

**R 400.4147 Dental care.**

*Rule 147. (1) A licensee shall provide for and document dental examinations and treatment for each resident 3 years of age and older.*

*(2) A dental examination within 12 months prior to admission shall be documented or there shall be an examination not later than 90 calendar days following admission.*

*(3) Reexamination shall be provided at least every 14 months unless greater frequency is indicated.*

**Interpretation :**

Compliance exists when:

There is documentation that the resident 3 years or older has had a dental examination by a licensed dentist within the 12 months prior to admission or no later than 90 days after admission. Re-examination must occur within 14 months of the last dental examination unless greater frequency is indicated. If the dental examination identifies a need for dental treatment, there must be a plan for securing needed treatment within a reasonable time, based on the extent of the dental needs identified.

Residents who have a dental emergency are to be seen by a dentist at the time of the emergency.