

**STATE OF VERMONT  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

The forthcoming Administrative Rules of the Board of Dental Examiners, effective October 15, 2025, will provide that:

[a] dental hygienist, other than a public-health hygienist practicing under Part 6-5, may employ SMART [silver modified atraumatic restorative technique] only if the hygienist:

(1) has received training in SMART from either:

(A) a CODA-accredited institution; or


(B) a program approved by the Vermont Department of Health under Part 6-5(c), below; and

(2) is directly supervised by a dentist or dental therapist.

Rule 6-4(d) (effective October 15, 2025).

The Board clarifies that, for purposes of forthcoming Rule 6-4(d) only, *directly supervised* means that any definitive diagnosis must be made by a dentist or dental therapist.

Adopted July 9, 2025

Signed:  Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair  
Robert Ruhl, DDS  
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