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## PCP FLUORIDE VARNISH APPLICATION UPDATE

Dear Provider,

Thank you for your continued partnership with Fidelis Care. We have some important updates to share on fluoride varnish application billing for your patients.

**The age for fluoride application by any trained medical staff has been updated to include children through the age of (5) five years old.**

**As a reminder, application of fluoride varnish by a PCP is reimbursed in addition to the office visit when:**

- Fluoride varnish application will be combined with a risk assessment, anticipatory guidance, and **referral** to a dentist that treats children under the age of six (6) years old.
- Find A Dentist website:  
[https://client.libertydentalplan.com/wellcare/wellcarenj?\\_ga=2.216159248.723511540.1638215029-242862554.1635191947](https://client.libertydentalplan.com/wellcare/wellcarenj?_ga=2.216159248.723511540.1638215029-242862554.1635191947)
- Directory of Dentist Treating Children Under the Age of 6 years old:  
<https://www.fideliscarenj.com/members/medicaid/nj-familycare/provider-directories.html>
- Fluoride varnish may be applied by any trained medical staff. The physician must be trained and submit attestation that all staff providing the service has been trained and will be supervised.
- These three services will be reimbursed as an all-inclusive service billed using a CPT code 99188, ICD-10 code Z41.8 and Z29.3 can be provided up to four (4) times a year for children at moderate or high risk, based on medical necessity. This frequency does not affect the frequency of this service at by the dentist.
- A bi-directional referral to the dentist is a requirement of the program with document referral in patients' records. The referral process requires communication between Primary Care Providers and Primary Care Dentists. Bi-directional forms for dental referrals are available on the Fidelis Care website at: <https://www.fideliscarenj.com/providers/medicaid/forms.html>



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- **\*\* Important\*\*** As establishment of a dental home by the age of two (2) years old is required, a referral to a dentist is mandatory by 12 months of age or soon after the eruption of the first tooth occurs. Also required: Follow-up at well child visits to determine (at minimum) that twice-per-year dental visits with oral evaluation and preventive services occurred, and that needed treatment services have been provided or are being performed.

Training is required for reimbursement of service:

- Complete the online training; and
- Print the certificate of completion and/or complete the Fluoride Varnish Application Attestation Form as proof of training.

How online training can be completed:

- Complete the Smiles for Life – Fluoride Training Tool available on the Fidelis Care Provider Portal.

OR

1. Go to <https://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org/> and choose the Learn Online for Courses 6 and 7 – Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish & Counseling and The Oral Exam – on the right side of the page;
2. Select Next, register and complete the training; and
3. Print the certificate of completion and/or complete the Fluoride Varnish Application Attestation Form as proof of training and retain the proof on file for record review.
4. Fax/Email your completed Fluoride Varnish Application Attestation Form to:  
**1-813-865-6759 or NJDentalServices@fideliscarenj.com**

If you have questions, please call Provider Services toll-free at **1-888-453-2534**.

Sincerely,

Fidelis Care