310:675-9-2.1. Dental and oral hygiene services

(a) A dental history shall be obtained as part of the medical history on admission. The dental history shall include past dental problems, description of any prosthetic appliance used, current assessment and the resident’s current dentist.

(b) The facility shall have all dental prosthetic appliances such as dentures and partial dentures, marked and identified as belonging to that resident at the time of admission. A resident shall be promptly referred to a dentist when prosthetics are lost or damaged.

(c) The facility shall arrange for one or more dentists to be available in an emergency and to act in an advisory capacity to the facility. The dentist notified for any emergency shall be recorded in the clinical record. If unable to contact the resident's dentist, the emergency physician or dentist shall be notified.

(d) The facility shall maintain a list of referral dentists.

(e) The facility shall assist the resident with, or make arrangements for the resident's transportation to and from the dentist’s office.

(f) All residents shall have oral hygiene procedures provided at least daily, and as needed. Oral hygiene procedures shall include, but not be limited to, the resident’s teeth being brushed and dentures and partial dentures being cleaned. Any exception shall be ordered by the resident’s dentist or physician.

(g) Oral hygiene supplies and equipment shall be available in sufficient quantities to meet the residents needs including but not limited to, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, lemon glycerin swabs or equivalent products, denture cleaners, denture adhesives, and containers for dental prosthetic appliances, such as dentures and partial dentures.

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