

# 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.\**