

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**Operations Division**  
**Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-E-06.9**

SUBJECT: PERIODONTAL TREATMENT

POLICY: Periodontal dental treatment may be accomplished on both an emergent and non-emergent basis. The treatment may consist of any or all of the following treatments: initial debridements, post-op appointments to check the effected areas and the need for further treatment, and routine treatment to keep patients with good periodontal health in that condition. Routine periodontal screening treatment will be accomplished at the recommendation of the dentist and will be scheduled depending on the severity versus the benefit and the length of sentence.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-E-06, Oral Care  
Health Services Policy & Procedure #P-E-06, Oral Care  
Health Services Policy & Procedure #P-E-02.2, Level of  
Therapeutic Dental Care Provided by Oregon Department of  
Corrections, Health Services Section

PROCEDURE:

A. EMERGENT TREATMENT

1. Emergent periodontal treatment will be available to all inmates.
2. Emergency periodontal treatment will be scheduled by the dentist upon evaluation of the patient, or by an interview request from a patient stating an urgent condition, i.e., pain, swelling, and/or bleeding. These patients will be scheduled on an emergency basis, and the specific problem will be addressed. The initial treatment will usually consist of gross debridement. If there is a need for follow-up treatment, it will be documented and the patient will be scheduled as time permits.

B. ROUTINE TREATMENT

1. Routine periodontal treatment will be divided into two classes:

Class I

Patients whose periodontal condition has progressed to the point that surgical intervention is needed. ODOC Health Services will try and stabilize the condition on these patients, to maintain their dentition until extraction of the affected teeth becomes necessary. The treatment may consist of gross debridement and/or hand scaling. The patient always has the option to use the Purchase of Care (POC) rule, and go to an outside provider for surgical intervention.

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### Class II

Patients with good oral hygiene and minor periodontal conditions will be scheduled, time permitting, for preventive treatment, which may decrease chances the condition will worsen while they are incarcerated. These appointments will be scheduled by the patient sending in a request for treatment.

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