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I. DEFINITIONS

See CPP 13.2.

II. POLICY and PROCEDURES

A. Dental Services

The department shall provide maintenance dental care for any inmate, with his consent.

1. Dental Examination

A documented dental examination shall occur within ten (10) working days excluding weekends and holidays, of admission to Corrections. This examination shall include a history and examination of the hard and soft tissue of the oral cavity.

2. Dental Classification

At the initial examination, the patient shall be classified in the appropriate category according to the categories listed below. Documentation shall be noted in the medical record.

Class A This category indicates teeth requiring extraction due to:

- a. Trauma
- b. Teeth decayed beyond possibility of filling or injurious to the individual's health.
- c. Root fragments remaining indicating pathology and interfering with construction of prosthetic appliance.

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- d. Pathology to hard and soft tissues.
- e. A periodontal condition with severe bone loss.
- f. Suspected ulcerative lesions or growths.

Class B Teeth with carious lesions that may be restored.

Class C Cases requiring oral prophylaxis and oral hygiene instruction.

Prophylaxis by the dentist or hygienist shall not exceed one (1) procedure per year.

Class D This category involves prosthetic procedures.

Class E The examination reveals dental work is not needed at this time.

3. Priorities for Treatment

- a. Class A and B cases shall be considered as the first priority.
- b. Class C and D cases shall be treated by appointment only and not during any period if work of a higher priority exists.
- c. If a patient refuses the Dentist's recommendation, the case shall be handled as a refusal of treatment.

4. Dental Prostheses, Orthodontic Devices or Root Canals

- a. Gold and Porcelain Crowns shall not be provided.
- b. Orthodontic devices shall be provided if an inmate's health is adversely affected without them.
- c. Prosthesis and any other procedure not included under classes A, B and C shall be provided at state expense only if necessary to address a serious medical need.
- d. If a prosthesis or orthodontic device is not deemed medically necessary it may be made available to the inmate at his own expense.

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5. Any procedure not included under Classes A, B and C require authorization of the Dental Director

B. Inmate Responsibility

1. The inmate shall provide accurate information during the initial screening, examination and classification phases of the admission process.
2. The inmate shall be present for the appointment for examination or treatment.

C. Appointments

1. Each institution shall have an employee who schedules appointments for medical and dental care.
2. An inmate may be charged for dental care pursuant to KRS 197.020 and CPP 13.2.
3. Any patient failing to report for his appointment shall not routinely be provided a new appointment. His name shall be removed from the waiting list. These patients shall be required to contact the appropriate staff person in order to be returned to the bottom of the waiting list. A legitimate excuse may be considered on an individual basis, however, in all cases a notation shall be made in the individual record. A Category IV, item three disciplinary charge under CPP 15.2, may also be considered.

D. Emergency Dental Services

Each facility shall develop a method of addressing dental emergencies.