State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Administrative Policies and Procedures: 20.14

Subject: Dental Specialties

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Local policy: No
Local procedures: No
Requires training: No
Applicable Practice Model Standard(s): Yes

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Application

To All Youth Development Center Superintendents, Dentists, Health Administrators and Health Care Employees

Authority: TCA 37-5-106

Policy

Specialty dental consultation, examination, and/or treatment shall be provided to youth in the dental office of the specialist.

Procedures

A. Medical necessity Medical assistance services or supplies provided are required to identify, correct or improve a chronic or existing illness, disease, or injury that are:

1. Consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis and treatment of the enrollee's illness, disease, or injury,
2. Appropriate with regard to standards of best medical practice,
3. Not solely for the convenience of the youth or staff, and
4. The most appropriate supply or level of services, which can safely be provided to the youth.

B. Limitations

All dental work that exceeds policy requirements must be performed only with the approval of the health services coordinator in the DCS central office after consultation with the facility dentist.

C. Fixed dental prosthesis

Fixed prosthetics shall be performed when determined to be medically necessary.

D. Removable dental prosthesis

Partial dentures shall be provided when determined to be medically necessary.

E. Oral surgery

1. If complex oral surgery is medically necessary, an oral surgeon must provide consultation and treatment. This service requires prior approval from the youth development center health administrator.

2. Cosmetic and elective oral surgery may only be performed when recommended by an oral surgeon and in consultation with the treatment team and youth development center health administrator.

F. Orthodontics

1. Orthodontics requires long-term care and follow-up. Most youth are in youth development centers for short periods of time, therefore, orthodontics shall be limited, except in extreme cases.

2. Youth with braces must receive routine check-ups during their stay in the department.

3. If braces are determined to be medically necessary, the orthodontia must be performed only with the approval of the dentist, health administrator and treatment team.

G. Endodontics

Endodontic treatment may be provided when determined to be medically necessary.

H. Periodontics

Simple periodontal surgery may be performed when determined to be medically necessary by the attending dentist, if competent to perform such surgery.

Forms

None

Collateral Documents

None

Standards

ACA 3JTS-4C-33

DCS Practice Model Standard- 7-100A

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DCS Practice Model Standard- 8-306

Glossary

Term	***Definition***
Medical necessity	Medical services that are: • Calculated to prevent, diagnose, correct or ameliorate a physical or mental condition that threatens life, causes pain or suffering, or results in illness, disability or infirmity <u>or</u> calculated to maintain or preclude deterioration of health or functional ability; • Individualized, specific, and consistent with symptoms or confirmed diagnosis of the illness, disability or injury under treatment, and not in excess of the individual's needs; • Necessary and consistent with generally accepted professional medical standards as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the state Department of Health; and • Reflective of the level of service that can be safely provided, and for which no equally effective treatment is available.