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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SOR: Dental Committee

Addendum:
- Form DC-442 Release By Patient Leaving Treatment Facility
- Form DC-807 General Dentistry Consent