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To Raymond A. Derbyshire, D. M. D., Secretary,  
Board of Dental Examiners  
Re: Treatment of Children

We have your letter requesting a ruling with respect to a policy apparently set up which provides that dentists shall not extract a tooth from a child unless a parent is present.

There would appear to be no law relative to this matter and it is only with respect to questions of law that we issue opinions.

I have consulted the Department of Education, Division of Health, and have been informed that they have not promulgated any such rule or regulation, although they do like to have a parent present when a child is given a physical examination by a physician.

James Glynn Frost  
Deputy Attorney General

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