

# Frequently asked questions about IowaCare and your dental care at the College of Dentistry

## What type of dental treatment does IowaCare cover?

IowaCare is a limited health care program offered by the Iowa Department of Human Services. Only designated oral surgery procedures are covered by IowaCare. IowaCare does **not** cover routine dental procedures.\*

IowaCare **will pay for designated oral surgery procedures at two facilities in the state of Iowa:**

- University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) in Iowa City
- Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines (Polk County residents **only**)

UI College of Dentistry is **not authorized** to accept IowaCare for payment. You may choose to have your oral surgery procedures done at the College, but you will be responsible for all charges. Oral surgery charges incurred at the College **cannot** be submitted to IowaCare for payment.

## What do I need to do in order to have my extractions paid for by IowaCare?

### *First...*

- Obtain a referral and appropriate radiographs (x-rays) for extractions from your local dentist or the College of Dentistry. Radiographs must be on film or compact disc – no paper copies!
- You can expect to be charged for an exam and radiographs. These costs will **not be covered by IowaCare.**

### *Second...*

- If you **need or require IV sedation** (conscious sedation) and you are going to UIHC, schedule an **oral surgery screening appointment** at UIHC Hospital Dentistry Institute prior to your appointment by calling 319-356-2205. The oral surgery screening exam charges will be covered by IowaCare. Please be aware that your oral surgery procedure(s) will not take place at this appointment.
- If you **do not need IV sedation**, call for an extraction appointment (you must already have your referral and radiographs completed):  
UI Hospitals and Clinics Hospital Dentistry Institute 319-356-2205 *or*  
Broadlawns Medical Center (Polk County residents only) 515-282-2421

## Can I get my oral surgery procedure(s) done at UIHC or Broadlawns and return to the College of Dentistry for my other dental treatment?

**Yes!** The College of Dentistry offers quality dental treatment at reduced fees in the student clinics for reliable patients who are motivated to take care of their teeth and gums and able to stay for half-day appointments. One of our staff members or students will be happy to provide you with information on treatment in the student clinics, including a fact sheet to take home. Call **319-335-7499** for more information or to make an appointment.

\*Polk County residents with IowaCare may contact Broadlawns Medical Center to inquire about other limited dental treatment that may be available to them at Broadlawns.