(4) Dental Services

(a) When a person is admitted to a nursing home, an oral assessment by a physician, dentist or registered nurse shall be conducted within two weeks to determine the consistency of diet which the resident can best manage and the condition of gums and teeth. A written report of this assessment shall be placed in the medical record.

(b) Each nursing home shall maintain names of dentists who can render emergency and other dental treatments. Residents shall be encouraged to utilize dental services of choice.

(c) Residents shall be assisted as necessary with daily dental care.