**Public Health Dental Program**

**Clinical Protocol**

All standards for services through a public health dental hygiene program include the following protocols:

Consent for Services

Documentation of Dental Services, includes Health and Dental History

Medical Emergencies in the PH Dental Setting

Follow Up Protocols

Authorization of Release of Information

Telephone/Verbal Order Instructions

Fluoride Supplementation Procedures

Fluoride Varnish Procedures

School Health Expectations of a PH Dental Program

Infection Control Protocol

Each of these protocols may have instructions available for further explanations and expectations; some of these may have teaching sheets relative to the subject matter as well.

Additional protocols may be adopted by individual health departments through their governing board and notification must be made to the Oral Health Program in the Department for Public Health.

Clinical Services in a School-Based Setting

Protocol for children in Grades 12 and below:

Written Consent by Parent or Guardian will be obtained prior to any dental service.

Visual Assessment performed at annual intervals when the public health dental program is present in the school, the school or active in the LHD clinic.

Prophylaxis performed at annual intervals when the public health dental program is present in the school or active in the LHD clinic.

Fluoride Varnish Applications at each assessment/prophylaxis visit.

Oral Health Instruction given with each assessment/prophylaxis visit.

Periodontal changes placed on chart when tissue inflammation evidence indicates potential gingival/periodontal changes.

Referral will be made for every patient seen in the public health dental program, in accordance with the Kentucky Dental Practice Act.