SUBJECT: Preventive Dentistry

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2014
SUPERCEDES DATE: May 2013

PURPOSE
To provide guidelines on preventive dentistry.

POLICY
DOC staff shall promote offender’s self oral care and personal oral hygiene.

PROCEDURE
1. Instructions in oral hygiene and dental health education are given to offenders upon admission and will consist of measures to assist the offender in caring for his/her own dental health.

2. Each offender 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 as determined by the facility Superintendent/Institution Head.

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