150.006: Other Professional Services and Diagnostic Services

(A) Each patient or resident or (if he is not competent) his next of kin or sponsor shall have the right to designate other licensed practitioners of their choice.

(B) Dental.

(1) All patients and residents shall be assisted to obtain proper dental care including prophylactic, therapeutic and emergency dental services. Such services shall be rendered with the knowledge of the attending physician or physician-physician assistant team or physician-nurse practitioner team.

A SNCFC shall ensure each patient has a complete dental examination annually and periodic dental inspection every six months.

(2) All dental services shall be documented and recorded in the clinical record.

(3) A SNCFC shall appoint a consultant dentist with experience or training in developmental disabilities who shall participate in the development of patient care policies related to dental health, familiarize him/herself with the dental condition, needs and care of each patient, and as necessary, participate in periodic staff conferences. A SNCFC shall retain the services of a dental hygienist to work under the general supervision of the consultant dentist. The dental hygienist shall conduct periodic inspections of patients or residents and develop dental disease prevention programs within the facility.