

481—58.23(135C) Dental, diagnostic, and other services.**58.23(1) Dental services.**

- a. The nursing facility personnel shall assist residents to obtain regular and emergency dental services. (III)
- b. Transportation arrangements shall be made when necessary for the resident to be transported to the dentist's office. (III)
- c. Dental services shall be performed only on the request of the resident, responsible relative, or legal representative. The resident's physician shall be advised of the resident's dental problems. (III)
- d. All dental reports or progress notes shall be included in the clinical record. (III)
- e. Nursing personnel shall assist the resident in carrying out dentist's recommendations. (III)
- f. Dentists shall be asked to participate in the in-service program of the facility. (III)

58.23(2) Diagnostic services.

- a. The nursing facility shall make provisions for promptly securing required clinical laboratory, X-ray, and other diagnostic services. (III)
- b. All diagnostic services shall be provided only on the written, signed order of a physician. (III)
- c. Agreements shall be made with the local hospital laboratory or independent laboratory to perform specific diagnostic tests when they are required. (III)
- d. Transportation arrangements for residents shall be made, when necessary, to and from the source of service. (III)
- e. Copies of all diagnostic reports shall be requested by the facility and included in the resident's clinical record. (III)
- f. The physician ordering the specific diagnostic service shall be promptly notified of the results. (III)
- g. Simple tests such as customarily done by nursing personnel for diabetic residents may be performed in the facility. (III)

58.23(3) Other services.

- a. The nursing facility shall assist residents to obtain such supportive services as requested by the physician. (III)
- b. Transportation arrangements shall be made when necessary. (III)
- c. Services could include the need for prosthetic devices, glasses, hearing aids, and other necessary items. (III)