

# JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES DENTAL PROCEDURES

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**PURPOSE**

To state the Dental Department’s procedure on the use of dental floss by juveniles.

The use of dental floss by a youth shall be under the direction of a physician or dentist and by a written order through PEMRS. Youth can verbally request to floss teeth during a dental visit.

**PROCEDURE:**

Once the need for the use of dental floss is established by one of the above health care providers, the following steps are taken:

1. The youth reports to the Medical Unit, Nursing station or Dental clinic.
2. The nurse or dental assistant ascertains the written / verbal order for flossing.
3. A length of loss is given measuring no more than twelve (12) inches.
4. The youth is observed directly while using floss.
5. Used dental floss is deposited into infectious waste container under direct observation.

**REFERENCE**

JCHS Policy # I-102, “Health Education, Health Promotion, and Preventive Care”