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:

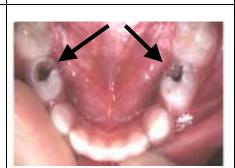
Large carious lesions, chronic abscess, extensive gingivitis, or a history of pain. The need for dental care is urgent. Refer for treatment as soon as possible.

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