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Purpose: To establish practice guidelines for providers.

Responsibility: Quality Improvement (QI)/Utilization Review (UR) Committee

Scope: Advantage Dental Services, LLC

Definitions: n/a

Forms: n/a

References: 42 CFR 438.236; OAR 410-141-3015; American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Clinical and Scientific Papers

Policy:


The Dental Care Organization (DCO) places a priority on promoting and protecting the overall health and safety of dental enrollees. In addition, it emphasizes prevention and early medical management of dental caries in pregnant women and children and eliminating sources of infection and reducing the disease burden in all enrollees. Consequently, the DCO's priority for adopting new practice guidelines is focused on these outcomes and populations. The DCO regularly monitors professional organization and agency sites for new or updated dental practice guidelines and consults with subject matter experts for the latest evidence and recommendations.

The principle sources for the DCO's practice guidelines are the American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Policies and Clinical Guidelines, the Centers for Disease Control, Cochrane Oral Health and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. Network providers are encouraged to submit new guidelines and comments for existing guidelines.

The approved DCO Practice Guidelines are reviewed annually by the Vice President of Dental Services or their designee(s), who are licensed dentists. Additions and changes are presented to the QI/UR Committee for final approval.

The following practice guidelines have been reviewed and approved for implementation by the QI/UR Committee for all providers contracted with the DCO.

1. [Prevention of Infective Endocarditis](#): Guidelines from the American Heart Association
2. [Prevention of Orthopedic Implant Infection in Patients Undergoing Dental Procedures](#): Evidence-Based Guideline and Evidence Report
3. [Dental Treatment of Patients with Joints Replacement](#): A Position Paper from the American Academy of Oral Medicine
4. [Dental Radiographic Examinations](#): Recommendations for Patient Selection and limiting Radiation Exposure, American Dental Association & Food and Drug Administration

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5. [Oral Health During Pregnancy](#): A National Consensus Statement, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center
6. [Guideline on Behavioral Management for the Pediatric Dental Patient](#), American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
7. [Interim Therapeutic Restorations](#), American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
8. [Evidence-Based Clinical Recommendations for the Use of Pit-and-Fissure Sealants](#): A Report of the American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs
9. [Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and Anesthesia by Dentists](#), American Dental Association
10. [Tobacco Cessation](#), Advantage Dental Policy and Procedure
11. [Universal Precautions](#), Advantage Dental Policy and Procedure
12. [Advantage Dental Caries Risk Assessment and Protocols](#), Advantage Dental Prevention and Evidence-Based Disease Management Manual
13. AAP Parameter on Comprehensive Periodontal Examination
14. AAP Parameter on Periodontitis Associated with Systemic Conditions

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