

**Oral Health Content in State Child Care Regulations**  
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State	Year of Update	Center	No mention	Tooth-brushing Required	Toothbrush labeled/ identified/ assigned	Toothbrush storage	Toothbrush available and maintenance	Toothpaste – availability and use	Oral health screenings	Dental contact	Preventing baby bottle tooth decay
AL	2009	x			x	x	x				
AK	2006	x			x	x		x			
AZ	2007	x			x	x	x				
AR	2006		x								
CA	2006	x								x	
CO	2005	x			x	x	x	x		x	
CT	2009	x					x-Nighttime			x	
DE	2007	x			x	x					x
DC	2007	x								x	
FL	2010	x		x-Nighttime		x-Nighttime					
GA	2008	x					x				
HI	2010		x								
ID	2009		x								
IL	2005	x		x-Nighttime	x	x	x	x			
IN	2001	x				x	x	x		x	
IA	2009	x				x	x				
KS	2007	x		x		x	x				
KY	2008	x			x	x	x	x			
LA	2003	x								x	
ME	2008	x					x			x	
MD	2008		x								
MA	2006				x	x			x-referral for dental check up		
MI	2008		x								
MN	2007	x					x-Nighttime			x	
MS	2009	x			x	x	x	x			
MO	2002	x			x-Nighttime	x					
MT	2006		x								
NE	1999	x			x						
NV	2007	x					x				
NH	2008	x			x	x					

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NJ	2005	x				x					
NM	2006	X				X					x
NY	2005	x			x	x					
NC	2008	x			x		x	x			
ND	1995	x			x	x	x				
OH	2009	x			x	x	x	x			
OK	2009	x		x- Nighttime	x	x					x
OR	2007	x		x- Nighttime			x			x	
PA	2009	x			x	x					
SC	2005	x			x	x				x	
SD	2004										
TN	2009	x		x- plan for Nighttime							
TX	2010	X		x- Nighttime	x	x		x			x
UT	2009	X				x	x				
VA	2008	X			X						
VT	2001	X			x	x				x	
VI	1980	X			x						
WA	2008	X		x- Nighttime						x	x
WV	2009	X		x	x	x	x	x			
WI	2008	X			x-Nighttime	x	x				
WY	2008	X								x	

NOTE: State Child care regulations are constantly being updated. The information contained in this report is a snap shot in time based on the regulations available at the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education’s State Licensing Website <http://nrckids.org/STATES/states.htm>.on April 12, 2010.

**Specific Wording from State Regulations:**

**Alabama**

Centers – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/AL/al\\_all.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/AL/al_all.pdf)

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Each child's toilet articles, (such as combs, toothbrushes, etc.) shall be labeled with the child's name, stored separately, and maintained in a sanitary condition.

**Alaska**

Centers- [http://nrckids.org/STATES/AK/ak\\_10\\_2.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/AK/ak_10_2.pdf)

(c) A caregiver shall thoroughly wash the caregiver's hands with soap and warm running water and rinse with water ....(3) before and after assisting with toothbrushing;

(f) If a caregiver provides toothbrushing assistance, the caregiver shall dispense the toothpaste from a shared container in a manner that will not contaminate the toothpaste container. The requirements of this subsection do not apply to a foster home or foster group home.

The entity shall ensure that individual cloth towels used for bathing, toothbrushes, and combs used by a child in care are stored separately to prevent contamination and are labeled with the child's name. If a storage rack is used, the rack must be cleaned and sanitized or replaced when visibly soiled and after contamination with blood or another body fluid.

**Arizona**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/AZ/az\\_9\\_5.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/AZ/az_9_5.pdf)

Each child's toothbrush, comb, washcloth, cloth towel, and clothing is maintained in a clean condition and stored in an identified space separate from those of other children.

**California**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/CA/ca\\_22\\_12\\_1.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/CA/ca_22_12_1.pdf)

CHILD'S RECORDS include....name, address and telephone number of the child's physician and dentist and any other medical/dental or mental health providers. And.... (9) Record of any illness or injury requiring treatment by a physician or dentist and for which the center provided assistance to the child in meeting his/her necessary medical or dental needs.

Other: "Care and Supervision" means any one or more of the following activities provided by a person or child care center to meet the needs of children in care: ... (D) Arrangement of and assistance with medical and dental care.

**Colorado**

Sanitation rules - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/CO/co\\_facility.htm#pgfId-491267](http://nrckids.org/STATES/CO/co_facility.htm#pgfId-491267)

6-208 Personal Articles. Personal articles, such as combs, toothbrushes, pacifiers, washcloths, etc., shall be individually identified and shall be stored in a sanitary manner so as not to contaminate or come into contact with the personal hygiene articles of another child. Personal articles shall not be shared between children.

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/CO/co\\_volume.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/CO/co_volume.pdf)

3. The center shall insure that youth are provided with all necessary toiletry items, including clean, individual towels and washcloths, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb and shampoo.

7.702.101 Children's Records ...The center must maintain and update annually a record on each child that includes: F. Name, address, and telephone number of the child's physician, dentist, and hospital of choice.

1. At the time of admission, the center must obtain health information for each child entering the center, including any known allergies, medication being taken, special diets required, or any chronic health condition. The name, address, and phone number of the child's physician and dentist must be provided.

**Connecticut**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/CT/ct\\_centers.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/CT/ct_centers.pdf)

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Night care endorsement- Toiletries shall include a towel, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste and soap.

Other: (2) a health record that shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:... [(F)] (E) information regarding disabilities or special health [problems] care needs such as, allergies, special dietary needs, dental problems, ...

In addition, at all times the child day care center or group day care home is in operation, there shall be present at least one (1) staff member who has successfully completed within the past three (3) years a [Department] department approved **first aid** course that meets the following

requirements:...(B) Instruction shall include, but not necessarily be limited to: ..., **dental emergencies**, child abuse and sexual abuse;

A written plan for **consultation** services shall be developed, signed annually by the consultant and implemented.(1) These services shall include: ... (C) **a dentist or dental hygienist consultant** available to the operator and staff for a advice regarding the dental health of children or a dental health education program;

### **Delaware**

Centers -[http://nrckids.org/STATES/DE/de\\_rules.htm#0\\_pgfld-998290](http://nrckids.org/STATES/DE/de_rules.htm#0_pgfld-998290) ;

A licensee shall ensure that combs, toothbrushes, brushes and other such personal items are marked with the owner's name and stored separately and used only by that child.

Other: Juices shall not be offered to infants until they are able to drink from a cup in order to develop behaviors that may prevent baby bottle tooth decay

### **District of Columbia**

Facilities - <http://nrckids.org/STATES/DC/dcmr29TOC.htm>

325.1 Each child attending a Child Development Facility shall, **upon enrollment** and prior to admission, submit to the Facility, on forms approved by the Mayor, complete documentation of a comprehensive physical health examination, including age-appropriate screenings and up-to-date immunizations, and, for each child three (3) years of age or older, complete documentation of an **oral health examination**, each examination having been performed by a licensed health care professional within one (1) year prior to the date of admission.

325.2 Each child attending a Child Development Facility shall, at **least annually**, submit to the Facility, on forms approved by the Mayor, complete documentation of a comprehensive physical health examination, including age-appropriate screenings and up-to-date immunizations, and, for each child three (3) years of age or older, complete documentation of an **oral health examination**, each examination having been performed by a licensed health care professional within the preceding one (1) year period.

325.3 The Facility shall maintain, for each enrolled child, the initial and annual health record documentation required under subsections 325.1 and 325.2, including: (a) The full name, gender, date of birth, and home address of the child; (b) The dates of the physical and oral health examinations...

Other : 326.7 The Facility shall observe each child for the presence of symptoms that may indicate a medical problem, which problem may require exclusion from the Facility, isolation from other children, and/or consultation with the child's parent(s), guardian(s) or licensed health care practitioner(s). The following are examples of conditions that may indicate the existence of a medical problem: ... (g) Throat and mouth problems, including: sores on the lips or in the mouth, white patches in the mouth, throat pain, or a **dental problem** that needs immediate attention;...

369.3 Each Facility shall provide the following items among its first-aid supplies:....

(l) One-third cup (1/3 c.) of powdered milk **for dental first aid (for mixing to make a liquid solution)**;

### **Florida**

Centers [http://nrckids.org/STATES/FL/fl\\_65\\_22.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/FL/fl_65_22.pdf)

Nighttime - If children are sleeping overnight in the facility, child care staff must ensure accepted bedtime routines are practiced, such as brushing teeth and washing face and hands. Toothbrushes, towels, and wash cloths may not be shared. Toothbrushes shall be stored so that they cannot touch each other.

### **Georgia**

Centers – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/GA/ga\\_learning.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/GA/ga_learning.pdf)

(3) Children's Personal Items. Children's combs, toothbrushes and cloth towels shall be kept clean.

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### **Illinois**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/IL/il\\_407.htm#0\\_pgfld-998290](http://nrckids.org/STATES/IL/il_407.htm#0_pgfld-998290)

When used by children at the child care center, toilet articles such as combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels and washcloths shall be individually provided by the parent or the center. They shall be plainly marked with the child's name and stored individually in a sanitary manner in areas which promote drying. Single-use and disposable articles are permitted. Toothbrushes, if used, shall be replaced when they have lost their tone.

p) If toothpaste is used, care shall be taken to avoid cross-contamination when dispensing.

1) Each child shall be given a separate tube of toothpaste labeled with his or her name; or

2) If a single tube is used, the toothpaste shall be dispensed by placing a small amount on the rim of each child's rinsing cup or on a piece of waxed paper.

Self-care such as washing, dressing, toileting, brushing, and combing shall be encouraged as each child shows evidence of ability to do so.

Nighttime Care - f) Each child shall have an individual washcloth, towel, toothbrush, comb or brush, and sleep-wear furnished either by the center or the child's parents.

g) The night care program shall facilitate a relaxed atmosphere characterized by informal quiet activities.... 3) Self-care routines shall include: A) Brushing teeth at bedtime or upon rising;

### **Indiana**

Centers – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/IN/in\\_rule4.7.htm#pgfld-412767](http://nrckids.org/STATES/IN/in_rule4.7.htm#pgfld-412767)

(c) If toothbrushes and toothpaste are used, the following applies: (1) The center shall store them in an area inaccessible to children.

(2) The center shall not store them in the toilet room. (3) The center shall store them so that one (1) child's toothbrush does not touch or contaminate another child's. (4) The center shall maintain toothbrushes in a clean and sanitary manner. (5) Caregivers shall dispense toothpaste in a sanitary manner. (6) If the sink for tooth brushing is in a toilet room, the faucet and sink must be sanitized before being used for tooth brushing.

Sec. 36. A written application for admission of each child, signed by the child's parent, shall be on file at the child care center prior to admission and shall include the following:...(7) The name, address, and telephone number of the child's physician and dentist to call in emergencies.

### **Iowa**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/IA/ia\\_109.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/IA/ia_109.pdf)

Parents may provide items for oral hygiene (if appropriate to the developmental age and needs of the child). The center shall ensure that sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of the articles.

Child's file. Centers shall maintain sufficient information in a file for each child, which shall be updated at least annually or when the parent notifies the center of a change or the center becomes aware of a change, to ensure that:....b. Appropriate emergency medical and dental services can be secured for the child while in the center's care.

Other: Medical and **dental emergencies**. The center shall have sufficient information and authorization to meet the medical and dental emergencies of children.

The center shall have written procedures for medical and dental emergencies and shall ensure, through orientation and training, that all staff are knowledgeable of and able to implement the procedures.

### **Kansas**

Centers – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/KS/ka\\_1.htm#pgfld-91297](http://nrckids.org/STATES/KS/ka_1.htm#pgfld-91297)

Toothbrushes shall be provided for each child's use. They shall be used daily after meals, and shall be stored in a sanitary manner out of children's reach.

### **Kentucky**

H & S Standards - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/KY/ky\\_120.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/KY/ky_120.pdf) - for all facilities

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(14) Combs, towels or washcloths, brushes, and toothbrushes used by a child shall be: (a) Individually stored in separate containers; and (b) Plainly labeled with the child's name.

(15) Toothbrushes shall be: (a) Individually identified; (b) Allowed to air dry; and (c) Protected from contamination.

(16) Toothpaste used by multiple children shall be dispensed onto an intermediate surface such as waxed paper to avoid cross contamination.

### **Louisiana**

Centers – A- [http://nrckids.org/STATES/LA/la\\_53.htm#pgfld-568426](http://nrckids.org/STATES/LA/la_53.htm#pgfld-568426)

1. child's information form listing the child's name, birth date, sex, date of admission, name and phone number of child's physician and dentist, dietary restrictions, and allergies; signed and dated by the parent;

Other: Incidents, injuries and accidents shall be documented. The parent or designated person shall be notified immediately in the following situations: ...broken or dislodged teeth

Centers – B – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/LA/la\\_b.htm#pgfld-306505](http://nrckids.org/STATES/LA/la_b.htm#pgfld-306505)

Other: 7. All staff shall have three continuing education hours annually through attendance at child care workshops or conferences i.e. LAECA, LAPACC, NAEYC, etc., or local physician, dentist, public library, PBS, universities and extension services etc.

### **Maine**

Centers – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/ME/me\\_1.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/ME/me_1.pdf)

The facility must assign each child his/her own toilet articles (toothbrush, brush, comb, etc.) and personal items (towel, drinking glass) when the use of such is offered.

Child's record - 11.1.1. A record must be completed at the time of admission and maintained- by the Child Care Facility on each child in care and must include:...

11.1.1.10. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of the child's physician and dentist, if available;

### **Massachusetts**

Centers – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/MA/ma\\_7.htm#pgfld-379413](http://nrckids.org/STATES/MA/ma_7.htm#pgfld-379413)

Licensees that encourage children to brush their teeth while at the center shall use individual, labeled toothbrushes and shall store them open to air without touching each other.

Written Plan. The licensee shall have a written plan describing procedures for referring parents to appropriate social, mental health, educational and medical services, including but not limited to dental check-up, vision or hearing screening, for their child should the program staff feel that an assessment for such additional services would benefit the child.

### **Minnesota**

Centers [http://nrckids.org/STATES/MN/mn\\_2.htm#pgfld-95575](http://nrckids.org/STATES/MN/mn_2.htm#pgfld-95575)

CHILDREN'S RECORDS. At the time of enrollment in the center, the license holder must ensure that a record is maintained on each child. The record must contain:... the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's source of regular medical and dental care and the source of medical and dental care to be used in case of an emergency;

Night Time Care - The license holder must ensure that all children have the personal effects needed to clean up and prepare for sleep. The effects must include an individual wash cloth, towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, and liquid hand soap. The license holder must ensure that children have the opportunity to wash up and cleanse their teeth before bedtime and be assisted by program staff when necessary.

Other :The license holder must ensure that written procedures for **emergencies** and accidents are posted in a visible place. The procedures must:... F. list the phone numbers and sources of emergency medical and **dental care**, poison control center, fire department, health authority, and licensing division of the Department of Human Services.

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**Mississippi**

Centers – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/MS/ms\\_15.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/MS/ms_15.pdf)

Individual toilet articles (e.g., combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels, and wash cloths) used by children shall be provided by the parent or child care facility and plainly marked and stored individually in a sanitary manner in areas which promote drying. Single-use and disposable articles are acceptable.

Dental care is encouraged after each meal service. Parents shall supply toothbrushes and tooth powders or pastes for the child's individual use.

Recommendations include replacing the brush every three months or when bristles are bent.

Each toothbrush and powder or paste must be: Labeled with the child's full name; Stored out of children's reach when not in use; Stored in a manner that prevents the toothbrushes from touching each other during storage.

Staff is encouraged to attend **trainings on dental care** that includes: Proper tooth brushing technique as appropriate for the child's age and skills; Education to train parents about proper oral healthcare techniques.; Education for staff and parents to learn the appropriate techniques to feed infants and children that minimize damage to teeth and facial development; Children must have adult supervision during tooth brushing activities.

**Missouri**

Centers and Large Group Homes - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/MO/mi\\_62.htm#pgfld-179628](http://nrckids.org/STATES/MO/mi_62.htm#pgfld-179628)

Nighttime care - C) Combs, brushes, toothbrushes or other personal items shall be individually marked with the child's name;

Sanitation inspection guidelines – [http://nrckids.org/STATES/MO/ms\\_new.htm#0\\_pgfld-998290](http://nrckids.org/STATES/MO/ms_new.htm#0_pgfld-998290)

8. No storage of toothbrushes or mouthable toys. [19 CSR 30-62.052 (1) (B)] . Food, food related items, medicines, mouthable toys, toothbrushes and drinking cups shall not be stored in the bathroom. They can become contaminated with fecal material and spread disease to those that use them.

**Nebraska**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/NE/ne\\_2.htm#pgfld-156919](http://nrckids.org/STATES/NE/ne_2.htm#pgfld-156919)

Toothbrushes, if used, are distinctly marked for individual use.

**Nevada**

Facilities - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/NV/nv\\_432.htm#pgfld-250158](http://nrckids.org/STATES/NV/nv_432.htm#pgfld-250158)

(f) Provide every child with his own toiletries, including a toothbrush and comb, and with clean towels and washcloths;

Other: (c) Records of physical, dental and visual examinations of the client, if relevant to his participation in the program;

2. Every licensee of a facility other than an accommodation facility shall have written provisions for: (c) Informing members of the staff on matters of health affecting the children, including dental health and personal cleanliness and care.

9. Each licensee of an institution shall have a written, planned program to supervise the children's health and provide medical and dental care.

10. Each child must receive adequate dental care.

**New Hampshire**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/NH/nh\\_1.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/NH/nh_1.pdf)

Children's toothbrushes shall be stored separately to air dry and be labeled with each child's name.

**New Jersey**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/NJ/nj\\_122.htm#pgfld-720663](http://nrckids.org/STATES/NJ/nj_122.htm#pgfld-720663)

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(c) Centers that encourage children to brush their teeth while at the center shall individually store toothbrushes in a manner which prevents the toothbrushes from touching each other during storage.

**New Mexico**

**Centers:** [http://nrckids.org/STATES/NM/nm\\_16.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/NM/nm_16.pdf)

If a center promotes tooth brushing activities, the center will store toothbrushes so that they do not drip on other toothbrushes and so that they are separate from one another, with bristles exposed to the air to dry, labeled and not in contact with any other surface.

Bottle propping or allowing a child to sleep with a bottle in their mouth shall not be permitted. The carrying of bottles and sipper cups by young children throughout the day and/or night shall not be permitted.

**New York**

**Centers** [http://nrckids.org/STATES/NM/nm\\_16.htm#0\\_pgfld-998290](http://nrckids.org/STATES/NM/nm_16.htm#0_pgfld-998290)

3) If a center promotes tooth brushing activities, the center will store toothbrushes so that they do not drip on other toothbrushes and so that they are separate from one another, with bristles exposed to the air to dry, labeled and not in contact with any other surface.

**North Carolina**

**Sanitation rules** - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/NC/nc\\_2800.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/NC/nc_2800.pdf)

Toothbrushes shall be individually identified, allowed to air dry and protected from contamination. When a container of toothpaste is used for multiple children, the toothpaste shall be dispensed onto an intermediate surface such as waxed paper.

**North Dakota**

**Centers** - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/ND/nd\\_1.htm#pgfld-550870](http://nrckids.org/STATES/ND/nd_1.htm#pgfld-550870)

Personal items including combs, pacifiers, and toothbrushes must be individually identified and stored in a sanitary manner.

Nighttime care - The child care center operator shall require each child in night care to have night clothing and a toothbrush marked for identification.

**Ohio**

**Centers-** <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/ChildCareCentersRuleseffectivejan12007.pdf>

5101:2-12-15.4 Toothbrushing in licensed child care centers.:

(A) Toothbrushing may be conducted in child care centers. If toothbrushing is practiced it shall be done in compliance with the following requirements.

(B) If a single tube of toothpaste is used for more than one child when brushing teeth, a pea sized amount shall be dispensed onto a clean piece of paper or paper product for each child. It shall not be placed directly on the toothbrush.

(C) Each toothbrush shall be labeled with the child's name and stored with the bristles to air dry in such a way that the toothbrushes cannot contact or drip on each other and the bristles are not in contact with any surface.

(D) A toothbrush must be discarded and replaced every three months or if:

(1) It becomes contaminated through contact with another brush.

(2) It is used by more than one child.

(3) The child has a communicable illness requiring medical attention.

(4) The toothbrush comes in contact with the toilet or toileting area.

(E) Racks and devices used to hold toothbrushes for storage shall be labeled and shall be washed and sanitized or replaced on a monthly basis or whenever visibly soiled or after any contamination with bodily fluids.

Night time care - (4) Each child shall be provided with a clean, individual washcloth, towel, and toothbrush. Anything to be re-used shall be labeled for each child and stored in a sanitary manner such that items do not touch and do not promote bacterial growth.

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(5) Children shall have access to running water, liquid soap, and toothpaste.

Other:

(A) The center shall complete a JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental and General Emergency Plan" (rev. 09/2006). This medical, dental and general emergency plan shall be implemented, when necessary, and shall be posted, readily in view, by each telephone and in each classroom, and other spaces used by the children, such as large muscle space, gymnasium, cafeteria. (B) General emergencies include:...(E) A JFS 01201 "Dental First Aid Chart" (rev. 09/2006) shall be completed and posted in each classroom, office space and other spaces used by children, such as large muscle space, gymnasium, and cafeteria.

(3) The supplies of a complete (first aid) kit shall include the following items: ...(n) Programs serving school age children must also have a tooth preservation system or fresh chilled milk in which to transport a lost permanent tooth.....the first aid kit shall contain a written reference indicating the location of the refrigerator/freezer where ice and milk are stored if an instant ice pack or tooth preservation system is not part of the first aid kit.

### **Oklahoma**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/OK/ok\\_center.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/OK/ok_center.pdf)

Regular care - (7) Each toilet article, for example, wash cloth, towel, comb, or toothbrush, is individually assigned and stored and is not used jointly by or on children.

Nighttime care - Arrangements are made for personal hygiene, including bathing and toothbrushing.

Toothbrushes are stored in a sanitary manner.

Other:

(6) Children are not given bottles in cribs or moving swings due to increased risk of choking, ear infections, and tooth decay.

The first aid training includes the emergency management of: ...(ix) dental emergencies;

Children are not given bottles in cribs or moving swings due to increased risk of choking, ear infections, and tooth decay.

### **Oregon**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/OR/or\\_300.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/OR/or_300.pdf)

Nighttime care: (A) Each child shall have an individual washcloth, towel, toothbrush, comb or brush, and sleepwear. (B) Children staying the night shall have the opportunity to bathe and brush their teeth. (ii) When bathing, showering, or brushing teeth, children shall be supervised by staff.

Admission record: (e) Name and telephone number of child's medical provider(s) and dentist, if applicable;

Other: First aid training shall include the following components: bleeding; burns; poisoning; choking; injuries; shock; seizures; sprains and breaks; dental emergencies; and head injuries.

### **Pennsylvania**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/PA/pa\\_3270.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/PA/pa_3270.pdf):

(e) A child shall have a labeled toothbrush if brushing teeth is a program activity.

(f) Toothbrushes shall be stored with the bristles up and exposed to circulating air.

(8) A statement that age-appropriate screenings recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics were conducted since the time of the previous health report required by this section.

### **South Carolina**

Centers: [http://nrckids.org/STATES/SC/sc\\_centers.htm#pgfld-128207](http://nrckids.org/STATES/SC/sc_centers.htm#pgfld-128207)

(6) If children brush their teeth at the center, each child shall have a separate, labeled toothbrush, stored with bristles exposed to circulating air, and not in contact with another toothbrush.

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7) Emergency information for each child shall be easily and immediately accessible while at the center, during transportation, and during any trips away from the premises, and it shall include the following:... (c) The name, address and telephone number of the child's physician, and the emergency care, medical and dental care provider.

**South Dakota** - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/SD/sd\\_67\\_42\\_01.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/SD/sd_67_42_01.pdf)

67:42:01:21. Maintenance of records. A record shall be maintained by the provider on each client. That record shall include the client's name, date of placement, date of removal, special needs, the names and telephone numbers of the client's social worker, doctor, **dentist**, parent, or person to contact in the event of an emergency, and any other information required by the department or desired by the provider. A family day care home, a day care center, and a group family day care home must maintain these records for a period of six months after the child ceases receiving care.

**Tennessee**

**Centers** - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/TN/tn\\_4\\_3.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/TN/tn_4_3.pdf)

Night time care - Agencies providing nighttime care shall meet the following additional requirements: (b) Routine personal hygiene shall be encouraged and supervised. A plan shall be made with parents for brushing teeth, baths, bed dress, etc.

**Texas**

**Centers** - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/TX/tx\\_746.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/TX/tx_746.pdf)

-Are children allowed to use toothbrushes after meal and snack times? Yes, although toothbrushes and tooth powders or pastes provided for each child's individual use must be: (1) Labeled with the child's full name; (2) Stored out of children's reach when not in use; and (3) Stored in a manner that prevents the toothbrushes from touching each other during storage. (b) Children must have adult supervision while brushing their teeth.

Night time Must I provide activities for children in nighttime care? Yes. Activities and routines must meet the unique needs of children in nighttime care. These may include quiet activities such as homework, reading, puzzles, or board games; time for personal care routines and preparation for sleep, such as brushing teeth, ...

Other: Never prop bottles. The child or an adult must hold the bottle; Research has shown that propping bottles can cause choking, aspiration, and increased risk for development of ear infections, tooth decay, and injuries to the teeth,

**Utah**

**Centers** - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/UT/ut\\_430\\_100.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/UT/ut_430_100.pdf)

(7) Personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, or combs and hair accessories that are not sanitized between each use, shall not be shared by children or used by staff on more than one child, and shall be stored so that they do not touch each other.

Other: The licensee shall ensure that a provider responds as promptly as possible to infants and toddlers who are in emotional distress due to conditions such as hunger, fatigue, wet or soiled diapers, fear, teething, or illness.

**Vermont**

**Centers**- [http://nrckids.org/STATES/VT/vt\\_early.htm#pgfld-150827](http://nrckids.org/STATES/VT/vt_early.htm#pgfld-150827)

N. Toothbrushing and Grooming 1. Every child shall bring or be assigned his/her own toilet articles (toothbrush, comb, hairbrush, etc.) when the program employs the use of such items. Children shall use only those toilet articles that they bring or that are assigned to them. 2. Toothbrushes shall be stored in such a way that they can air dry and do not touch any other toothbrush, soap, towels or drinking cups.

Prior to admission, each child's file shall contain the following:...f. name and telephone numbers of child 's health care provider and dentist;

Other: The following **numbers** shall be located near the telephone: ... Child 's health care provider and dentist.

The child 's parent and the Division shall receive a written report within two working days of an incident or injury that required the services of a medical professional, including a dentist, which occurred while the child was in attendance.

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**Virginia**

Centers - [http://nrckids.org/STATES/VA/va\\_center.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/VA/va_center.pdf)

If combs, toothbrushes, or other personal articles are used, they shall be individually assigned.

Other: Dental screening is part of the physical exam form filled out by the health care professional before entering

**Washington**

Centers: [http://nrckids.org/STATES/WA/wa\\_170\\_295.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/WA/wa_170_295.pdf)

What are the requirements for evening and nighttime care? ... (c) Make arrangements for personal hygiene including tooth brushing;

What information must be kept in the child's individual file? (g) Name, address and phone number of the child's dentist, if the child has a dentist. 8) Signed permission by parent to authorize emergency medical and dental care and associated transportation; and

Other: 170-295-4070 Are there specific rules for feeding infants and toddlers? (1) Infants must be fed according to their need rather than according to an adult prescribed time schedule. (2) While feeding infants: (a) Hold infants for bottle feedings to prevent choking; (b) Place infants who can sit in high chairs or at an appropriate child-sized table and chairs for feeding and sit facing the child during the feeding; (c) Do not prop a bottle; (d) To prevent **tooth decay**.

**West Virginia**

Centers- [http://nrckids.org/STATES/WV/wv\\_78\\_1.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/WV/wv_78_1.pdf)

14.3.b. Brushing Teeth. A center shall provide appropriate opportunities for the children in care to have supervised practice of brushing teeth on a daily basis;

Other: Dental health: 15.5.a. A center shall develop **a dental health plan** that provides for **staff training** in oral health concepts and child oral health education, appropriate to the age of the children at the center. 15.5.b. Staff members shall not give a child a bottle, a sipping cup of milk or juice as a pacifier.

15.5.c. For a child twenty-five (25) months and over, a center shall ensure that the child: 15.5.c.1. Has a personally labeled toothbrush with bristles in good condition, that is stored in a sanitary manner so that it does not touch another toothbrush and that its bristles are exposed to the air to dry; 15.5.c.2. Does not share his or her toothbrush with other children; and 15.5.c.3. Uses toothpaste that is dispensed in a sanitary manner.

**Wisconsin**

Group Centers – 9 and over children [http://nrckids.org/STATES/WI/wi\\_251.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/WI/wi_251.pdf)

Cups, eating utensils, toothbrushes, combs and towels may not be shared and shall be kept in a sanitary condition.

Nighttime care - The parent or center shall provide each child in night care with an individually labeled sleeping garment and a toothbrush.

**Wyoming**

Child Care Facility- [http://nrckids.org/STATES/WY/wy\\_all.pdf](http://nrckids.org/STATES/WY/wy_all.pdf)

Individual child's records shall include: (vi) Name and telephone number of the child's physician and dentist.