

COLORADO

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.