

## ORAL HEALTH CARE

*(Year ~~365~~ Service Priority: #~~4-5~~ for Part A*

**Oral Health Care** is a core medical service. This service includes diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services provided by a dental health care professional licensed to provide dental care in the State of Florida, including general dentists, dental specialists, and dental hygienists, as well as licensed dental assistants. In accordance with Rule 64B5-9.011 of the Florida Administrative Code, dental assistants who are formally trained or have an appropriate certification (e.g., radiography) meet HRSA's definition of a licensed dental assistant.

This service may include diagnostic, preventive, and restorative services; endodontics, periodontics, and prosthodontics (removable and fixed); maxillofacial prosthetics; limited implant services (i.e., removal, repair, and placement [restricted for edentulous patients only] of implants); oral and maxillofacial surgery; and adjunctive general services as detailed and limited in the most current, local Ryan White Program Oral Health Care Formulary.

- A. Program Operation Requirements:** Provision of Oral Health Care services for any one client is limited to an annual cap of \$6,500 per Ryan White Part A Fiscal Year (March 1, ~~2025-2026~~ through February 28, ~~2026-2027~~). Exceptions to the annual cap may be approved by the County under special circumstances (e.g. implant placement) and the provision of preventive Oral Health Care services with consultation from the Miami- Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership's Medical Care Subcommittee as needed.

When a referral from a dentist to a dietitian is needed, the dentist must coordinate with the client's licensed medical provider (MD, DO, APRN, PAs) to obtain the required referral to nutrition services (i.e., a referral to Ryan White Program outpatient specialty care services). This is necessary to ensure communication between the care team (e.g., licensed medical providers and dentist). The client's medical case manager should also be informed of the client's need for nutrition services.

Viral loads (within the last 6 months) and CD4 count (most current) Labs should accompany referrals and additional labs may be requested from licensed medical providers as clinically indicated by the dentist. An undetectable viral load is not required to provide services.

All referrals to Ryan White Part A Oral Health Care services should include the client's licensed medical provider's contact information (name, address, phone and fax numbers, and email if available) and note any known allergies the client may have. This information can be included in the comments section of the referral.

**Providers must offer, post, and maintain a daily walk-in slot for clients with urgent/emergent dental issues. Clients who come into or contact the office with urgent/emergent dental issues (e.g., pain, broken tooth, situation requiring immediate treatment, or situation causing client high level of distress) will be triaged by appropriate dental staff; and those clients with substantial issues will be seen as soon as possible, but within 48 hours (i.e., two business days).**

**Teledentistry services** may also be available. Please see Section XVI, Additional Policies and Procedures, of this Service Delivery Manual for details.

- B. Additional Service Delivery Standards:** Providers of this service will adhere to the most current, local *Ryan White Program System-wide Standards and Ryan White Program Oral Health Care Standards*. (Please refer to Section III of this FY 2026~~5~~ Service Delivery Manual for details.) Providers will be required to demonstrate that they adhere to generally accepted clinical guidelines for Oral Health Care treatment of HIV and AIDS-specific illnesses, upon request and through monitoring site visits or quality management record reviews.
- C. Rules for Reimbursement:** Providers will be reimbursed for all routine and emergency examination, diagnostic, prophylactic, restorative, surgical and ancillary Oral Health Care procedures, as approved by the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership and included in the most current, local Ryan White Program Oral Health Care Formulary using the 2025~~6~~ American Dental Association Current Dental Terminology (CDT 2025~~6~~) codes for dental procedures. Reimbursement is in accordance with the rates indicated in the most current, local Ryan White Program Oral Health Care Formulary; flat fee, no multiplier.

Please see Section XVI, Additional Policies and Procedures, of this Service Delivery Manual for details regarding the reimbursement of teledentistry services.

An estimate of the number of clients (unduplicated caseload) expected to receive these services must be included on the corresponding budget narrative.

- D. Children's Eligibility Criteria:** Providers must document that children with HIV who receive Ryan White Part A Program-funded Oral Health Care services are permanent residents of Miami-Dade County and have been properly screened for other private or public sector funding [i.e., private insurance, Medicaid, Medicaid's expanded dental insurance for its members with Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) or Long-Term Care (LTC) coverage who have LIBERTY Dental or, DentaQuest, ~~or MCNA~~ Dental benefits (as may be amended), the Medically Needy Program, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Florida KidCare, etc.], as appropriate. While children qualify for and can access private insurance, Medicaid (all programs), or other public sector funding for Oral Health Care services, they will not be eligible for Ryan White Part A Program-funded Oral Health Care services, except those dental procedures excluded by the other funding sources.

- E. Client Eligibility Criteria:** Clients receiving Oral Health Care must be documented as having been properly screened for other public sector funding as appropriate every 366 days. While clients qualify for and can access dental services through other public funding [including, but not limited to, Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance (MMA), or Medicaid Long-Term Care (LTC)], Medicare, or private health insurance, they will not be eligible for Ryan White Part A Program-funded Oral Health Care except for such program-allowable services that are not covered by the other sources or if their related benefits have been maxed out for the benefit period.

Clients referred for Oral Health Care by a Ryan White Part A or MAI Medical Case Manager should use the Ryan White Program In Network Referral process in the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system. If the client is referred by a non-Part A or non-MAI provider [“Out of Network”(OON) provider] or self-refers because they do not have a Part A/MAI Medical Case Manager, an OON referral form must be submitted accompanied by the required medical, financial, and permanent Miami-Dade County residency documentation as well as all required consent forms and Notice of Privacy Practices. Clients coming without a referral, but with necessary documentation to support Ryan White Part A Program eligibility and viral load and CD4 lab test results within 366 days, are also able to access Ryan White Part A Oral Health Care services, upon completion of a brief intake in the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system by the Oral Health Care provider agency and the client’s signed consent for service

- F. Ryan White Program Oral Health Care Formulary:** Ryan White Part A Program funds may only be used to provide Oral Health Care services that are included in the most recent release of the most current, local Ryan White Program Oral Health Care Formulary. The Formulary is subject to periodic revision.
- G. Letters of Medical Necessity:** Dental Implants require a completed Ryan White Letter of Medical Necessity (LOMN) (See Section V of this FY 2025~~6~~ Service Delivery Manual for copies of the Letter of Medical Necessity, as may be amended).
- H. Rules for Documentation:** Providers must maintain a dental chart or electronic record that is signed by the licensed dental provider and includes a treatment plan, dates of service, services provided, procedure codes billed, and any referrals made. Providers must also maintain professional certifications, licensure documents, and proof of training, where applicable, of the dental staff providing services to Ryan White Program clients. Providers must make these documents available to OMB staff or authorized persons upon request.
- I. Rules for Reporting:** Provider monthly reports (i.e., reimbursement requests) for Oral Health Care must include the number of clients served, billing code for the dental procedures provided, number of units of service provided, and the corresponding reimbursement rate for each service provided. Providers must also develop a method to track and report client wait time (e.g., the time it takes for a

client be scheduled to see the appropriate dental provider after calling for an appointment; and upon arrival for the appointment, the time the client spends waiting to see the dental provider) and to make such reports available to OMB staff or authorized persons upon request.

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