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The legislative activity continues as we enter 2025. The passage of SB1453 introduced a number of issues regarding implementation for the DBC.

At the February 6-7, 2025 Dental Assisting Council and Dental Board meetings, much discussion and testimony centered around a variety of possible solutions for language changes and DBC implementation. One such solution from the DBC was new legislation to clarify and 'clean up' a number of issues around educational program requirements. The proposed new legislation was accepted by the DBC though the Alliance did have some additional concerns that were voiced. Overall, the proposed new legislation was an acceptable compromise.

Also presented was Title 16, Section 1005-Minimum Standard of Infection Control. This document had been reworked, updated and approved by the Dental Hygiene Board. The Alliance had multiple issues around the updates and language in the document. After lengthy discussion and testimonies, it was decided by the DBC to send the document back to the work group to consider the suggestions and present the document at the May 14-15, 2025 DAC and DBC meetings to be held in Anaheim. This will then need to go back to the Dental Hygiene Board for re-approval of the proposed changes. Please visit the DBC website for updates at www.dbc.ca.gov

What the newest news? Brand new legislation AB873, authored by Juan Alanis, will re-instate the 120 day window for the unlicensed dental assistant to take the 8 hour infection control course. This would be going backwards regarding the training to be done prior to exposure of OPIM and bloodborne pathogens. The Alliance is asking for those members in District 22, that includes Stanislaus and Merced Counties, surrounding areas and the central valley, to contact his office with a vote against this bill. Go to <https://ad22.asmrc.org/contact-me/>

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