

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Public Safety
Prison

SECTION: Care and Treatment of
Offender - 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 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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