Do I Need an In-Text Citation at the End of Every Sentence in a Paragraph?

My dilemma is this, do I need to continue to use the in-text citation at the end of every sentence in a paragraph when the author was identified in the beginning and it is clear that all the following statements are paraphrases of the author? For example:

Hendrick (2006) provided several recommendations regarding the issue. The highlights of these recommendations include the concept of being prepared and willing to acknowledge errors (Hendrick, 2006). Recognition of the time parameters and heeding to the needs of the audience are paramount (Hendrick, 2006). Most importantly, admit to errors, openly apologize, and acknowledge the correct response (Hendrick, 2006).

Please know that while this example could most likely be made into a list or compressed into one or two statements, the 'real' piece of writing cannot. Placing the same citation at the end of every sentence in the paragraph seems (to me) to be extremely redundant. If there is the need to repeat the citation, could it just be placed at the end of the paragraph?

I have scoured the APA manual and was unable to find a definitive answer, hopefully, you can provide one! Cathy

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Chelsea Lee said in reply to Catherine...

The level of citation you showed in your example does seem excessive. From your introductory sentence, I understand as a reader that the next few sentences will be drawing upon Hendrick (2006), so all that reciting does not seem necessary. However, if you inject your own ideas or other authors' ideas along the way, it will be important to be more precise in your attributions. Also, if you go a long time without mentioning Hendricks, it may be helpful to the reader to introduce the citation again.

I don't think there is a "definitive" answer to this question, because so much depends on the context and the specific wording, but I hope this helps. Good luck!