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Dental Provider Bulletin Volume 28, Number 14, dated September 28, 2005 defines criteria for coverage of adult dental services.

Dental services for adults (age 21 and over) as related to a medical condition will be covered when a written referral from the recipient's physician states the absence of dental treatment would adversely affect the stated pre-existing medical condition. This referral must be maintained in the patient's record and made available to the Division of Medical Services (DMS) or its agent upon request.

#### **PHYSICIAN REFERRAL**

A referral by a physician is required for an adult patient who has a pre-existing medical condition that would be adversely affected without the treatment by a dentist. The referral must include the referring physician's name and provider number, type of dental services needed and the medical condition that would be adversely affected without the dental care.

**Provider Bulletins** are available on the DMS Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/dms/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletins page.

**Missouri Medicaid News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the DMS Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/dms/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official Missouri Medicaid communications via E-mail.

**MC+ Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One.

**Provider Communications Hotline**

**573-751-2896**