

DATE:	MAY 27, 2022
NUMBER:	M.17
SUBJECT:	DENTAL CALL
RELATED SECTIONS:	M.13

PURPOSE

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

POLICY

Incarcerated persons 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 incarcerated person is required to fill out a Sick Call Request (J-212) form stating the dental problem.
- C. The request will be reviewed by facility health staff:
 - 1. Health staff will evaluate the dental need.
 - 2. If a need exists, the incarcerated person will be scheduled for the earliest possible dental appointment.
- D. Housing deputies will be notified on the day of the incarcerated person's dental appointment:
- E. If the incarcerated person refuses dental call, or if the incarcerated person is not available for treatment for any reason, the housing deputy will notify health staff as soon as possible.

II. EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE

Health staff will be contacted when an emergency dental case occurs. Emergency dental problems will be handled as the situation dictates, after consultation with health staff.