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Emergency Dental Care USA offers to treat Allcare Dental patients

The owner of a Des Moines dental practice is offering to complete treatment for patients of Allcare Dental & Dentures, which closed abruptly Dec. 31, 2010.

Michael Obeng, DDS, owner of Emergency Dental Care USA, said his dentists and staff in the Des Moines office will complete all unfinished dental work at no additional cost to Des Moines Allcare patients who can provide proof that they prepaid for the work.

Allcare closed its operations without advance notice due to cash flow difficulties, company officials said. Its Web site and phone lines also have been shut down. Information is being posted at http://allcareinfo.com./

Emergency Dental Care USA and Allcare reached an agreement last week to transfer records and complete work that had been started. The transfer of records was officially completed on Jan. 5.

The Emergency Dental Care USA staff also plans to canvass those records to find patients who have paid for dental work that has not been completed.

"We know there are several patients out there who are in pain because they started work that hasn't been completed," Dr. Obeng said. "We want to locate these patients as quickly as possible and schedule appointments for them so we can finish their treatment and relieve their discomfort."

Emergency Dental Care USA will honor warranties on dentures as well.

Former Allcare patients in Des Moines can call Emergency Dental Care USA at 515-287-2006 to schedule appointments or have their records sent to another dentist, should they choose to do so. More information can be found online at http://desmoinesemergencydental.com/. Click on the link for Allcare patients.

Emergency Dental Care USA was founded in 1996 in Omaha, Nebraska. Since then, it has grown to 11 offices in nine states. Offices are open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.