

Harbor Regional Center Service Policy

MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

DEFINITION:

Medical Services (*including genetic and psychiatric services*) and Dental Services are those services provided on an individual basis in order to improve or maintain a client's health status.

PHILOSOPHY:

General health care needs for Harbor Regional Center clients are similar to the needs of people in the community who are not developmentally disabled. Ordinarily, parents of minors are expected to provide for all medical and dental care services for their children. Ordinarily, all adults are expected to provide for their medical and dental needs, usually through Medi-Cal, private insurance, or private funds.

POLICY:

Harbor Regional Center may purchase medical and dental services for either minor or adult clients if both of the following criteria are met:

1. the needed treatment is directly associated with, or has resulted from, a developmental disability; **and**
2. the client has been denied or is not eligible for Medi-Cal, California Children's Services, private insurance or another third party payer coverage
3. the service is not experimental and has been clinically determined or scientifically proven to be effective and safe