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References

**Performance-Based Standards and
 Expected Practices for Adult
 Correctional Institutions, 5th Edition
 5-ACI-6A-19, 5-ACI-6A-25;
 TX V – 6 Dental Treatment Provided**

I. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for dental screening and examination.

II. POLICY

All offenders will have a dental screening and examination upon admission.

III. PROCEDURE

(a) DENTAL SCREENING AND EXAMINATION

- (1) Within seven (7) days of admission:
 - (A) All offenders will have an oral health screening performed by a licensed dentist or qualified healthcare personnel properly trained and designated by the dentist and be documented in the Medical Intake section of HERO.
 - (B) This screening is to include an assessment of dental pain, swelling, and ability to masticate.
 - (C) The screener should note any obvious or gross abnormalities that require immediate referral to a dentist.

- (2) Within Thirty (30) days of admission:
 - (A) All available offenders will have a dental examination by a licensed dentist.
 - (B) At this appointment any gross oral pathology needing immediate care will be identified, the offender will be advised how to access dental care, and oral hygiene instructions will be provided.
 - (C) This examination is to include:



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- (i) Documentation of the medical/dental history
- (ii) cursory examination of hard and soft tissues
- (iii) Complete charting of existing restorations, missing teeth, caries, and other oral pathology
- (iv) PSR (Periodontal Screening and Recording), if indicated
- (v) Oral cancer screening
- (vi) Documentation of head and neck trauma
- (vii) Documentation of existing oral prosthesis
- (viii) Assignment of dental grade
- (ix) Electronic signature and date by the dentist

- (D) When deemed necessary by the dentist, radiographs may be taken.
- (E) All information is to be thoroughly documented and recorded in the Dental Screening section of HERO the day of the examination.
- (F) Processors shall be advised of their overall dental health status in general terms.

(b) TREATMENT AT ASSIGNED UNIT

Once the offender arrives at the unit of assignment, completes a sick call request, and presents for a scheduled appointment, the dentist shall:

- (1) Review and document the medical/dental history.
- (2) Perform an examination of hard and soft tissues
- (3) Update charting as necessary.
- (4) Obtain necessary radiographs.
- (5) Develop a treatment plan and priority of care based on the appropriate level of care indicated in policy TX V-6 Dental Treatment Provided.

(c) DENTAL GRADES ASSESSMENT

After the examination by the dentist, each offender will be placed in an appropriate dental grade. Grades are assigned without regard to sentence length or time remaining before release. The dental grade will be determined by the most significant finding using the following criteria:



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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Overall Function</u>	<u>Description</u>
D1	Good	0-6 missing teeth (replacements count as (teeth present) 0-2 restorations indicated 0 extractions indicated None to slight calculus Type I Periodontitis Good masticatory efficiency
D2	Fair	7-10 missing teeth 3-5 restorations indicated 1-2 extractions indicated Moderate to heavy calculus Inflamed soft tissue Type II and III Periodontitis Fair masticatory efficiency
D3	Poor	11 or more missing teeth 6 or more restorations indicated 3 or more extractions indicated Highly inflamed soft tissue Type IV Periodontitis Poor masticatory efficiency
D4	Severe/Serious Limitations	Facial bone fractures or other trauma Severe cellulitis, swelling, or infection Malignant or aggressive neoplasia

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