



## Billing and Coding Information for Fluoride Varnish Application & Oral Evaluation by Medical Providers

### Fluoride Varnish Application

#### MaineCare

- Billing code: **D1206**
- Child must be assessed at **moderate/ high risk** to be reimbursed for fluoride varnish application
- MaineCare covers reimbursement to medical providers at \$12 for fluoride varnish (D1206) on the following schedules: (a) Twice per calendar year for children under age 3 years; and (b) twice per calendar year with at least 150 days between applications for children ages 3 and over
- Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, and Indian Health Services are to use these codes for encounter purposes; reimbursement for the visit will continue to be paid at the core rate for the practice

#### Private Medical Insurers

Private insurers have to cover all level A and B recommendations of the US Preventive Service Task Force (UPPSTF)

- Fluoride varnish by medical providers for children ages 6 months through 5 years (to the 6<sup>th</sup> birthday) is a Level B recommendation
- Use CPT 99188 with a modifier 33 for billing private insurers (this is a medical code)

### Oral Evaluation

#### MaineCare

- Billing code: **D0145**
- MaineCare will reimburse at a rate of \$20.00 every 6 months for **children under 3 years of age**
- The provider is **required to ask if the child has a dental home**. If the child has a dental home, the provider should not submit a claim to MaineCare for the oral evaluation
- Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, and Indian Health Services are to use these codes for encounter purposes; reimbursement for the visit will continue to be paid at the core rate for the practice

**Currently there are no commercial insurers that reimburse for oral evaluation**

If you have questions about billing and coding of oral evaluation and fluoride varnish please contact From The First Tooth at [info@fromthefirsttooth.org](mailto:info@fromthefirsttooth.org)  
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## 4 BY 4

**Four fluoride varnishes by 4 years old effectively reduces tooth decay <sup>1, 2</sup>**

### Periodicity Schedule & Alternatives for Preventive Oral Health in Primary Care

MaineCare covers reimbursement to medical providers at \$20 twice per calendar year for an Oral Evaluation (D1045) for patients under the age of 3 years of age. MaineCare covers reimbursement to medical providers at \$12 for fluoride varnish (D1206) on the following schedule:

1. Twice per calendar year for children under age 3 years; and
2. Twice per calendar year with at least 150 days between applications for children ages 3 years and over.

| Periodicity Schedule: Preventive Oral Health in Primary Care |          |                 |           |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
|--|----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| 6 months   | 9 months | 12 months       | 15 months | 18 months       | 24 months       | 30 months       | 36 months  | 48 months  |
| Parent and Caregiver Education                               |          |                 |           |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
|  |          | Oral Evaluation |           | Oral Evaluation | Oral Evaluation | Oral Evaluation |            |            |
| Fluoride*  |          | Fluoride *      |           | Fluoride *      | Fluoride *      | Fluoride *      | Fluoride * | Fluoride * |
| Refer/ Recommend to the dentist                              |          |                 |           |                 |                 |                 |            |            |

| Alternative 1                   |                 |           |                 |           |                 |                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| 6 months                        | 9 months        | 12 months | 15 months       | 18 months | 24 months       | 30 months       | 36 months  | 48 months  |
| Parent and Caregiver Education  |                 |           |                 |           |                 |                 |            |            |
|                                 | Oral Evaluation |           | Oral Evaluation |           | Oral Evaluation | Oral Evaluation |            |            |
|                                 | Fluoride *      |           | Fluoride *      |           | Fluoride *      | Fluoride *      | Fluoride * | Fluoride * |
| Refer/ Recommend to the dentist |                 |           |                 |           |                 |                 |            |            |

| Alternative 2                   |          |           |                 |            |                 |                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| 6 months                        | 9 months | 12 months | 15 months       | 18 months  | 24 months       | 30 months       | 36 months  | 48 months  |
| Parent and Caregiver Education  |          |           |                 |            |                 |                 |            |            |
|                                 |          |           | Oral Evaluation |            | Oral Evaluation | Oral Evaluation |            |            |
|                                 |          |           | Fluoride *      | Fluoride * | Fluoride *      | Fluoride *      | Fluoride * | Fluoride * |
| Refer/ Recommend to the dentist |          |           |                 |            |                 |                 |            |            |

\* Continue fluoride varnish until the child has a dentist

<sup>1</sup> Pahel BT, Rozier RG, Stearns SC, Quinonez RB Effectiveness of Preventive Dental Treatment by Physicians for Young Medicaid Enrollees. *Pediatrics*, 2011; 127 (3):e682-9

<sup>2</sup> Weintraub JA, Ramos-Gomez F, Jue B, et al. Fluoride varnish efficacy in preventing early childhood caries. *J Dent Res*. 2006; 85 (2)172-176