

Provider update**Children's fluoride varnish application for nondental providers**

Amerigroup Community Care reimburses non-dental providers who provide dental risk assessment, anticipatory guidance, fluoride varnish application, and dental referral for children under the age of 6 years old. Fluoride varnish is typically applied as part of an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) well-child visit.

Fluoride varnish may be provided by any trained medical staff. The physician must also be trained and submit attestation that all staff providing this service have been trained and will be supervised. Providers must perform all of the below services in order to be reimbursed:

- Dental risk assessment and anticipatory guidance.
- Fluoride varnish application.
- Dental referral.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children see a dentist before the first birthday or within six months after the first tooth eruption if this is sooner. Fluoride varnish application does not constitute or replace a dental visit. Members should be referred to a dentist for a complete oral evaluation, including appropriate diagnostic and preventive services. To meet EPSDT dental requirements, a dental visit must occur.

Please visit Liberty Dental Plan* at www.libertydentalplan.com/AmerigroupNJ, or call **833-276-0854** for dental referrals.

How can I receive training for this program?

A one-time training activity is all that is required! Please visit Smiles for Life, a national oral health curriculum partner of the American Academy of Pediatrics, at:

- <https://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org/> or
- <https://www.healthyteethnj.com/providers/education-training/>

After completing the courses, please submit your certificate, along with the physician's name and NPI, to Amerigroup at **NJProviderData@Anthem.com**. If you are unable to use email, please contact Health Care Networks at **800-454-3730** for assistance.

How often is this service covered?

The fluoride varnish service can be provided up to four times a year for children at moderate or high risk based on medical necessity. This service does not replace or affect services conducted by a dentist.

How will fluoride varnish be reimbursed?

Fluoride varnish, including a dental risk assessment, the application, and a dental referral, will be reimbursed as an all-inclusive service billed using the new CPT® code 99188 and ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Z41.8. Capitated providers will be reimbursed for this service as a bill-above.

* Liberty Dental is an independent company providing dental benefit management services on behalf of the health plan.

Are there additional resources on fluoride varnish?

Visit our provider website at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/NJ> to find the following risk assessment tools and information:

- The *AAP Oral Health Risk Assessment Tool* is located in the back of the provider manual (under Resources).

What if I need office-based fluoride varnish training?

Please contact the New Jersey chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics at <http://www.healthyteethnj.com/> or call **609-842-0014** for additional resources and assistance.



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