ORAL HEALTH SERVICES: DIRECT DENTAL 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~~Oral Health Services 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.
- 50% of clients initiate their treatment plan

Indicators:
- Number of clients who had a periodontal screen or examination at least once in the grant year.
- Number of client who initiate their treatment plan
- Number of client who receive an initial periodontal exam and follow-up exam as appropriate

Service Unit(s):
- Oral exams
- Treatment plans

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Standard of Care	***Outcome Measure***	***Numerator***	***Denominator***	***Data Source***	***Goal/Benchmark***
The baseline health history should be consistent with the American Dental Association guidelines.	The baseline health history may include, but is not limited to, the following: • Co-morbidities • Allergies and drug sensitivities • Current medications • Heart problems • Kidney problems • Alcohol use • Recreational drug use • Hepatitis A, B and C • Tobacco use history • General health and surgery history • Joint replacement and presence of pins • Review and update of medical history at recall appointments, or more frequently if the patient's health requires it	Number of clients with a baseline health history.	Number of clients	Client Files CAREWARE	75% of oral health clients will have a baseline health history consistent with American Dental Association guidelines.
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	Client Files CAREWARE	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.

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HIV-infected oral health patients that initiate their treatment plan	Documentation of treatment plan initiation	Number of clients that initiated their treatment plan	Number of clients that initiated their treatment plan established in the year prior to the grant year.	Client Files CAREWARE	50% of HIV-infected oral health patients have documentation of treatment plan initiation

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