Dental health is an essential component of overall health. As such the Division will be proactive in our approach to providing quality dental health to our residents.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the procedure for SYSC dental services.

**Procedure**

I. All dental screenings, hygiene, and treatment are performed by medically trained personnel or licensed dentists.

II. **Dental Screening at Admission:** During the admission nursing assessment residents shall receive a dental screening.

III. **Dental Examination:** All residents shall receive a dental examination, performed by the Dental Hygienist, within 7 days of admission, if indicated.

IV. **Dental Hygiene Service:** All residents shall receive dental hygiene services within 14 days of admission.

V. **Dental Treatment:** All residents shall receive dental treatment, not limited to extractions, when the health of the juvenile would otherwise by adversely affected. Dental prostheses are provided when the health of the juvenile would be otherwise adversely affected as determined by the Health Authority after consultation with the Dentist and Physician.