

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Patient -
Dental Services

POLICY # TX V-5

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SUBJECT: Preventive Dentistry

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References

Related ACA Standards

**4th Edition Standards for adult Correctional
Institutions 4-4360, 4-4361**

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines on preventive dentistry.

POLICY

DOC staff shall promote inmate's self oral care and personal oral hygiene.

PROCEDURE

1. Instructions in oral hygiene and dental health education are given to inmates upon admission and will consist of measures to assist the inmate in caring for his/her own dental health.
2. Each inmate will be given access to a toothbrush, toothpaste, and *dental floss via admission toiletry kits, welfare kits (if indigent), or the canteen.

*Dental floss or floss aids are recommended by Dental Services. In the correctional system, floss is dispensed in consideration of security issues, the housing status of the inmate, and the best judgment of the facility Administrator.



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