

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
631**

DENTAL SERVICES

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RESPONSIBILITY

1. All Medical Division staff are responsible for compliance with this regulation.

631.01 DENTAL SERVICES

1. Organization of Dental Services

A. Dental care should be provided to inmates under the direction and supervision of a dentist that is licensed within Nevada to provide dental care.

B. Dental services are scheduled by the Director of Nursing Services/designee in conjunction with the institutional Dentist.

(1) The Medical Director will supervise and evaluate the clinical work of the institutional Dentist. The Medical Director/designee will set the Dentist's work hours based on the dental services schedule and the institution(s) covered.

(2) The Warden at the institution provides administrative supervision including leave time approval and time sheet approval.

C. Dental Assistants provide assistance to dentists within the guidelines outlined in the "Class Specification," as provided by the State of Nevada-Department of Personnel. Dental Assistants will be supervised as follows:

(1) The institutional Dentist will supervise and evaluate the clinical work of the Dental Assistant, including (but not limited to) scheduling of appointments, chair side assistance and work site maintenance and preparation.

(2) The Director of Nursing Services at the institution will administratively supervise and evaluate the Dental Assistant including (but not limited to) scheduling of work hours, leave time approval, time sheet approval and other duties as assigned.

D. Dental Prosthetic Technicians fabricate dental prostheses for inmate patients. Dental Prosthetic Technicians also may train and supervise inmates in the process of dental prostheses fabrication. Dental Prosthetic Technicians will be supervised as follows:

(1) The institutional dentist will supervise and evaluate the clinical work of the Dental Prosthetic Technician, including (but not limited to) scheduling of workflow, prosthetic fabrication and quality.

(2) The Director of Nursing Services at the institution will administratively supervise and evaluate the Dental Prosthetic Technician including (but not limited to) scheduling of work hours, leave time approval, time sheet approval and other duties as assigned.

E. Dental records will be kept on all dental care provided including refusal to accept dental care/treatment and will be maintained as a part of the medical record.

2. Dental service should be timely, and include arrangements for handling urgent and emergent conditions. All emergency grievances related to dental should be reviewed by the institutional Dentist or the on-call physician if it is received outside normal hours.

3. Appropriate diagnostic equipment should be available in all dental facilities.

4. The institutional Dentist should examine the inmate and record results of the examination on the inmate's dental record.

5. No inmate will assist in dental procedures.

6. Inmates may be utilized in the fabrication of dental prostheses.

631.02 CLASSIFICATION OF DENTAL SERVICES

1. All newly incarcerated inmates should receive a dental examination within fourteen (14) days of intake for dental evaluation and classification purposes.

2. Dental service may be requested by an inmate by filling out a request for medical care (KITE). Inmates may be charged a co-payment for dental visits as outlined in the Department's Administrative Regulation 245.

3. When an inmate is examined they will be assessed as follows:

A. They will receive immediate treatment on an emergency basis; or

B. Inmates will be provided appointments using a priority system established by the institutional Dentist.

631.03 INMATE TRANSFERS

1. Transfer reviews will be conducted with reference to the classification made by dental.
2. Inmates with oral infections, possible malignancy or oral conditions that may cause immediate health problems should not be cleared for rural camps.

631.04 DENTAL SERVICES NOT AVAILABLE:

1. The following dental services should not be provided:
 - A. Vacuum fired porcelain with or without precious or non-precious metals for any restorative work.
 - B. Root canals on posterior teeth except when they are an integral part of a bridge or partial support or a crown that is already present or at the discretion of the institutional Dentist, when medically necessary.
 - C. Cosmetic dentistry.
 - D. Orthodontic work (including maintenance of orthodontics present at incarceration),
 - E. Orthodontics may be removed by an institutional dentist with the inmate's signed authorization.
 - F. Casting for partial framework.

631.05 DENTAL PROSTHETICS

1. Dental prosthetic devices should be provided based on the recommendation of the institutional Dentist within the Department guidelines.
2. Whenever possible, these services will be provided by the Department's dental labs.

631.06 OUTSIDE CONSULTATIONS

1. Appropriate specialists may be contacted for outside consultations, if warranted by dental status and approved by the Utilization Review Panel.
2. Treatment for dental problems that existed prior to incarceration will not always be considered necessary after incarceration. The institutional Dentist will make this determination.

A. If the institutional Dentist determines such treatments are not necessary such determination will be documented in the inmate's dental records.

APPLICABILITY

1. This regulation requires a Medical Directive for Dental Services applicable to each institution.
2. This regulation requires an audit.

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