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Hello there,

I am writing in support of establishing a provision which will allow members registered as Oral Health Therapists to treat restorative patients aged 18 years and older. This provision should encompass all restoration Classes for which they are trained, but should not exceed experience and comfort limits. It is only by natural extension that if they have been treating individuals from 12-17 years of age, they will have been treating a permanent dentition. As such, this privilege should be extended under initial dentist supervision/guidance for the first year with photographs and documentation, written and radiographic. A subsequent review of this material paired with a letter of recommendation by the supervising dentist demonstrating clear competency should be sufficient to allow the Oral Health Therapist to determine whether a tooth should receive direct restorative care, or should be referred for indirect procedures.

Kind Regards, Clarence

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