

WHAT IS FLUORIDE VARNISH?

Fluoride varnish is a protective substance that you can offer to children covered by Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) who are at moderate to high risk for cavities. It is a preventive measure to promote good oral health.

WHO CAN HAVE FLUORIDE VARNISH APPLIED?

The benefit covers up to two fluoride varnish treatments per year for CHP+ members ages 0 to 4 years old. Children who have been identified as moderate to high risk for dental caries can have fluoride varnish applied. You must conduct a risk assessment prior to treatment.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Varnish treatment is important because it prevents early caries, only takes minutes to do, and it's reimbursable! Children covered by CHP+ visit a dentist far less frequently than they visit their medical provider. Therefore, you should screen all children for oral health problems during well-child visits.

WHEN CAN IT BE APPLIED?

You can offer varnish treatment during a visit right in your office! Dental professionals are not the only health professionals who can apply varnish. Varnish can be applied by any licensed and certified health professional. This includes medical doctors, doctors of osteopathic medicine, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and medical assistants.

HOW DO YOU GET CERTIFIED?

Getting certified is easy! For more information about training and risk assessment forms, visit cavityfreeatthree.org or call **303-724-4750**. Anyone providing this service must get the appropriate training.

HOW TO GET REIMBURSEMENT:

CHILDREN COVERED BY CHP+ (0-2 YEARS OLD)

Medical practice: D1206 (topical fluoride varnish) and D0145 (oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver) must be billed together.

Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics: D1206 (topical fluoride varnish) and D0145 (oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver) must be itemized on the claim. **ICD-10 codes:** Z01.20 (encounter for dental examination and cleaning without abnormal findings) and Z01.21 (encounter for children with examination and cleaning with abnormal findings).

CHILDREN COVERED BY CHP+ (3 TO 4 YEARS OLD; FROM 3RD BIRTHDAY TO THE DAY BEFORE 5TH BIRTHDAY)

Medical practice: D1206 (topical fluoride varnish) and D0190 (dental screening) must be billed together.

Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics: D1206 (topical fluoride varnish), D0190 (dental screening) and D0999 (dental screening) must be itemized on the claim. **ICD-10 codes:** Z01.20 (encounter for dental examination and cleaning without abnormal findings) and Z01.21 (encounter for dental examination and cleaning with abnormal findings).

WHAT OTHER DENTAL-RELATED SERVICES ARE COVERED?

- DentaQuest provides dental benefits to all eligible and enrolled CHP+ members and to pregnant people.
- These benefits include preventive and diagnostic services, restorative services, endodontic, periodontic, prosthodontic, oral surgery, and limited orthodontic services.
- If you have any questions about CHP+ dental benefits call DentaQuest at **888-307-6561**. TTY users should call **711**.