

153.DENTAL SERVICES.

The facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures which reflect the satisfactory arrangement for assisting patients/residents to maintain good oral health and hygiene. (1-1-88)

01. Advisory Dentist. The facility shall identify, in writing, the dentist(s) utilized to provide advice and guidance to the facility regarding policies and procedures, training of staff in dental and oral care and who is available for emergencies. (1-1-88)

02. Accessing Dental Services. The facility shall assist the patient/resident in accessing dental services on a routine or emergency basis by arranging for transportation to and from the dentist's office, by identifying needs and if the patient/resident has not identified a personal preference for a dentist, providing the patient/resident with a list of licensed dentists practicing within reasonable travel distance of the facility. (1-1-88)

03. Oral Care and Hygiene. The facility shall ensure that patients/residents receive care in the facility which promotes a healthy mouth through: (1-1-88)

a. Regular oral care. (1-1-88)

b. Identification of malfunctioning or ill-fitting dentures with subsequent actions to correct the problem. (1-1-88)

c. In-service training for staff regarding oral hygiene. (1-1-88)

d. Provision of diet consistent with individual dental/oral limitations. (1-1-88)

04. Records. The patient's/resident's medical record shall reflect: (1-1-88)

a. The identification of dental/oral problems, where applicable, and actions taken to resolve the problems. (1-1-88)

b. Dates of visits to the dentist or visits by the dentist or dental hygienist to the patient/resident. (1-1-88)

c. Orders or notes regarding the care of the patient/resident which are issued by the dentist. (1-1-88)

05. Provision of Dental Services Not Required. Nothing in the provisions of this section shall require a facility to provide at facility expense direct dental or dental services for its patients/residents. (1-1-88)