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DENTAL EXTRACTIONS

Emergency dental extractions will be performed as judged necessary by the Dentist. Parents/guardians will be notified of these extractions by telephone as soon as possible and by written follow up letter signed by the Dentist (cc. Superintendent's Office) describing the incident (s) which led to the necessity to perform an emergency extraction. In instances where there is no parental contact, the letter will be addressed to Dr. Reyes, cc Superintendent's Office.

Nonemergency dental extractions will be performed only after documented attempts to secure parental permission. Parents are to be notified in writing via letter signed by Dr. Brisini which explains why extraction is indicated and the course of recent treatment or restorative work if attempted (cc Superintendent's Office). If parents/guardians do not respond within two weeks, telephone contact should be attempted. Verbal permission must be witnessed and documentation of same placed in the resident's chart. If the parent/guardian fails to respond to the written request, Dr. Brisini will on his own judgement extract the tooth. If a parent/guardian denies permission, Dr. Brisini will consult with Dr. Reyes and the Superintendent to review the case prior to decision.

On nonemergency extractions where there is no parental contact. Dr. Brisini will send a written letter to Dr. Reyes (as above, cc Superintendent's Office), who will authorize the extraction.

Superintendent