A. The requirements in this rule do not apply to use of non-adjustable laser units for purposes of diagnosis and curing.

B. Only a dentist may use a laser capable of the removal of hard and soft tissue in the treatment of a dental patient.

C. Laser use by a dental hygienist can only be performed under the indirect or direct supervision of a dentist, and must be within the dental hygiene scope of practice.

D. A licensee who is a laser user or supervises a laser user must first successfully complete training that covers a minimum eight (8) hours of laser physics, safety, and appropriate use, including hands-on training, prior to utilizing the laser.
   1. Training must be obtained through a course provided or recognized by any of the following organizations (or a successor organization):
      a. A Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited institution;
      b. The American Dental Association (ADA) Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP);
      c. The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE); or
      d. The American Medical Association (AMA).
   2. A licensee utilizing a laser, other than what is described in section A of this rule, must maintain evidence of training as required in section D(1) of this rule. Upon request of the Board, the licensee must submit evidence of such training.
   3. A licensee must also complete live and interactive training that addresses operation of the specific laser(s) utilized in the practice.

E. All lasers must be used in accordance with accepted safety guidelines.

F. When utilizing a laser pursuant to this rule, at a minimum, the following must be documented in the patient’s record:
   1. Type of laser;
   2. Settings used (pulse or continuous wave, power setting);
   3. Size of fiber, tip or aperture of tip; and
   4. Procedure performed with details including hard or soft tissue removal.