Part 2. ADMINISTRATION

2.3 POLICIES. In consultation with the Medical Advisor and one or more registered nurses and other related health care professionals, the administrator shall develop and at least annually review written resident care policies and procedures that govern resident care in the following areas: nursing, housekeeping, maintenance sanitation, medical, dental, dietary, diagnostic, emergency, and pharmaceutical care; social services; activities; rehabilitation; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; resident admission, transfer, and discharge; notification of physician and family or other responsible party of resident's incidents, accidents and changes of status; disasters; and health records and any other policies the department determines the facility needs based on its characteristics of its resident population.

Part 4. PERSONNEL

4.3.3 The facility shall provide annual inservice education for staff in at least the following areas: infection control, fire prevention and safety, accident prevention, confidentiality of resident information, rehabilitative nursing, resident rights, dietary, pharmacy, dental, behavior management, disaster preparedness, and, if it has developmentally disabled residents, developmental disabilities, residents with Alzheimer’s conditions, those conditions, or mentally ill residents, mental illness.

Part 5. RESIDENT CARE

5.1.8 WEIGHT CHANGES. The facility shall:

(6) provide assistance in eating or adaptive eating devices and assist residents in obtaining dentures, or dental care, as appropriate to the individual resident;

5.1.9 GROOMING

(3) For residents with poor oral hygiene, the facility shall meet the requirements of Part 10.

Part 6. MEDICAL CARE SERVICES

6.1.3 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that telephone orders are received by a physician, licensed nurse or other appropriate disciplines as authorized by their professional licensure and are countersigned by the attending physician or dentist and entered in the record within 2 weeks.

6.1.5 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that a licensed dentist authenticates dental examinations and dental histories completed by other authorized personnel and signs dental treatment records.

Part 10. DENTAL SERVICES
10.1 DENTAL EXAMINATION. Upon admission, each resident of a facility upon his/her consent or upon the consent of a responsible person, shall have an oral examination by a licensed dentist or an initial oral inspection by a licensed dental hygienist designated by a dentist.

10.1.1 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that the dental examination is conducted according to current dental practice.

10.1.2 The facility is not responsible to pay for such services.

10.1.3 If the local dental society provides a list of dentists who are willing to participate, the facility shall make the list available to the residents.

10.1.4 In lieu of the admission examination, the resident may present written results, for entry into his/her medical record, of an oral examination administered during a period not to exceed six months prior to admission.

10.2 DENTAL RECORDS

The dentist or the designated dental hygienist is responsible for the dental record. For residents agreeing to participate in the program, the facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that there are complete, accurate dental records that include the following:

10.2.1 Results of all current dental examinations and plans for treatment.

10.2.2 One of the following to document provision of planned treatment:

(1) Record of treatment provided pursuant to a plan for treatment.

(2) A document signed by each resident of a nursing care facility or responsible party that states that the resident or responsible party is aware of any and all specific oral pathology identified during an oral examination of the resident, but elects not to obtain treatment because of cost or other reasons.

(3) In the event that the resident or responsible party elects not to obtain the initial oral examination, a signed statement to that effect in the resident’s permanent medical record, which substitutes for the dental record requirement.

10.3 ORAL APPLIANCES. Upon consent, all residents’ removable oral appliance and personal hygiene appliances (including without limitation, full dentures, partial dentures, and toothbrushes) shall be clearly identified and marked in a permanent manner with the user’s name, as recommended by the dentist designated as advisory dentist to the facility.

10.4 DENTAL HYGIENE. Each facility shall implement policies for an oral hygiene for its residents, in consultation with the advisory dentist or the designated dental hygienist.

10.4.1 Direct care staff from each facility shall have at least annual inservice training course in preventive dentistry and oral hygiene, conducted by a dentist, dental hygienist, or preventive dental aide.

Part 14. FACILITY RECORDS
14.1.1 Only physicians, dentists or persons operating under their supervision shall write or dictate medical histories and physical examinations in the medical record, and only dentists shall write dental histories.

14.1.2 Telephone orders shall be taken by licensed nurses or members of other appropriate disciplines as authorized by their professional licensure and as approved in facility policy. They shall be countersigned by the physician or dentist and entered into the record within two weeks.

14.1.3 All orders for diagnostic procedures, treatments, and medications shall be entered into the health record and authenticated and signed by the physician, except that orders for dental procedures shall be authenticated and signed by a dentist. All reports of x-ray, laboratory, EKG, and other diagnostic tests shall be authenticated by the person submitting them and incorporated into the health record within two weeks after receipt by the facility.

14.1.5 A completed health record shall be maintained on every resident from the time of admission through the time of discharge. All health records shall contain:

(g) dental reports, if any,

(h) treatment and progress notes written and signed by the attending physician at the time of each visit,

Part 17. DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

17.2 PHYSICIAN ORDERS. Diagnostic services shall be provided only on the order of the attending physician or dentist.