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| DENTAL SERVICES | | | | NO. 140 | |
| PURPOSE  To achieve adequate professional dental care and oral hygiene for residents of the facility, and to develop a nursing care plan that will answer the dental and oral needs of residents.  IMPLEMENTATION  On admission, the Admitting Staff will obtain the persons served dentist's name and address and when they have last seen their dentist. If the person served has not been seen by a dentist for a period of one year and requires dental work, the nursing or social services department will make an appointment with the dentist for the resident to be transported to their office for dental examination.  As appropriate the dentist will be asked to write orders for the dental and oral care of the resident. These orders will be reflected in the care plan.  In the event a dentist is unable to assume a call after three attempts have been made (NOTE: The date of each attempt shall be entered in the nurse's notes) the staff dentist (if there is one) will be assigned to the resident. No dental care will be given, however, until the attending physician approves of such care, and their approval is noted on the chart. Many dentists require payment upfront for services being provided that are not covered by Public Aid assistance.  Residents have the right to choose their own dentist. | | | | | |
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