

All Providers

Provider Bulletin Excerpt

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Effective July 1, 2009, trained medical personnel may administer fluoride varnish for moderate to high caries risk Medicaid children, ages 0 through 4, in conjunction with an oral evaluation and counseling with a primary caregiver after performing a risk assessment. Risk assessment forms may be found at:

<http://www.cavityfreeatthree.org/GetMaterials/ProviderMaterials> and documentation should be part of the client's medical record. Medical personnel that can bill directly for these services include MDs, DOs, and nurse practitioners. Trained medical personnel employed through qualified physician offices or clinics can provide these services and bill through the physician's or nurse practitioner's Medicaid provider number.

Children ages 0 through 4 (until the day before their fifth birthday) are eligible to receive this service and both services must be provided together.

In order to provide this benefit and receive reimbursement, the medical provider must have participated in on-site training from the Cavity Free at Three team or have completed Module 2 (child oral health) and Module 6 (fluoride varnish) at the Smiles for Life curriculum at <http://www.smilesforlife2.org/powerpoints.html>. It is also recommended that providers view the videos on the Lap to Lap Child Oral Exam and the Application of Fluoride Varnish at <http://www.smilesforlife2.org/videos.html>.

Documentation for this training should be saved in the event of an audit.

Dental providers inclusive of unsupervised dental hygienists are also able to provide these services. While encouraged, no additional training is required for qualified dental personnel.

The maximum allowable benefit per eligible and high risk child will be four times per year. Dental offices and medical offices are encouraged to communicate with one another to avoid duplication of services and/or nonpayment of services.

The billing procedures for **medical personnel** are as follows:

For children ages 0-2 (until the day before their third birthday):

In private practice, children ages 0 through 2, D1206 (topical fluoride varnish) and D0145 (oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver) should be billed on a Colorado 1500 claim form or electronically on the 837(P) professional format through the web portal.

FQHCs and RHCs: D1206 and D0145 should be itemized on the claim with a well child visit but reimbursement will be at the current encounter rate. The diagnosis V72.2 should be used as a secondary diagnosis. Billing is on the UB-04 claim form or electronically on the 837(I) institutional format.

For children ages 3 and 4 (from their first birthday until the day before their fifth birthday):

In private practice, children ages 3 and 4, D1206 (topical fluoride varnish) and D1330 (in place of D0145) should be billed on a Colorado 1500 claim form or electronically on the 837(P) professional format.

FQHCs and RHCs: For children ages 3 and 4, D1206 and D1330 should be itemized on the claim with a well child visit but reimbursement will be at the current encounter rate. The diagnosis V72.2 should be used as a secondary diagnosis. Billing is on the UB-04 claim form or electronically on the 837(I) institutional format.

Billing for dental personnel is as follows:

Effective July 1, 2009, the policy of the Department will be to **disallow D1203 –topical application of fluoride for all children under six** and to reimburse providers for D1206, topical fluoride **varnish** only.

For children ages 0-2 (until the day before their third birthday):

In private practice, children ages 0 through 2, D1206 (topical fluoride varnish) and D0145 should be billed on a 2006 ADA paper claim form or electronically on the 837D format through the web portal.

FQHCs and RHCs: D1206 and D0145 should be itemized and reimbursement will be at the current encounter rate. The diagnosis V72.2 should be used as a secondary diagnosis. Billing is on the UB-04 claim form or electronically on the 837(I) institutional format.

For children ages 3 and 4 (from their third birthday until the day before their fifth birthday):

In private practice, children ages 3 and 4, D1206 (topical fluoride varnish) should be billed on a 2006 ADA paper claim form or electronically on the 837D format through the web portal.

FQHCs and RHCs: For children ages 3 and 4, D1206 (topical fluoride varnish) should be itemized on the claim and reimbursement will be at the current encounter rate. The diagnosis V72.2 should be used as a secondary diagnosis. Billing is on the UB-04 claim form or electronically on the 837(I) institutional format.

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