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FLUORIDE VARNISH, YOUR PRACTICE AND YOUR PATIENTS February, 2014

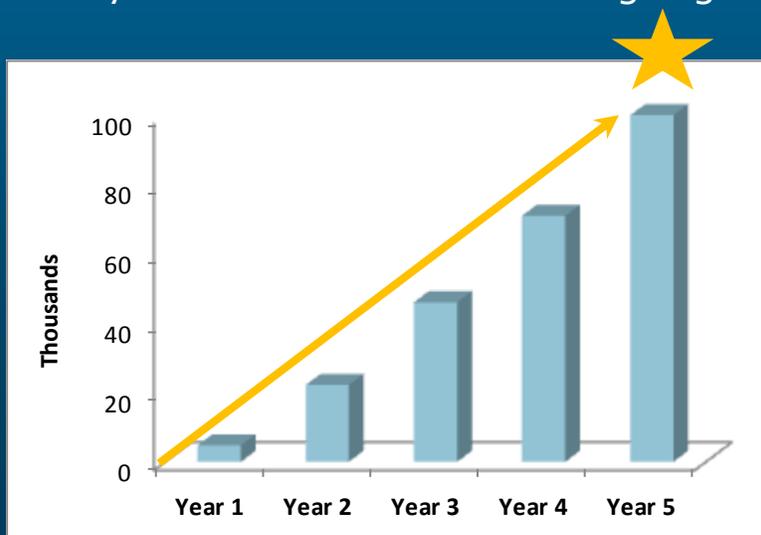
Program Summary

The Maryland Medicaid Program reimburses EPSDT medical providers who apply fluoride varnish to children, ages 9 months to 36 months old. Fluoride varnish is a proven preventive agent that is known to reduce dental caries in the primary (baby) teeth of “at-risk” infants and toddlers. Providers are eligible to receive \$24.92 reimbursement for each varnish application provided during an approved well-child visit.



THANK YOU!

The Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening Program for Kids has hit a huge milestone and we have YOU to thank. Since July 2009 you have helped to administer over 100,000 fluoride varnish applications to Maryland’s children in the medical office. **Thank you** for your commitment to this program, the children you care for and for working together to reduce early childhood caries.



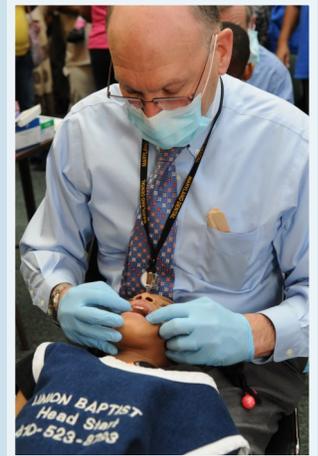
Fluoride Varnish: Application Schedule & Billing Tips

Any child enrolled in Maryland Medicaid from age 9 months through 36 months is eligible to participate in the fluoride varnish and oral health screening program. All fluoride varnish applications for this age group will be in tandem with the Medicaid schedule of approved well-child visits. This occurs for the following ages:

- 9 months
- 12 months
- 15 months
- 18 months
- 24 months
- 30 months
- 36 months - Per Medicaid/DentaQuest, the 36 month fluoride

varnish application **MUST** be placed *on or just before* a child's 3rd birthday. This is a Medicaid regulation and compliance requirement. If the fluoride varnish application is done after the 3rd birthday, it will result in a Medicaid claim denial.

Billing questions can be directed to DentaQuest Provider Services at 1-888-696-9598.



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DENTAL TIPS FOR YOUR CHILD

Schedule their 1st dental visit when their first tooth appears, or by their 1st birthday.

Provide healthy snacks and avoid sugary foods and drinks. Consider milk or water instead.

Avoid giving bottles or sippy cups in bed, at night or nap time.

Brush their teeth with fluoridated toothpaste at least twice a day for two minutes.

Drink tap water if your community water system or private well has fluoride in it.

Don't share cavity-causing bacteria.

- * Each family member should always use their own toothbrush
- * Don't share eating utensils or drink from the same cup

Find a dentist who participates in the Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Medicaid Program.
Visit: www.dentaquest.gov Call DentaQuest: 1.888.696.9596

Find dental public health programs and facilities that provide discounted, low-cost or special dental services.
Visit: <http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/Documents/OralHealthResourceGuide.pdf> E-mail: dhmh.oralhealth@maryland.gov


DentaQuest


E-mail: Office of Oral Health


Resource Guide

NEW

When referring your patient to a dental home, consider using this new tear off pad, available free, from the Office of Oral Health.

Fluoride Varnish Ordering Information*

Supplier	Phone Number
Benco Dental	1-800-462-3626
Darby Dental Supply	1-800-645-2310
DentaQuest Dental Group & Dental Health Products	1-866-210-4635 or 1-800-626-2163
Henry Schein Dental	1-800-372-4346
Patterson Dental Supply	1-800-492-6604
Pearson Dental Supply	1-800-535-4535
Varnish America	1-800-523-0191

* Please note this is NOT a complete list of fluoride varnish suppliers and we do not endorse any specific supplier or fluoride varnish product.

* Some suppliers require providers to have a DEA# and open an account in order to purchase fluoride varnish.

* All suppliers have application instructions and material safety data sheets (MSDS) available on their websites or upon request. We recommend that you read them before you make a purchase and share application information with those applying the fluoride varnish.

Training & Certification

The Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening online training program consists of four modules, each designed to provide medical and other health care providers with the knowledge needed to reduce dental caries among children ages 3 and under.

To be eligible for reimbursement, a provider must:

- Be an EPSDT-certified pediatrician, family physician or nurse practitioner licensed to practice in Maryland.
- Participate in the Maryland Medicaid Program.
- Successfully complete the Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening online training program post-tests.

To access the course, please visit:
<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/flvarnish/>

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Let's work together to reduce childhood caries.