

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Health Care Department Operations Manual

3.3.2.12 Orthodontics

(a) Policy

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) dental departments shall not initiate orthodontic procedures, (i.e., braces), or continue orthodontic treatment for patients incarcerated while in active orthodontic treatment.

(b) Purpose

To establish guidelines for managing patients incarcerated while in active orthodontic treatment.

(c) Procedure

- (1) Orthodontics is not a dental service provided by CDCR dental departments.
- (2) Patients may request to have orthodontic bands/brackets removed by the CDCR dental department. The CDCR shall not be held liable for changes to the patients' dentition once the orthodontic bands/brackets are removed and shall obtain informed consent from all patients who request removal of orthodontic bands/brackets.
- (3) Every attempt shall be made to contact the treating orthodontist prior to removal of orthodontic bands or brackets.
- (4) Removal of orthodontic bands/brackets and/or arch wires shall be at the discretion of the treating dentist and does not require approval by the Dental Authorization Review Committee.
- (5) The CDCR shall not be held liable for the replacement of orthodontic bands that are damaged or removed in the process of providing dental procedures on banded teeth.
- (6) Reference the Health Care Department Operations Manual, Section 3.3.4.5(c)(3) and (4) for referral requirements.

References

- Health Care Department Operations Manual, Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 3.3.4.5, Dental Authorization Review Committee

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