

420-5-10-.15 Dental Services.

(1) The facility must assist residents in obtaining routine and 24-hour emergency dental care.

(a) Skilled nursing facilities. A facility:

1. Must provide or obtain from an outside resources, in accordance with Section 483.75(h) of Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations revised 10/1/93, routine and emergency dental services to meet the needs of each resident;

2. May charge a Medicare resident an additional amount for routine and emergency dental services;

3. Must, if necessary, assist the resident:

(i) In making appointments; and

(ii) By arranging for transportation to and from the dentist's office; and

(iii) Promptly refer residents with lost or damaged dentures to a dentist.

(b) Nursing Facilities. The facility:

1. Must provide or obtain from an outside resource the following dental services to meet the needs of each resident:

(i) Routine dental services (to the extent covered under the State plan); and

(ii) Emergency dental services;

2. Must, if necessary, assist the resident-

(i) In making appointments; and

(ii) By arranging for transportation to and from the dentist's office; and

(iii) Promptly refer residents with lost or damaged dentures to a dentist.

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