## PM160 DENTAL GUIDE

# CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM

### PERIODICITY SCHEDULE FOR DENTAL REFERRAL BY AGE

Age (years)	Routine Dental Referral	Suspected Dental Problem
1 - 20	Refer every 6 months (Children with special needs may need more frequent referrals.)	Refer at any age if a problem is suspected or detected

- > A dental screening/oral assessment is required at every CHDP health assessment regardless of age.
- > Refer children directly to a dentist:
  - Beginning at age one as required by CA SB75
  - o At any age if a problem is suspected or detected see Dental Referral Classifications (page 2)
  - o Every six (6) months for maintenance of oral health
  - Every three (3) months for children with documented special health care needs when medical
    or oral condition can be affected; and for other children at high risk for dental caries
- > To help find a dentist:
  - For a child with Medi-Cal, contact Denti-Cal at 1-800-322-6384 or <a href="http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/WSI/Bene.jsp?fname=ProvReferral">http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/WSI/Bene.jsp?fname=ProvReferral</a>
  - o For families with or without Medi-Cal, the local CHDP program can assist in finding a dentist. http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx

#### PM160 EXAMPLE

CHDP ASSESSME Indicate outcome for each screening procedure	NT NO PROBLEM SUSPECTED	REFUSED, CONTRA- INDICATED, NOT NEEDED	PROBLEM SUSPECTED Enter Follow Up Code In Appropriate Column NEW KNOW C D		DATE OF SERVICE Mo. Day Year 01 15 97	1. NO DX/RX INDICATED OR NOW 4. DX PENDING/RETURN UNDER CARE 2. QUESTIONABLE RESULT RECHECK 5. REFERRED TO ANOTHER SCHEDULED 2. DX MADE AND RX STARTED 6. REFERRAL REFUSED	
01 HISTORY and PHYSICAL EX	АМ					REFERRED TO: I.M. Painless, DDS	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 123-4567
02 DENTAL ASSESSMENT/REFERRAL			5			REFERRED TO:	TELEPHONE NUMBER
03 NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT  04 ANTICIPATORY GUIDANCE HEALTH EDUCATION  05 DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSI						COMMENTS/PROBLEMS IF A PROBLEM IS DIAGNOSED THIS VISIT, PLEASE ENTER YOUR DIAGNOSIS IN THIS AREA  O2 - Class II - gingivitis and tooth decay (5)	
06 SNELLEN OR EQUIVALENT					06		
07 AUDIOMETRIC  08 HEMOGLOBIN OR HEMATO	CRIT				07		
09 URINE DIPSTICK					09		
10 COMPLETE URINALYSIS					10		
12 TB MANTOUX					12		
CODE OTHER TESTS  PLEASE REFER TO THE CHDP LIST OF TEST CODES  CODE OTHER TESTS  TESTS							
		<u> </u>			<u> </u>	ROUTINE REFERRAL(S) (✔) □ □ BLOOD LEAD DENTAL	PATIENT IS A FOSTER CHILD (✔)

#### ➤ Routine Referral(s) (

Enter check mark in this box only when no dental problem is suspected or detected. Dental referrals are <u>required</u> beginning at age one (1). Dental referrals should be made every six (6) months for maintenance of oral health.

- > Follow-up codes for use in columns C and D
  - 1) NO DX/RX INDICATED OR NOW UNDER CARE: Enter code 1 if no treatment is indicated or the patient is now under care, e.g. dental problem now under care.
  - 2) **REFERRED TO ANOTHER EXAMINER FOR DX/RX:** Enter code 5 if a dental problem is suspected and enter name and telephone number of the dentist in the "Referred To" area.
  - 3) **REFERRAL REFUSED:** Enter code 6 if patient or responsible person refused referral/follow-up.

### DENTAL REFERRAL CLASSIFICATIONS

The CHDP classification of treatment needs is a tool for referring children for dental services.

If a problem is suspected or detected, on line 02 - "DENTAL ASSESSMENT/REFERRAL" enter code 5 in "Problem Suspected" columns C or D. In "Comments/Problems" section, describe the condition and classify using Class II, III, or IV. Enter dentist's name/phone number in "Referred To" box.

### CLASS I:

NO VISIBLE DENTAL PROBLEMS (no decalcification, caries, or gingivitis)

If child has not seen a dentist in the last 6 months, check box "Routine Referral-Dental".

Referrals required beginning at age one (1). Refer every six (6) months for maintenance of oral health.





**Appears Healthy But Needs Routine Referral** 

### **CLASS II:**

### MILD DENTAL PROBLEMS

(white decalcification/initial decay, small carious lesions, or gingivitis)

The patient is asymptomatic. Condition is not urgent, yet requires a dental referral. Write "02-Class II" and describe in the "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.



White Decalcification/Initial Decay



**Mild Gingivitis** 

**Small Carious Lesions** 

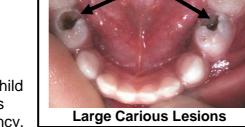
**CLASS III:** 

### SEVERE DENTAL PROBLEMS

(large carious lesions, abscess, extensive gingivitis, or pain)

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Urgent dental care is needed. If abscess suspected ensure that child is seen within 24 hours. Conditions can progress rapidly to an emergency. Write "02-Class III" and describe in the "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.



**Abscess** 

**Early Childhood Caries (ECC)** 

**Extensive Gingivitis** 



**EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT REQUIRED** (acute injury, oral infection, or other painful condition)

condition in "Comments/Problems" section.

malocclusion or craniofacial anomaly refer child to a dentist or California Children's Services (CCS). Write "02-Class III" and describe

Immediate dental referral is required. Write "02-Class IV Emergency" and describe in "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.



Acute Injuries



Oral Infection/Cellulitis