

ORAL HEALTH

HRSA Description (2-1-2016)

Oral health care includes diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services provided by general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists, auxiliaries, and other trained primary care providers.

Key Service Component

Services will include a treatment plan with an estimate of cost to be approved by the EMA. Routine dental examinations, prophylaxis, x-rays, fillings, endodontistry, and oral surgery. Emergency procedures will be treated on a walk-in basis as availability and provisions allow. If the provider cannot provide adequate services for emergency care, the patient will be referred to a hospital emergency room. Cosmetic dentistry for cosmetic purposes only is prohibited. The goal of oral health is to sustain proper nutrition and improve the oral health of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Qualifications

Competencies, Knowledge, and Skills	Evaluation/Documentation
Dentists must be licensed as specified by the state licensure Board.	A copy of the current license must be available upon request.
Dental hygienists must be licensed as specified by the state licensure Board.	
Dental assistants must register with the state Board within one year if they administer x-rays.	A copy of the current registration must be available upon request.
Agency shall be accredited to deliver dental services.	Proof of accreditation must be available upon request.
Dental hygienists and assistants must perform all services to patients under supervision of a licensed dentist.	A copy of the current license of the supervising dentist must be available upon request.
Oral health care staff will complete an annual Tuberculosis screening.	Staff health records will be maintained at each agency to ensure that screenings are completed by staff.
Oral health care staff will complete Hepatitis B vaccine regimen.	Staff health records will be maintained at each agency to ensure that all vaccinations are completed.
OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) guidelines will be met to ensure staff and patient safety.	Staff health records will be maintained at each agency to ensure that all screenings and vaccinations are completed and precautions are met.