This is an amendment to 16.5.28 NMAC, Section 8, effective 01/15/2015.

16.5.28.8 REQUIREMENT TO BE CERTIFIED: Local anesthesia may only be performed by dental hygienists who have been certified by the committee to perform the expanded function. The administration of local anesthesia requires the indirect supervision of a dentist. Local anesthesia may be administered by a dental hygienist under general supervision under the following conditions; the dental hygienist shall:

A. be currently certified to administer local anesthesia in New Mexico and have a New Mexico license in good standing;
B. have administered local anesthesia under the indirect supervision of a dentist for at least two consecutive years;
C. administered at least 20 cases of local anesthesia under the indirect supervision of the same dentist during that two year period;
D. provide a signed affidavit from the supervising dentist attesting to the length of employment, supervision, and observation of the 20 certifying cases, and attest that the dental hygienist is qualified to administer local anesthesia and to handle possible emergencies or side effects in a dental facility. The affidavit is valid for subsequent or additional locations in which the licensee may practice.

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