

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Prison

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Offender -
Dental Services

POLICY # TX V-8

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SUBJECT: Orthodontics

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2014

SUPERCEDES DATE: May 2013

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 offenders 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. Offenders entering prison with fixed orthodontic appliances will be offered the options of having them removed or left in place.
- II. Form DC-807 (General Dentistry Consent) shall be completed if the offender consents to removal of fixed appliances. If the offender refuses to have the appliances removed, form DC-442 (RELEASE BY PATIENT LEAVING TREATMENT FACILITY/REFUSING HEALTH CARE AGAINST ORDERS OF RESPONSIBLE CLINICIAN) shall be completed and should inform the offender 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.



7/11/2014

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Date

SOR: Dental Committee

Addendum:

[Form DC-442 Release By Patient Leaving Treatment Facility](#)

[Form DC-807 General Dentistry Consent](#)