



## POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE: PPPN-041 ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

**Summary and Purpose of PPN:** To guide the administration of the Ryan White Part A Program to provide a standard Priority Service definition and requirements.

### Authority:

- HIV/AIDS Bureau, Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs National Monitoring Standards for Ryan White Part A Grantees: Program – Part A  
<https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/programmonitoringparta.pdf>
- HAB PCN #16-02 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services: Eligible Individuals & Allowable Uses of Funds  
[https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/program-grants-management/ServiceCategoryPCN\\_16-02Final.pdf](https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/program-grants-management/ServiceCategoryPCN_16-02Final.pdf)
- Policy Clarification Notice 16-02: Eligible Individuals and Allowable Uses of Funds Frequently Asked Questions  
[https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/faq\\_service\\_definitions\\_pcn\\_final.pdf](https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/faq_service_definitions_pcn_final.pdf)
- HIV/AIDS Bureau, Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs & Division of State HIV/AIDS Programs National Monitoring Standards for Ryan White Part A and Part B Grantees: Universal – Part A and B (Covers Both Fiscal and Program Requirements)  
<http://hab.hrsa.gov/manageyourgrant/files/universalmonitoringpartab.pdf>

### Background:

#### Atlanta EMA Quality Management Standards

The purpose of the Ryan White Part A quality management standards and measures is to ensure that a uniformity of service exists in the Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) such that the consumers of a service receive the same quality of service regardless of where the service is rendered. These standards set forth the minimal acceptable levels of quality in service delivery and to provide measurement of the effectiveness of services. EMA Standards of Care may be found on the Ryan White Part A website at [www.ryanwhiteatl.org](http://www.ryanwhiteatl.org).

Also see **PPPN-038 Compliance with Standards**.

### Service Definition

Oral Health Services include outpatient diagnosis, prevention, and therapy provided by dental health care professionals, including general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists, dental residents and dental assistants (licensed as appropriate). Dental care is in compliance with state dental practice laws and includes evidence-based clinical decisions that are informed by the American Dental Practice Parameters.

### **Policy and Procedure:**

1. Oral Health Services are based on an oral health treatment plan, adheres to specified service caps (if applicable), and is provided by licensed and certified dental professionals, including general dental practitioners, dental specialists, and dental hygienists, as well as licensed and trained dental assistants. An oral health treatment plan is developed for each eligible client and signed by the oral health professional rendering the services.
2. Subrecipient is expected to maintain documentation of the following which shall be made available to the recipient and HRSA upon request and during Ryan White Part A site visits:
  - Oral health services are provided by general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists and auxiliaries and meet current dental care guidelines.
  - Oral health professionals providing the services have appropriate and valid licensure and certification, based on State and local laws.
  - Clinical decisions are supported by the American Dental Association, Dental Practice Parameters and Georgia Board of Dentistry.
  - Professional certifications and licensure documents.
  - An oral health treatment plan is developed for each eligible client and signed by the oral health professional rendering the services.
  - Record of services provided to each client and any referrals made
    - Services fall within specified service caps, expressed by dollar amount, type of procedure, limitations on the number of procedures, or a combination of any of the above, as determined by the Planning Council or Grantee under Part A.
3. Oral Health services should be available to persons living with HIV in the EMA. The Contractor should, where practicable, provide Oral Health services to individuals who may or may not receive Primary Care at that site.

## Unit of Service Definition

<b>Oral Health Care</b>			
<b>Subservice Name</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Funding Sources</b>
Initial Dental Visit	Intensive initial HIV oral health care visit for a <b>new</b> client provided by a dentist. Includes a review of past dental, medical, and social history; a comprehensive dental exam consisting of an oral cancer screening where indicated; evaluation of the extraoral and intraoral hard and soft tissues, dental caries, missing or un-erupted teeth, restorations, existing prosthesis, and periodontal conditions; and diagnosis, treatment plan, and referrals as appropriate.	Visit	A,B,C
Emergency Dental Visit	Care related to the treatment of pain or infection, including, but not limited to: emergency examinations, diagnostic dental radiographs, caries control, endodontic access, extractions and subgingival curettage and trauma.	Visit	A,B,C
Endodontic Care	For severely decayed or abscessed teeth that can be maintained if the patient so chooses. When the decay process has proceeded to the vital portions of the tooth (pulp), fillings alone are no longer possible; root canals which save severely decayed or necrotic (abscessed) teeth.	Visit	A,B,C
Oral Pathology Management	Management of oral pathology including biopsy associated with HIV disease such as oropharyngeal candidiasis (thrush), ulcerations, abscesses, Kaposi's sarcoma, and oral warts due to human papillomavirus (HPV), which, if left untreated, would increase morbidity and negatively impact quality of life.	Visit	A,B,C
Oral Surgery	Includes extraction of severely decayed teeth or periodontally involved teeth, routine extraction of erupted tooth or exposed root, surgical removal of teeth and bone, and biopsies of suspect lesions.	Visit	A,B,C
Periodontal Care (gum care)	Care for clients with heavy calculus (tartar) buildup above and below the gum line, infected or inflamed gingival gums, or periodontal disease. Maintenance therapy for clients who have previously undergone periodontal therapy is also included in this category.	Visit	A,B,C
Preventive Care	Care that includes but is not limited to dental exams, diagnostic dental x-rays, dental cleanings, office fluoride therapies, and sealants.	Visit	A,B,C

Prosthetic Care (partial and complete dentures)	Replaces multiple missing teeth and enables clients to maintain proper nutrition, function, speech, and esthetics. Also covered in this category are single unit crowns, crown build-ups, single unit fixed anterior bridges, and dentures.	Visit	A,B,C
Restorative Dental Care	Includes amalgam (silver) fillings for posterior teeth and tooth colored fillings for anterior teeth to replace dental caries.	Visit	A,B,C

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