# 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.

## CLASS 1 NO VISIBLE DENTAL PROBLEM:

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.





**Appears Healthy But Needs Routine Referral** 

#### **<u>CLASS II</u> 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.

### <mark>CLASS III</mark> SEVERE DENTAL PROBLEMS:

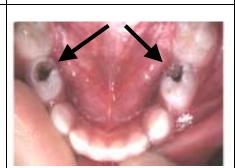
Large carious lesions, chronic abscess, extensive gingivitis, or a history of pain. The need for dental care is urgent. Refer for treatment as soon as possible.

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.

#### CLASS IV EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT REQUIRED:

Acute injury, oral infection or other painful condition. An immediate dental referral is indicated. 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.



**Small Carious Lesion** 

Large Carious Lesions



Chronic Abscess



**Extensive Gingivitis** 





**Oral Infection**