

Fluoride Varnish Reimbursement Table

This summary reflects results obtained from a survey of the 50 States and Washington, DC performed by Amos Deinard, MD, MPH, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics Oral Health Initiative, Medicaid/SCHIP Dental Association, and Chris Cantrell, et al, of the National Academy for State Health Policy.

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Alabama	MD, NP, PA \$18.00 (OE/AG) \$15.00 (FV)	D-0145 D-1206	6-36 mos (moderate high risk)	3/yr; between 6-35 months	Yes (RA, AG, DH & FV)	LPN RN	Started 1/09	Single
Alaska	None						Trying to figure out how to code while waiting for new claims processing system to be installed.	
Arizona	None		≤ 3 yrs.				Approved pending funding.	
Arkansas	None						No	
California	MD, NP FFS-\$18.00 MCO-variable FV	D-1203	<6 yrs.	3	No, but encouraged	CMA LPN RN		Multiple
Colorado	Dental and Medical \$15.37 (FV) \$29.20 (OE) \$20.49 (OE)	D-1206 D-0145 D-0120	Under 5	4	Yes for medical	Limited	As of July 1, 2009	Medicaid fiscal agent – Fee for service
Connecticut	MD NP PA \$20.00 (FV) \$25.60 (OE)	D-1206 D-0145	40 mos. (3 rd birthday well-child visit)	With each well-child visit (per HEDIS)	Continuing ED CME course developed by Dental School	CMA LPN RN	20.00 fl 25.00 screening and ohi	Multiple

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DC	None						Plan being developed; sites being established (12-18 months)	
Delaware	None						Yes – scope of practice (DDS/MD) being studied as Dental Practice Act limits application of fluoride to DDS & RDH	
Florida	MD PA ARNP \$27.00 FV/AG	99499 with modifier SC	6-42 mos.	4	Not required. U of FL Gator Kids Healthy Smiles Program provides training if requested by provider.	CNA LPN RNA		Single
Georgia	None	D-1206	6 mo-6yrs	2			To start once Governor unfreezes budget	
Hawaii	None						No plan	Single
Idaho	MD NP PA \$13.58 (MD) \$11.54 (NP, PA) FV	D-1203	0-21 yrs.	2	Public Health District Dental Program	CMA LPN RN		Single
Illinois	MD NP PA \$26.00 FV	D-1203	Under age 3 with 4 erupted teeth	3	Coordinated by Illinois Chapter – AAP (ICAAP) and provided by practicing pediatric dentists. ICAAP informs HFS of training		Pilot program only in Cook County/surrounding counties. Physicians in FQHCs statewide can apply varnish and bill for the service but receive no separate reimbursement above the normal rate.	Single

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Indiana	None						No	
Iowa	MD NP PA \$14.55 FV	D-1206	0-36 mos.	3	Training by I-Smile (Oral Health Bureau).	CMA LPN RN		Single
Kansas	MD NP PA PHN \$17.00 FV	D-1203	None	3 (MD) + 3 (DDS) (total 6/yr)	Depends on State Licensing Board	CMA LPN RN		Single
Kentucky	MD \$15.00 FV	D-1206	1 – 5 yrs.	Once every 90 days. (max of 2 times in a 12-month period.)	Online	CMA LPN RN		Multiple
Louisiana	None						No current “official” consideration for reimbursing non-dental health professionals; however, Medicaid would consider reimbursing on basis of peer-reviewed literature.	
Maine	MD NP PA \$12.00 FV	D-1206	Under 21 yrs.	3				Single

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Maryland	MD NP \$24.92 FV	D-1206	9 mo – 3 yrs	4	Yes – training by Office of Oral Health	LPN RN PA CMA	Started 7/09	ASO (Doral Dental)
Massachusetts	MD NP PA RN LPN \$26.00 FV	D-1206	Under age 21	No limit; recommended not to exceed 1 application every 180 days. (More info)	Online; group or office visit			Multiple
Michigan	MD NP \$9.00 FV	D-1206	<3 yrs.	4 times/yr	Online	LPN PA RN		Both FFS Medicaid, Medicaid Health Plans (MCOs) are payors.
Minnesota	MD NP PA PHN FFS - \$14.00 MCO – variable (14-\$20)	D-1206	None	No limit.	University of Minnesota's "Dental Health Screening and Fluoride Varnish Application" available online .	CMA LPN RN		Multiple
Mississippi	None							
Missouri	MD NP \$13.56 FV	D-1206	<6 yrs	2 times/rolling year	Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Community and Public Health	No		Single

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Montana	\$19.65 (FV) \$22.93 (OE)	D-1206 D-0120	0-20 0-999	Up to 6	Preferred	MDs/DDS, DDS only	July 2009	Single
Nebraska	\$10.00 FV	D-1206						
Nevada	MD NP PA PHN \$42.64 - \$53.30 (FV) \$26.59 - \$33.24 (OE)	D-1206	0 - 20 yrs.	Every 6 months	Online	CMA LPN RN		Multiple
New Hampshire	None							
New Jersey	None							
New Mexico	\$15 FV	D1206	0-3	6 treatments total up to age 3	No, but is recommended	Yes	No plans to expand	The MCOs are reimbursing PCPs. The benefit is localized to Chaves County, NM.
New York	MD NP \$30 (FV)	D-1206	Birth to 7 yrs	4			Effective Oct 1, 2009	
N. Carolina	MD NP \$16.80 (FV) \$38.07 (OE)	D-0145 D-1206	≤41 mos.	60 days (Max 6)	Into the Mouths of Babes	LPN PA RN		Single

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N. Dakota	MD NP PA PHN \$20.60 FV	D-1206 V 20.2	0-21 yrs.	2	Training approved by Board of Dental Examiners	CMA LPN RN		Single
Ohio	MD NP \$15.00 FV	D-1203	To age 3	Once every 180 days	Online	LPN RN CMA		Multiple
Oklahoma	None						Planning ongoing (for children prior to age 3)	
Oregon	MD NP \$13.65 FV	D-1206 V07.31	6 yrs. and younger	4				Single
Pennsylvania	None						In discussion stage.	
Rhode Island	MCOs \$13-30 FV	D-1206	Varies based on MCO	2	Varies based on MCO	Yes		Three Rite Care MCOs
S. Carolina	MD \$16.90 FV	D-1206	0-3 yrs.	2/yr (MD) + 2/yr (DDS) 4/yr (total)	Online. A post-test must be completed and on file.	CMA LPN RN		Single
S. Dakota	MD NP PA PHN \$18.00 FV	D-1206 V20.2	Max. age 5	3				Single
Tennessee	None						Planning; ≤ 12 mo.	

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Texas	MD NP PA \$34.16 FV	99429 (OE billed with U5 modifier along with ICD-9 EPSDT code (99381, 99382, 88391, 99392))	6-35 mo.	6 over age range	In person and AAP online training		9/2008 (start date)	Multiple
Utah	MD NP PA PHN \$15.00 FV	EP modifier added to age-appropriate ICD-9 well-child visit code	0-4 yrs.	At each well-child exam	AAP online	CMA LPN RN	All MCOs included by 1/1/09	Multiple
Vermont	MD \$39.00 AG OE RA	D-0145	2 yrs. old and younger		Online (AAP course) or hands-on training (1-hour)		FV- pending	Single
Virginia	MD NP PHN \$20.79 FV	D-1206	Under 3 yrs.	2		RN		Multiple

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Washington	MD DO ARNP PA PHN \$13.25 (FV) \$29.46 (OE) \$27.58 (FOHE)	D-1203 D-0120 D-9999	≤ 5 yrs. (FOHE & OE) ≤ 20 yrs (FV)	3 times in 12 month period through age 5	Course	CMA LPN RN		Multiple
West Virginia	None						No – MDs have not asked to include this procedure. No training at this time for non-dental staff.	
Wisconsin	MD NP PA \$12.76 FV	D-1203	≤ 12 yrs.		Training provided by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health.			
Wyoming	MD \$35.00 FV	D-1206	0-3 yrs.	3	Wyoming Health Department staff dentist	CMA LPN RN		Single

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