

2015 ICF/IID Surveyor Guidance – Dental Components

§483.460(e)(1) The facility must provide or make arrangements for comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services for each client from qualified personnel, including licensed dentists and dental hygienists either through organized dental services in-house or through arrangement.

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§483.460(e)(2) If appropriate, dental professionals must participate, in the development, review and update of an individual program plan as part of the interdisciplinary process either in person or through written report to the interdisciplinary team.

Facility Practices §483.460(e)(2)

Based on the needs of the individual, dental personnel participate in development and monitoring the IPP to ensure accurate and appropriate consideration of the individual's dental needs in the plan's design and implementation.

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§483.460(e)(3) The facility must provide education and training in the maintenance of oral health.

Facility Practices §483.460(e)(3)

Training in the maintenance of oral hygiene is provided to individuals who require it, and to those who are responsible for carrying out such activities.

§483.460(f) Standard: Comprehensive Dental Diagnostic Services

Comprehensive dental diagnostic services include

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§483.460(f)(1) A complete extraoral and intraoral examination, using all diagnostic aids necessary to properly evaluate the client's condition not later than one month after admission to the facility (unless the examination was completed within twelve months before admission);

Guidelines §483.460(f)(1)

A "month" is defined as the interval between the date of admission and close of business of the corresponding day in the following month.

§483.460(f)(2) Periodic examination and diagnosis performed

Guidelines §483.460(f)(2)

The requirement applies to all individuals (including those without teeth), and more frequently as dictated by the individual's needs.

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at least annually,

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including radiographs when indicated and detection of manifestations of systemic disease; and

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§483.460(f)(3) A review of the results of examination and entry of the results in the client's dental record.

§483.460(g) Standard: Comprehensive Dental Treatment

The facility must ensure comprehensive dental treatment services that include Guidelines §483.460(g)

Comprehensive dental treatment might include, but is not limited to:

1. Periodic examination and diagnosis, including radiographs, when indicated and detection of all manifestations of systemic disease;
2. Elimination of infection or life hazardous oral conditions, oral cancer, or cellulitis;
3. Treatment of injuries;
4. Restoration of decayed or fractured teeth;
5. Retention or recovery of space between teeth in children, when indicated;
6. Replacement of missing permanent teeth, when indicated; and
7. Appropriate pain control procedures for optimal care of the patient.

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§483.460(g)(1) The availability for emergency dental treatment on a 24-hour-a-day basis by a licensed dentist; and

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§483.460(g)(2) Dental care needed for relief of pain and infections, restoration of teeth, and maintenance of dental health.

Are individuals' dental needs neglected until there is pain or other emergency?

Do examinations indicate that services were furnished, rather than notes indicating that the individual was "unable to be examined" or "as best as can be determined?"

§483.460(h) Standard: Documentation of Dental Services

§483.460(h)(1) If the facility maintains an in-house dental service, the facility must

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keep a permanent dental record for each client,

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with a dental summary maintained in the client's living-unit

Guidelines §483.460(h)(1)

A "dental summary" means a brief written report of each visit to the dentist and includes any care instructions to be followed-up by facility staff as a result of treatment.

§483.460(h)(2) If the facility does not maintain an in-house dental service, the facility must

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obtain a dental summary of the results of dental visits

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and maintain the summary in the client's living unit.

Guidelines §483.460(h)(2)

The dentist used by the facility must agree to release the records and final recommendations for future care when the individual is discharged or discontinues service with the dentist.