

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: Dental Care Policy

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I. POLICY

The St. Louis County Department of Justice Services, in cooperation with the St. Louis County Department of Health, will provide inmates access to dental services while housed in the Justice Center.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

All St. Louis County Department of Justice Services' Corrections staff, Corrections Medicine staff and Dental staff are responsible for the following procedures.

III. PROCEDURES

A. General Information

1. The St. Louis County Department of Health provides a Dentist(s) to provide in-house dental care to the inmates in the Justice Center.
2. The St. Louis County Department of Justice Services, in cooperation with the Department of Health, will provide the following dental care for the inmates in the Justice Center.
 - a. Corrections Medicine staff on duty twenty-four (24) hours a day.

deducted from the inmate's commissary account. (See Policy #1320 Inmate Medical Fees)

- 11.** Arrangements for dental services may be made for juveniles housed in the Family Court Center.

B. Emergency Dental Procedures

- 1.** If the inmate is experiencing tooth pain, the Corrections Medicine staff will assess the inmate and initiate the Dental Care Protocol.
- 2.** If the inmate is involved in a physical altercation or accident resulting in injury to the jaw, mouth, or oral cavity, the inmate may be transported to the contracted or nearest emergency room depending on his/her physical status.