

ORAL HEALTH CARE

HRSA Description (10-22-2018)

Oral Health Care activities include outpatient diagnosis, prevention, and therapy provided by dental health care professionals, including general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists, and licensed dental assistants.

HRSA Program Guidance

None at this time.

Baltimore EMA Guidance

Recommended oral health services to be provided should be included in a dental treatment plan. Routine services include dental examinations, prophylaxis, x-rays, fillings, endodontics, oral surgery, and replacement of teeth. Patients presenting as a walk-in emergency only basis will be treated as per the Ryan White Oral Health Care provider's availability and provisions allow. Providers unable to provide urgent care may refer the patient 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 may perform hygiene services under general supervision	A copy of the current license of the supervising dentist must be available upon request.
Dental assistants must perform all patient treatment services under supervision of a licensed dentist.	A waiver of on-site supervision for dental hygiene services must be available upon request. ¹
Oral health sub-recipients must follow CDC/OSHA recommendations and guidelines on Tuberculosis screening for staff.	Staff health records will be maintained at each agency to ensure that screenings are completed by staff.

¹ Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Sec. 10.44.21.05, Waiver of On-Site Supervision by Application to the Board
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Oral health care staff must 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 must 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 taken.