

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Patient -
Dental Services

POLICY # TX V-8

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SUBJECT: Orthodontics

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SUPERCEDES DATE: June 2006

References:

Related ACA, NCCHC Standard

**4th Edition Standards for Adult Correctional
Institutions 4-4360
2008 Edition Standards for Health Services in Prison,
P-G-10, P-E-06**

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for managing patients that enter prison with fixed orthodontic appliances.

POLICY

Consultation, examination, and/or treatment by various dental specialists shall be available upon the written referral of a licensed dentist employed by or contracted to the Division of Prisons when approved by the Dental Director.

PROCEDURE

Orthodontic Treatment

- I. The Division does not provide orthodontic services. Inmates entering prison with fixed orthodontic appliances will be offered the option of having them removed or may leave the appliances in place.
- II. Form DC-441 shall be completed if the inmate consents to removal of fixed appliances. If the inmate refuses to have the appliances removed, form DC-442 shall be completed and should inform the inmate of the associated risks including caries, decalcification, gingivitis and periodontal disease.
- III. An exception to this policy must be based on extraordinary circumstances related to function or medical necessity and shall be submitted to the Dental Director for approval.



6/27/12

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Date

SOR: Dental Committee