

Resolution No.	10	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	New York County Dental Society			
Date Submitted:	April 14, 2026	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Financial Implication:	\$ 0			
Amount One-time	\$ 0	Amount On-going	\$ none	

RECOGNIZING THE LICENSED ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT

1 **BACKGROUND STATEMENT:** New Jersey has a separate class of licensed dental assistants
 2 who are specifically trained to assist orthodontists. In New Jersey, Orthodontic Assistants are a
 3 distinct, credentialed role with clearly defined competencies, allowing them to perform a wide
 4 range of reversible, delegated orthodontic procedures *under appropriate supervision*. This not
 5 only enhances patient access to orthodontic care but also creates a stable, attractive career
 6 pathway that supports recruitment and retention. In contrast, New York currently has no
 7 dedicated licensure or recognition for orthodontic assistants, leaving practices unable to fully
 8 utilize trained staff and exacerbating the state’s already critical shortage of dental personnel.

9 By recognizing and validating orthodontic assistants through standardized training, certification,
 10 and a defined scope of practice—New York could immediately expand its effective workforce,
 11 improve efficiency in orthodontic settings, and align itself with neighboring states that have
 12 modernized their dental team models without compromising patient safety.

13 **10. Resolved** that NYSDA support and request that the NY Education Law and
 14 associated regulations be amended to accept the existing DANB certification of the
 15 Certified Orthodontic Assistant designation

16 **Board Comments:** Many specialties have desired certified assistants unique to their specialty
 17 practice. Our government relations staff does not see a way that the NYS Education
 18 Department will allow such specialty assistants when dental licensure itself does not have
 19 specialty licensure. Hence, we recommend defeat of this resolution.

20 **BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE NO**

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Demas		X			Hills		X			Ramjattansingh		X		
Dominger	X				Jacobs	X				Rothas	X			
Edwards		X			Jacobo	X				Samuels		X		
Gamache		X			Korkosz		X			Scharoff		X		
Giordano		X			Krishnan		X			Stacy		X		
Greenberg		X			Miller		X			Stacey		X		
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