

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES: DENTAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

A. DEFINITION:

Oral health care includes diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services provided by general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists and auxiliaries, and other trained primary care providers.

B. GOAL(S):

1. Provide clients access to oral health care thereby reducing barriers to care
2. Improve overall client health care

C. SERVICES:

Dental Insurance coverage to access services that include routine dental examinations, prophylaxis, x-rays, fillings, endodontistry, prosthodontics and basic oral surgery.

D. QUALITY MANAGEMENT:

Program Outcome:

- 75% of client charts who had a periodontal screen or examination at least once in the grant year.

Indicators:

- Number of clients who had a periodontal screen or examination at least once in the grant year.

Service Unit(s):

- Oral exams

Standard of Care	Outcome Measure	Numerator	Denominator	Data Source	Goal/Benchmark
HIV-infected oral health patients ¹ who had a periodontal screen or examination ² at least once in the grant year.	Documentation of periodontal screen or examination	Number of clients with periodontal screen or examination	Number of clients	CAREWARE Office of Oral Health Report	75% of HIV-infected oral health patients have a periodontal screen or examination at least once in the grant year.

¹ "Patient" includes all patients aged 13 year or older.

² A periodontal screen should include the assessment of medical and dental histories, the quantity and quality of attached gingival; bleeding; tooth mobility; and radiological review of the status of the periodontium and dental implants. A comprehensive periodontal examination includes "the evaluation of periodontal conditions, probing and charting, evaluation and recording of the patient's dental caries, missing or unerupted teeth, restorations, occlusal relationships and oral cancer evaluation" (Source: American Dental Association. Current Dental Terminology: CDT 2009-2010.) The screening or examination may be performed and documented by either a licensed dentist or, where state regulations allow, by a dental hygienist, but the interpretation of data and diagnosis must be made by a licensed dentist.