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I. POLICY

DJJ facilities shall provide dental care services for each youth.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to group homes, detention centers, and youth development centers.

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Chapter 400.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Routine and emergency dental care shall be provided under the direction and supervision of a licensed dentist. A copy of the dentist license shall be obtained each year and kept on file by the facility health authority.
- B. A dental screening for each youth shall occur upon admission by trained nursing staff.
- C. A licensed dentist, registered nurse (RN), or designee shall provide oral hygiene instruction and dental health education within 14 days of admission.
- D. A dental examination shall occur within 7 days, if indicated by the screening, for youth in regional detention centers.
- E. Youth Development Centers;
 1. The RN or designee shall ensure a youth receives a dental examination by a dentist licensed in Kentucky within 14 days of admission.
 2. A dental examination shall not be required if documentation exists of an exam within the previous six months or the screening reveals an emergency situation and immediate care is needed.

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3. Diagnostic x-rays shall be provided as necessary.
4. Dental re-examinations with diagnostic radiographs and oral prophylaxis shall be provided on an annual basis.

F. Group Homes:

1. The RN or designee shall ensure a youth receives a dental examination by a dentist licensed in Kentucky within 60 days of admission, except when:
 - a. Documentation exists of a dental examination within the previous six months.
 - b. The screening reveals an emergency situation and immediate care is needed.
2. Diagnostic x-rays shall be provided as necessary.
3. Dental re-examinations with diagnostic radiographs and oral prophylaxis shall be provided on an annual basis.

G. Detention Centers:

1. The RN or designee shall ensure a youth receives a dental hygiene services within 14 days of admission.
2. Dental examination shall occur within 7 days, when indicated.
3. Dental treatment, not limited to extractions, when the health of the youth would otherwise be affected.
4. Dental re-examinations with diagnostic radiographs and oral prophylaxis shall be provided on an annual basis.

H. Dental treatment as determined by the dentist shall be provided when the health of a youth may otherwise be adversely affected, to include an individualized dental treatment plan, consultation, and referral to dental specialists. The Medical Director or designee shall approve all orthodontic and non-emergency oral surgical procedures for youth, as indicated.

I. The RN or designee shall maintain documentation of all dental procedures in the youth's Medical Record.

J. All staff shall be responsible for reporting suspected dental problems for appropriate action, including emergency services.

K. Fluoride toothpaste shall be provided to all youth in DJJ facilities.

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

Monitoring shall be accomplished by the facility dentist, the facility registered nurse, the Quality Assurance Branch, the Nurse Administrator, and the Medical Director or designee.