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Early/Head Start
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COMPONENT: Child Health and Safety (1304.22(a)(1))

SUBJECT: Dental Emergency

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: To ensure the health and safety of enrolled children and to comply with federal and state regulations governing dental emergencies.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE:

1. In the event of a dental emergency, first assess the type of injury to determine the type of care needed, and administer first aid as indicated in the following situations:

For toothache, dislodged tooth, broken tooth/teeth, etc.:

- Contact parent/guardian or emergency contact.
- Have the child rinse their mouth vigorously with warm water to clear debris.
- If able, wrap tooth with moist gauze.
- If the mouth is swollen, apply a cold compress to the outside of the cheek.

For bitten tongue or lip:

- Contact parent/guardian or emergency contact.
- Use a clean cloth to apply direct pressure to the bleeding area.
- If there is swelling, apply a cold compress.

2. Contact the parent/guardian or an emergency contact.

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