

WSC ADVISORY #2016-003 –THE ARC OF FLORIDA DENTAL PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Purpose: To provide needed dental services to individuals who are eligible for APD services throughout Florida.

Summary: The Arc of Florida is a 501c (3) non-profit organization serving individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities throughout the state of Florida. The Arc of Florida has received a recurring appropriation from the Florida Legislature to help individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities receive needed dental care. The Arc of Florida contracted with dentists throughout the State to deliver a variety of dental services, which includes dentists who can provide Intravenous (IV) sedation and/or General Anesthesia in a hospital setting. The program is operating in its fourth year of service.

Eligibility: Individuals served must be clients of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). This includes individuals on the APD waiting list or receiving waiver services. There is no age limit for program eligibility.

Referral Process: To receive services, complete an application from The Arc of Florida. Application may be accessed by contacting **the dental services program at 1-855-322-6735** or via email at dental@arcflorida.org. Applications must be completed, signed, and returned to The Arc of Florida via the following options:

- Fax: (850) 921-0418
- Email: dental@arcflorida.org
- Mail: The Arc of Florida, Attn: Dental Services, 2898 Mahan Drive, Suite 1, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Time Frame: The Arc of Florida pre-screens the applications to determine eligibility to receive funding for services based on the requirements of The Arc of Florida/ APD contract. Application approval for emergency cases can occur within 24 hours.

Individuals in emergency situations with extreme pain will be provided services first. After individuals in emergency situations are served, services will be provided to individuals on the Arc of Florida Dental Service waiting list based on the length of time the individual has been waiting. For additional information or if you have any questions, contact The Arc of Florida Dental Services at 1-855-322-6735.

Attachments:

The Arc of Florida Letter

How the Arc of Florida Dental Service Program Works

The Arc of Florida Dental Application

Agreement for Referral for Dental Services

Authorization to Disclose Health Information

The Arc of Florida Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgment

The Arc of Florida Notice of Privacy Practices for Protected Health Information