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(a) **Standard.**

Each youth receives dental care, as needed, under the direction and supervision of a licensed dentist. Youth are provided fluoride toothpaste and a soft bristle toothbrush for their oral hygiene. Dental floss is also provided to youth when ordered by the attending dentist.

(b) **Procedures.**

(1) The **human services specialist (HSS)** or a **juvenile correctional officer (JCO)**:

- (A) ensures each youth has an opportunity to practice oral hygiene twice daily and as needed;
- (B) follows the appropriate Protocol for the Care of Minor Health Conditions (given in [Appendix B](#) of this manual) for dental concerns reported by the youth; and
- (C) contacts an institution nurse, as needed, for dental issues not addressed by the protocols appearing in Appendix B.

(2) The **institution nurse** refers requests for off-campus, local dental services to the Utilization Review Department for pre-authorization. All off-campus dental referrals must also be approved by the University of Texas Medical Branch regional dental director prior to scheduling any appointments.

(3) The **institution nurse**:

- (A) schedules dental appointments with the assigned institution dentist or with a local off-campus dental provider (if approved by the Utilization Review Department); and
- (B) informs the appropriate staff of dental appointments.

(4) For off-campus local dental appointments, the **HSS** or a **JCO** emails the dental report to the assigned institution infirmary for the facility dentist's review and follows any dental orders received from the facility dentist.

(5) For dental appointments at the assigned institution, the **HSS** or a **JCO** follows written instructions provided by the facility dentist.

(6) The **institution nurse** scans all dental records into the electronic health record (EHR), if applicable.
