

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

CHAPTER 10 - MEDICAL

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DENTAL SERVICES

POLICY

Emergency and medically required dental care is provided to each inmate, upon request, under the direction and supervision of a Dentist licensed in the State of California. Non-emergency dental care that is elective requires written approval from the Detention Dentist. Dental care is not limited to extractions and medically required dental care is defined as arising from a dental problem which interferes with the general health of the inmate or for which the inmate is referred by medical staff. Dental services required to correct years of personal dental neglect will be limited to that care which is necessary for the immediate welfare of the inmate. The County Dentist is licensed in the State of California.

PROCEDURE

Inmates place a medical request slip for dental services in the medical box in the Pod multi-purpose rooms. Inmates on lockdown status give their requests to the Pod Deputy or MRD who places it in the box. The medical staff reviews the dental request slips and places the inmate's name on the dental list. Inmates with more severe dental needs will have priority on the list.

The County Dentist sees patients two days per week. The medical secretary gives the list to the Medical Transportation Deputy (MTD) at the beginning of the day. The MTD will place the inmates in belly chain and leg shackles restraints when they bring the inmates to the dental office throughout the day. A Deputy will stay in the dentist office whenever there are security issues. Inmates are not to be left in the dentist office unsupervised. All inmates will be searched prior to returning to their Pod.

Dental Clinic:

- Dental clinic is held 24-hours every two weeks
- The Dentist is assisted by a dental assistant (32-hours) every two weeks
- Emergent dental needs may be treated at a local E.R. or off-site dentist

Dental Screening:

- Inmates are screened at time of booking (14-day health assessment)
- Any inmate in need of dental services is referred to the dentist at that time
- Inmates also may put in a sick-call request form to see the dentist in POD's
- Requests are triaged by the RN and referred to the Dentist

RELATED STANDARDS:

Title 15, Article 10, Section 1215

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By order of

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BUREAU COMMANDER