

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**Operations Division**  
**Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-E-06.2**

SUBJECT: NON-EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT

POLICY: Non-emergency dental treatment will be available to inmate patients. This treatment will include all Level II procedures and some Level III procedures. Treatment will be prioritized by the following criteria.

- Urgency of treatment vs. the length of incarceration.
- The necessity of treatment to halt or correct functional disability.
- Pre-existing dental conditions prior to incarceration.
- The risk and cost of specific treatments vs. the benefits.
- Alternative treatments available within the DOC Health Services or acquired by the ODOC Purchase Of Care (POC) rule.

REFERENCE: OAR 291-124-0005 through 291-124-0095  
NCCHC Standard P-E-06, Oral Care  
Health Services Procedure #P-A-02.2, Level of Therapeutic Dental Care Provided by ODOC, Health Services Section

PROCEDURE:

A. Access:

Non-emergency dental treatment may be accessed and acquired by:

1. A referral from the initial dental screening and exam.
2. Referrals from periodic or emergency dental examinations.
3. Patients requests for dental treatment.
4. Referral from health care staff.

B. Treatment Plan:

A patient will be appointed for a dental consultation and x-rays, if needed. A treatment plan will be developed. This treatment plan will be outlined and prioritized by the criteria mentioned in the policy statement of this procedure.

C. Treatment Options:

1. All Level II procedures may be indicated and completed by the attending dentist upon his/her recommendations.

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2. Level III and IV procedures will only be performed after approval from the Therapeutic Levels of Care Committee.
3. Care may be acquired by outside practitioners in accordance with OAR 291-124-0005 through 291-124-0095 (Health Services Rule on purchase of care).

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