

ORAL HEALTH CARE STANDARDS OF CARE

HRSA DEFINITION

Includes diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic dental care that is in compliance with dental practice laws, includes evidence-based clinical decisions that are informed by the American Dental Association Dental Practice Parameters, is based on an oral health treatment plan, adheres to specified services caps, and is provided by licensed and certified dental professionals.

GOAL

Provide diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services by general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists and auxiliaries, and other trained primary care providers.

STANDARD OF CARE

Hiring Standards

- All program staff should meet Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Standards of Care requirements for staff qualifications.
- All agency staff, contractors, and consultants who provide direct-care services and require licensure shall be properly licensed by the State of Texas, Texas Board of Dental Examiners.
- All dental students and dental hygiene students who provide direct-care services may only do so under the direction and supervision of a licensed dentist.

Training Standards

- All program staff should abide by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Standards of Care requirements for training.

Job Performance Standards

- All program staff should abide by the DSHS Standards of Care requirements for job performance.

Reporting

- All program staff should abide by the Texas Department of State Health Services Standards of Care requirements for reporting.