

July 7, 2009

Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Physicians, Dentists

Coverage of Fluoride Varnish

Effective July 1, 2009, physicians (only) will be reimbursed \$19.65 by Montana Medicaid for applying fluoride varnish (D1206) to children under age 21 at well-child appointments.

Montana Medicaid recognizes a new practice standard to improve access and preventative services to children and to take advantage of children's early and frequent visits to physicians. Dental and medical communities can share the responsibility for children's oral health and help to decrease the startling rate of caries in low-income children. Continuing education for physicians, in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, is available and is encouraged to be reviewed at www.brightsmilesmontana.com.

Dentists are encouraged to see children following the eruption of their first tooth or by their first birthday. Physicians are encouraged to make referrals when appropriate in an effort to help the child establish a dental home.

Physicians should bill code D1206 on a CMS-1500 claim form. If the child is determined high-risk for early childhood caries, up to six treatments per year will be allowed.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Jan Paulsen, Dental Program Officer, at (406) 444-3182 or jpaulsen@mt.gov or Connie Olson, R.N., Physician Program Officer, at (406) 444-3995 or colson2@mt.gov or call Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

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