

Ms Margaret Smith
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Dear Ms Smith

I am writing concerning the agreement between the Board of Advice of the Forde Foundation and the Oral Health Unit of Queensland Health. The Foundation values the facility to offer dental treatment to our applicants and we greatly appreciate the professional and courteous service afforded to grant recipients.

I have had recent discussions with the Acting Chief Dental Officer, Dr Rhys Thomas, with a view to the extension of the current agreement to accommodate requests arising from the next round of grants in 2008.

From information currently before the new Board of Advice, it appears that former residents of church and state institutions have benefited greatly from the existing program of access to oral health services. The Forde Foundation Board of Advice has unanimously agreed that we enter into negotiations to extend the current agreement to accommodate requests arising from the next round of grants.

For your consideration, a draft agreement based on previous documentation is attached.

If you would like to further discuss the agreement or any other arrangements, please contact me via the Forde Foundation Executive Officer, Ms Helen Baird.

Yours sincerely,

Errol Evans
Deputy Chairman
Forde Foundation Board of Advice

**Agreement between
Oral Health Unit, Queensland Health
and
The Forde Foundation**

1. Background

This agreement is in the spirit of Recommendation 39 of the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children In Queensland Institutions, and will assist former residents to access essential oral health services. It follows a similar agreement in 2007 between the Board of Advice of the Forde Foundation and the Oral Health Unit, Queensland Health. This agreement aims to extend the capacity of Queensland Health to offer services to former residents.

2. Aim of Agreement

This agreement is for the purpose of establishing an arrangement whereby clients of the Forde Foundation are provided with a full course of dental care by Oral Health Services within Queensland Health. The agreement is for the 2008 calendar year. The maximum number of individual courses of care is 200.

3. Cost of Treatment

The cost per person of such a course of care will be \$500 per person.

4. Process for Determining Clients to be Treated

The process for determining the people to be seen is as follows:

1. People who are eligible to apply to the Forde Foundation will need to apply for a grant to participate in the program, as part of the normal grant process.
2. After ascertaining permission to do so, the Forde Foundation will forward the names and contact details for the successful applicants to the Oral Health Unit.
3. Queensland Health will then contact these clients and they will receive a booked appointment at a clinic most convenient to them.
4. Queensland Health will invoice the Foundation based on the numbers attending and the funds will be paid to Queensland Health by the Public Trustee.

5. Assessment of Treatment Need

Assessment of the treatment to be provided will be done by one of the Queensland Health dentists participating in the clinics.

6. Treatment to be Offered

A course of care is defined as all treatment identified at the initial examination.

It is understood that the treatment which will be provided will be a “comprehensive general dental practitioner service” and that it will not include tertiary specialist procedures or purely cosmetic procedures such as bleaching. Treatment provided will follow the “Clinical Policy - Standard Range of Clinical Services” guidelines provided by the Oral Health Unit, which are attached.

7. Oral Health Promotion

Oral health promotion and oral disease prevention advice and skills development will be offered to all participating clients on a one-to-one basis at no extra charge to the Foundation.

8. Follow-up Care

Where clients from the Foundation would normally also be eligible for treatment at public oral health clinics, every attempt will be made to provide the usual follow-up care at their local clinics.

Signed

Terry Sullivan
Chairperson
Forde Foundation
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Margaret Smith
Director, Oral Health Unit
Queensland Health
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