

REMINDER: PCPs Can Provide Fluoride Varnish Application for Pediatric AHCCCS Members

Dear Provider,

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Early fluoride application helps prevent cavities and supports long-term oral health. Primary Care Providers (PCPs) play a key role in reaching children who may not have regular dental visits or access to care. The application of fluoride varnish is a billable service for PCPs who have completed the required training.

Guidelines for Application:

- Fluoride varnish can be applied during an EPSDT visit for members as early as six months of age, as long as one tooth or more have erupted.
- Additional applications may be reimbursed every three months during EPSDT visits, until the member's fifth birthday.
- Providers must ensure oral health screenings are conducted according to the AHCCCS EPSDT Periodicity Schedule (see AMPM Policy 430 – Attachment A).

Please note: Fluoride varnish applied by a PCP **does not replace** a visit to a dental provider. Members should still be referred to a dentist for comprehensive oral health care.

Training & Reimbursement Requirements:

- Providers must complete AHCCCS-required training for fluoride varnish application.
- Recommended training is available at: <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/oral-health/oral-health-education-and-training/>
- Upon completion, submit a copy of the training certificate to: hchcredentialing@azblue.com
(This is required prior to reimbursement.)

Billing Code:

- **CPT 99188** – Application of topical fluoride varnish by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional.

Thank you for supporting the oral health of our members.

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