

DATE:	JANUARY 18, 2002
NUMBER:	M.17
SUBJECT:	DENTAL CALL
RELATED SECTIONS:	M.13

PURPOSE

To provide a system of adequate response to requests for dental care.

POLICY

Inmates shall be provided dental treatment in routine and emergency situations, under the direction and supervision of a dentist licensed in the State of California.

PROCEDURE

I. DENTAL CALL

- A. Routine dental care will be provided at designated facilities.
- B. To procure a dental appointment, an inmate is required to fill out a sick call request stating the dental problem.
- C. The request will be forwarded to the facility medical staff:
 - 1. The medical staff will evaluate the dental need.
 - 2. If need exists, the inmate will be scheduled for the earliest possible dental appointment.
- D. Housing deputies will be notified on the day of the inmate's dental appointment:
 - 1. If the inmate refuses dental call, or if the inmate cannot be available for treatment for any reason, the housing deputy will notify the medical staff as soon as possible.

II. EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE

- A. The medical staff will be contacted when an emergency dental case occurs.

Emergency dental problems will be handled as the situation dictates, after consultation with the medical staff.