

# HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction  
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Patient -  
Dental Services

POLICY # TX V-11

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SUBJECT: Dental Holds

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## PURPOSE

To ensure continuity of care.

## POLICY

Dental staff shall place an OPUS "HOLD" on inmates receiving the following services:

1. Fabrication of partial or full dentures and nightguards
2. Referral to Oral Surgery and Endodontic specialty clinics
3. Procedures requiring multiple appointments, (i.e. Endo and Oral Surgery)
4. Any other service where follow-up care is important to the clinical outcome.

Staff shall also notify the facility transfer authority that a Dental Hold is in effect and any transfer of the inmate should be delayed until treatment is accomplished. Upon completion of the above services, the OPUS Hold shall be removed.



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SOR: Dental Committee