

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

**North Carolina Department Of Public Safety
Prison**

**SECTION: Care and Treatment of
Offender - Dental Services**

POLICY # TX V-11

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SUBJECT: Dental Holds

**EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2014
SUPERCEDES DATE: May 2013**

PURPOSE

To ensure continuity of care.

POLICY

Dental staff shall place an OPUS "HOLD" or HERO "Transfer Hold" on offenders receiving the following services:

1. Fabrication of partial or full dentures and night guards
2. Referral to Oral Surgery and Endodontic specialty clinics
3. Procedures requiring multiple appointments, (i.e. Endo and Oral Surgery)
4. Any other service where follow-up care is important to the clinical outcome.

Staff shall also notify the facility transfer authority that a Dental Hold is in effect and any transfer of the offender should be delayed until treatment is accomplished. Upon completion of the above services, the OPUS" Hold" or HERO "Transfer Hold" shall be removed.

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