



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF DENTISTRY POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: Patient Eligibility Criteria

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POLICY:

The Dental Center at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center serves the needs of adults and children with physical, developmental, or chronic medical disabilities.

PROCEDURE:

Adults and children are screened according to the following criteria to determine medical eligibility for care in the Dental Center.

Outpatients: The patient must be an adult or child with physical, developmental, or chronic medical disabilities such that he/she cannot access a regular dental office or such that there is not a dentist who can provide the specialized treatment that the patient requires because of his/her disability in the community or Department of Health Services.

Examples: Anyone in a wheelchair, especially those who cannot transfer from their chair to a dental chair

Anyone who is unable to cooperate because of his/her disability such as brain injury, stroke, mental retardation, or cerebral palsy

Some who require special medical management while having dental treatment such as management of anticoagulant therapy or bleeding disorders

Most with craniofacial anomalies

Patients with diabetes must be a patient of record in the amputee program.

Siblings or children age 0-16 of **Rancho Dental Patients**.

(The sibling or child need not be disabled, the Rancho Dental Patient must meet regular criteria above.)

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Children from birth to their 5th birthday
(other county facilities do not see children under 5 so their access is limited due to development).

Inpatients: The patient must have pain, infection, or other condition that interferes with his/her rehabilitation or medical program. The Dental Center will address the chief complaint only. If the patient meets the above criteria, he/she may be eligible for regular dental treatment as an outpatient.