To: Medi-Cal IPAs and Medi-Cal PCPs  
From: IEHP – Provider Relations  
Date: November 4, 2020  
Subject: Dental Fluoride Varnish

Dental Fluoride Varnish application is a covered Medi-Cal benefit for children **younger than 6 years of age, up to four times in a 12-month period**. PCPs are legally permitted and encouraged to apply fluoride varnish. DHCS publishes a web page specific to Fluoride Varnish that provides guidance on Provider training, schedule for fluoride varnish application and anticipatory guidance: [https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/FluorideVarnish.aspx](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/FluorideVarnish.aspx)

Through the DHCS Value-Based Payment (VBP) Program administered by IEHP, Providers can receive $25.00 per eligible fluoride varnish application. The VBP Program incentivizes Providers through a pay-per-event payment process.

**Please remember:**
- All VBP eligible services must be captured through an encounter/claim for payment disbursement.
- Providers must report all encounters through normal reporting channels with their assigned IPA.
- IEHP is required to submit all VBP Program encounters to DHCS for reporting purposes.

**VBP Fluoride Varnish Service Description:** Incentive payment to Provider when oral fluoride varnish application is rendered to children ages **6 months through 5 years**.

- Payment to each rendering Provider for each occurrence of dental fluoride varnish for children younger than 6 years old (See codes below)
- Payment for the first four visits in a 12-month period

Payment Description: In-network Providers who bill the following codes through normal encounter data or claims billing processes can be paid up to four times per Member per year.

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<td>Fluoride Varnish</td>
<td>CPT</td>
<td>99188</td>
<td>Application of topical fluoride varnish by a Physician or other qualified health care professional</td>
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<td>Fluoride Varnish</td>
<td>CDT</td>
<td>D1206</td>
<td>Topical fluoride varnish; therapeutic application for moderate to high caries risk patients</td>
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As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider portal at: [www.iehp.org](http://www.iehp.org) > For Providers > Plan Updates > Correspondence.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.