

All Kids Deserve a Winning Smile!



Why does dental care matter?

- About 1 in 5 kids has an untreated cavity.
- Tooth decay can be prevented.
- A winning smile increases self-esteem.
- Dental problems cause kids to miss school.
- Good oral health improves nutrition.

What can you do?

- Recommend children have their first dental visit by age one.
- Conduct an oral health risk assessment at each well-child visit.
- Apply fluoride varnish to qualifying patients' teeth. (Staff can do this under provider supervision.)

Recent changes for Medicaid include:

- Reimbursement rates have increased (Medicaid fee-for-service only)
- CPT 99188 (application of fluoride varnish by a physician or other qualified health care provider) is open effective July 1, 2015 for children birth to four years of age.
- Increased frequency limitations for fluoride varnish application to 4 per calendar year.

Services must be billed with one of these well-child visit codes:

Code	Service	Frequency
99381: Infant - less than 1 year of age, new patient	Fluoride Varnish Application	4 times per calendar year
99382: Early childhood - age 1 through 4 years, new patient	Fluoride Varnish Application	4 times per calendar year
99391: Infant - less than 1 year of age, established patient	Fluoride Varnish Application	4 times per calendar year
99392: Early childhood - age 1 through 4 years, established patient	Fluoride Varnish Application	4 times per calendar year

Does your patient need to find a CHIP or Medicaid dentist?

Have them call a Health Program Representative at 1-866-608-9422.