

Medicaid Fluoride Varnish

Billing and Reimbursement

Application of Topical Fluoride Varnish by a **Non-Dental Practitioner**

- Fluoride varnish application should be reported on a claim using CPT code **99188**.
- Payment may be made not more frequently than once per **180 days** from tooth eruption to (but not including) the **sixth** birthday.
- Fluoride varnish can be applied at any visit (i.e., well or sick visit) but cannot be the sole reason for the visit.
- The following practitioners can **order** and **bill** for fluoride varnish:
 - Physician
 - Physician Assistant
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
- The following practitioners can **apply** fluoride varnish in addition and under the supervision of the above practitioners:
 - Registered Nurse
 - Licensed Practical Nurse
 - Medical Assistant
- As of January 1, 2024, fluoride varnish billed under CPT 99188 is reimbursed at \$29.48.

Fluoride varnish billing in the medical office is independent from the dental office.

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