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COVERAGE FOR DENTAL FLOURIDE VARNISH PROVIDED BY PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Effective July 1, 2010, Alaska Medical Assistance will allow reimbursement for dental fluoride varnish applications and oral evaluations performed by physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who have successfully completed an Oral Health or Caries Risk Assessment training program.

Credentials

Each medical provider will be responsible for successfully completing an Oral Health or Caries Risk Assessment training that includes oral evaluation and topical fluoride varnish applications.

Accepted trainings include online and in-person training courses and workshops that provide a certificate of completion. A certificate of completion from the training program is required and must be presented to Alaska Medical Assistance upon request.

Numerous acceptable training courses are available online, including the American Academy of Pediatrics Oral Health Risk Assessment training at <http://www.aap.org/oralhealth/cme/>.

UPDATE: Effective June 1, 2011 the American Academy of Pediatrics will no longer offer online Oral Health Risk Assessment training and instead will endorse the *Smiles for Life National Oral Health Curriculum*, available at <http://www.smilesforlife2.org>.

To find additional information on acceptable training courses, please contact Brad Whistler at (907) 465-8628.

Limitations of Coverage

Alaska Medical Assistance will cover a maximum of 4 fluoride varnish applications (D1206) per calendar year.

Coverage of oral evaluations (D0145) is limited to 2 exams per calendar year and is limited to patients under 3 years of age.

Only those services performed on/after July 1, 2010 are reimbursable.

Billing

Topical fluoride varnish and oral evaluations performed by physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants must be billed on the CMS-1500 or 837P using the following dental procedure codes:

- D1206 - topical fluoride varnish
- D0145 - oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver

Reimbursement	100% of Dental Fee Schedule	85% of Dental Fee Schedule
D1206	\$28.00	\$23.80
D0145	\$56.70	\$48.20

If you have questions or require additional assistance, please contact the ACS Provider Inquiry Unit at 907.644.6800, option 1, or 800.770.5650, option 1, 1 (toll-free in Alaska).