










DENTAL CLASSIFICATIONS

The American Dental Association's "Classification of Treatment Needs" is a tool to use when referring children for dental services. If a problem is detected or suspected, on line 02 - "DENTAL ASSESSMENT/REFERRAL" enter code 5 in "Problem Suspected" (column C). Classify the condition in "Comments" section using Class I, II, III or IV and (for eligible children) enter Treatment Program (661) 868-0375 in the "Referred To" box.

<p>CLASS I NO VISIBLE DENTAL PROBLEM:</p> <p>No problem visualized. Child has not seen a dentist in the last 6 months and should be referred for routine care. Enter check in column A and check box "Routine Referral" – dental. No comments needed.</p>		
<p>Appears Healthy But Needs Routine Referral</p>		
<p>CLASS II MILD DENTAL PROBLEMS: Small carious lesions or gingivitis and the patient is asymptomatic. The condition is not urgent, yet requires a dental referral. Enter code 5 in column C. Enter 02 Class II (5) and description of condition in comments section. For eligible children, enter Treatment Program in "Referred To" box.</p>		
<p>Small Carious Lesion</p>		<p>Gingivitis</p>
<p>CLASS III SEVERE DENTAL PROBLEMS:</p> <p>Large carious lesions, chronic abscess, extensive gingivitis, or a history of pain. The need for dental care is urgent. Refer for treatment as soon as possible.</p> <p>Enter code 5 in column C. Enter 02 Class III (5) and description of condition in comments section. For eligible children, enter Treatment Program in "Referred To" box.</p>		
<p>Large Carious Lesions</p>		<p>Chronic Abscess</p>
		
<p>Extensive Gingivitis</p>		
<p>CLASS IV EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT REQUIRED:</p> <p>Acute injury, oral infection or other painful condition. An immediate dental referral is indicated.</p> <p>Enter code 5 in column C. Enter 02 Class IV (5) and description of condition in comments section. For eligible children, enter Treatment Program in "Referred To" box.</p>		
<p>Acute Injury</p>		<p>Oral Infection</p>