



FLUORIDE VARNISH

CHP+ QUICK INFORMATION GUIDE FOR PROVIDERS

WHAT IS FLUORIDE VARNISH? A protective substance that provider practices can offer to children with Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) who are at moderate to high risk for cavities. It is a preventive measure to promote good oral health.

WHO CAN HAVE FLUORIDE VARNISH APPLIED? Children ages 0-4 years old who have CHP+.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? It prevents early caries, only takes minutes to do, and it's reimbursable! Children with CHP+ visit a dentist far less frequently than they visit their medical provider. Therefore providers should screen all children for oral health problems during well-child visits.

WHEN CAN IT BE APPLIED? Offer this during a visit right in your office! Dental professionals are not the only health professionals who can apply varnish. Varnish can be applied by any licensed and certificated health professional. This includes medical doctors, doctors of osteopathic medicine, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and medical assistants.

HOW DO YOU GET CERTIFIED? Getting certified is easy! Just visit smilesforlifeoralhealth.org and complete two modules. You can also participate in on-site trainings from **Cavity Free at Three**.

HOW TO GET REIMBURSEMENT:

- **Children with CHP+ (0-2 years old)**
Bill codes D1206 and D0145 together with a wellness visit (oral health exam occurs while applying varnish) up to two times per year.
- **Children with CHP+ (3-4 years old; from 3rd birthday to day before 5th birthday):**
Bill codes D1206 and D0190 together with a wellness visit up to two times per year. Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics must bill D099 (dental screening), in addition to D1206 and D019 with a wellness visit up to two times per year.

CODE:

- D1206 -Topical fluoride varnish (\$15.07)
- D0145 -Oral evaluation for patients younger than 3 years old (\$28.26)
- D0190 -Dental screening for patients who are 3-4 years old (\$14.96)

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