

Dental Treatment

Fluoride Varnish Application

Fluoride varnish applications are covered when provided in a physician office setting (including RHCs and FQHCs) once every six months for enrollees six months through five years of age. Providers eligible for reimbursement of this service include physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners who have reviewed the Smiles for Life fluoride varnish training module [\[link\]](#) and successfully completed the post assessment. Physicians are responsible to provide and document training to their participating staff to ensure competency in fluoride varnish applications.

Fluoride varnish applications may only be applied by the following disciplines:

- ❖ Appropriate dental providers;
- ❖ Physicians;
- ❖ Physician assistants;
- ❖ Nurse practitioners;
- ❖ Registered nurses;
- ❖ Advanced practice registered nurses;
- ❖ Licensed practical nurses; or
- ❖ Certified Medical Assistants.

NOTE: Refer to the Dental Services Provider Manual chapter of the **Medicaid Services Manual** for information pertaining to EPSDT Fluoride Varnish Application.

EarlySteps Program

The EarlySteps Program provides services to families with infants and toddlers aged birth to three years who have a medical condition likely to result in a developmental delay, or who have developmental delays.

The MCO shall ensure that any infant or toddler who meets or may meet the medical or biological eligibility criteria for EarlySteps (infant and toddler early intervention services) is referred to the local EarlySteps Program.

Additional information about the EarlySteps Program may be found on the LDH webpage [\[link\]](#).

Eye Care and Vision Services

The MCO shall not require a referral for in-network providers.

The MCO's requirements for provision and authorization of services within the scope of licensure for optometrists cannot be more stringent than those requirements for participating ophthalmologists.

The MCO shall not limit an enrollee's free choice of providers by restricting access to eyewear from a single optical lab. Enrollees shall be given a choice of using a local provider for eyewear.