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SUBJECT: BASIC DENTAL CARE

CATEGORY: MEDICAL SERVICES

Policy

It is the policy of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) that basic dental care is provided to each juvenile under the direction and supervision of a dentist licensed in the state of Idaho. Basic dental care is timely and includes access for urgent and painful conditions.

The IDJC does not provide cosmetic or elective dental enhancements.

Extenuating oral care needs are reviewed on a case-by-case basis in conjunction with nurse manager, licensed dental provider. The Superintendent is consulted when necessary.

Operating Procedures

I. Services Provided

Basic dental care consists of the following:

- A. Oral screening is completed within seven days of admission.
 - 1. The screening is performed by the contract medical provider, or designee, at the time of the intake physical exam.
 - 2. The results from the screening are noted in the electronic medical record.
- B. Juveniles are provided dental hygiene instruction on admission and dental health education by licensed medical staff, as needed.
- C. Dental examinations are performed by a licensed dentist.

If there is severe dental pain or a dental emergency, juveniles receive immediate attention.
- D. Dental treatment, not limited to extractions, is provided according to a treatment plan based on a system of established priorities for care when, in the dentist's judgment, the juvenile's health would otherwise be adversely affected.

1. Radiographs are appropriately used in the development of the treatment plan.
 2. Based on dental exam findings, each juvenile is assigned treatment priorities by the dentist.
 3. Extractions are performed in a manner consistent with community standards of care and adhering to the American Dental Association's clinical guidelines.
 4. Consultation through referral to oral health care specialists is available, as needed.
- E. Access to preventative benefits of cleanings and fluorides in a form considered appropriate for the needs of the individual, as determined by the dentist.
- F. Fluoride toothpaste is made available for all juveniles.

II. Medical Record

All information obtained through the dental assessment and treatment becomes part of the juvenile's electronic medical record. This information can be shared on a need-to-know basis in accordance with IDJC policies and procedures and applicable state and federal laws, including Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Reference: [Glossary of Terms and Acronyms](#)
 [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)](#)
 [Facility Nursing Guidelines](#)
 [National Commission of Correctional Health Care: Standard for Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities Y-E-06 Oral Care](#)

Related Policies: [Health Information/Privacy \(843\)](#)

Related Forms: *Dental Record Form (medical form)*