

Dental Treatment Facility (DTF) Referred Care for Dentistry

- Open to all civilian dentists licensed and practicing in the fifty States and D.C.
- Referral process allows active duty personnel to receive treatment from civilian dentists
- Funding provided through Military Medical Support Office (MMSO), Great Lakes, IL
- MMSO only supports Active Duty patients (not family members or retirees)
 - Active Duty patients without proper referral are at own expense
 - Once patient separates or retires from military service, MMSO will not pay (However, MMSO can pay for follow-up care resulting from a service related injury and documented with LOD/NOE)
- Dental claims processed by MMSO:
 - Require documents for claims filing (should accompany each claim): MMSO Dental Info Sheet (signed by patient or DTF officer), ADA type Dental Claim Form, and copy of DTF referral form
 - MMSO will pay for amalgams/composites/PRRs if referral indicated operative dentistry
 - MMSO will not pay for a crown if referral indicated operative dentistry

Active Duty Patients Arrive With:

- DTF Referral Form
- MMSO Dental Information Sheet
- Original or duplicate dental treatment record and/or x-rays (Civilian DDS can keep duplicates. Original records and/or x-rays will need to be returned to the military dental treatment facility.)
- Copy of Treatment Plan on SF 513, DD Form 2161 or SF 603/603A or locally generated form as a substitute to a SF 513, DD Form 2161 or SF 603/603A.

Military Dentistry Philosophy

- Emphasis is on dental readiness (Active duty personnel need to be able to deploy world wide on short-notice to remote areas for 12 months without dental emergency problems or need for follow-up care)
- Our focus is on treating caries, replacing defective restorations, and prevention of disease
- Posterior composites are acceptable when properly placed and occlusion is favorable. In most cases, they should not replace/onlay cusps
- If you feel a crown is indicated, we prefer that you place a pin-amalgam and refer the patient back to the DTF for a crown evaluation
- If tooth has carious exposure during operative procedure
 1. Start/complete Endo (we can fax you a Referral Form for Endo later) or refer patient back to DTF
 2. DTF can also fax Referral Form to civilian endodontist (especially for same day or next day care)
- High Caries Risk pts: Referral Form should authorize appropriate F1 treatments.

Documentation

- Please fax or mail progress notes or Dental Claim form to DTF within 1 week of treatment
- Documentation should include:
 - Date of treatment
 - Treatment rendered (ie. #12-MO composite, #14-DO amalgam)
 - Plan (ie. Continue civ DDS tx, all tx complete, or referred back to DTF for follow up care)
 - Name of Dentist & Assistant

DTF Clinic

- Can not enter into any contract with civilian dentists
- Can not guarantee any number or amount of patients referred to civilian dentists
- Do provide civilian provider with DTF Point of Contact

We appreciate your assistance and request your feedback to improve this process. See the MMSO web site for more information: <http://mms0.med.navy.mil>

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