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**POLICY/ PROCEDURE**

**COURSE CERTIFICATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF INFILTRATION ANESTHESIA**

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 40-15-80(E)

**POLICY**

S.C. Code Ann. Section 40-15-80(E) authorizes a dental hygienist to administer local infiltration anesthesia "upon certification by the board and when under the direct supervision of a practicing dentist." The requirement by the General Assembly of certification recognizes the inherent risk to the patient from the administration of anesthesia. Therefore, to reasonably assure that dental hygienists administering infiltration anesthesia have received appropriate professional training before they administer it to members of the public, this Board has been delegated responsibility for reviewing and approving courses and other training in this method of anesthesia.

**PROCEDURE**

**Board Approved Courses**

Course sponsors requesting inclusion on the Board approved listing must provide the Board office with documentation of course approval from PACE, CERP or other certifying agency approved by the Board. Sponsors are responsible for maintaining certifying agency approval. Courses not approved by a board approved certifying agency will not be approved by the Board.

Approved by the Board: April 9, 2021