-01 (New 07-2021), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1905 and 1906, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference cited: Section 1930, Business and Professions Code.