

Dental Care

1002.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures for the provision of dental treatment for youth in custody. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

1002.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1435;
- Juvenile Facility Services Policies; Health Education & Health Assessments;
- Riverside County Correctional Healthcare Services Policy Y-105;
- Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 209, 210 & 885.

1002.3 POLICY

Dental treatment shall be provided to youth as necessary to respond to acute conditions and to avert adverse effects on the youth's health and require preventive services as recommended by a dentist. Treatment shall not be limited to extractions.

1002.4 ON-SITE HEALTH CARE STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

On-site health care staff shall provide a basic inspection of the oral cavity as described in Juvenile Facility Services Policy; Health Assessments. Arrangements for referral shall be made for conditions requiring treatment during the period of confinement.

On-site health care staff shall be trained in the recognition of dental emergencies, dental first aid procedures, and the time frame within which interventions are required. This is particularly important in situations of injuries to the mouth and face.

Consideration shall be given to the provision of professional dental hygiene services and preventive maintenance examinations for youth. Youth detained for longer than one year shall be provided annual dental exams.

Instruction in proper dental hygiene shall be provided for youth as part of the health education program as indicated in Juvenile Facility Services Policy; Health Education.

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