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To: Pediatricians, Family Practice & Medi-Cal Urgent Care Providers

From: IEHP – Provider Relations

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Subject: Topical Fluoride (TFL) Application in Primary Care Setting

Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) play an important role in preventing Early Childhood Caries (ECC). Through the application of fluoride varnish, PCPs can effectively reduce the risk of ECC and promote optimal oral health in children.

Topical fluoride application is included in the 2024 and 2025 Global Quality (GQ) Pay-For-Performance (P4P) and Urgent Care + Wellness incentive programs. If you are not already applying topical fluoride in your practice, please consider completing a training certification course so you may begin offering this service to your members 1 year through 20.99 years of age.

Topical Fluoride Training Certification

A **free** comprehensive training certification course is available on the [Smiles for Life Oral Health](https://smilesforlifeoralhealth.org) website: smilesforlifeoralhealth.org. This resource includes instructional videos and an exam that upon completion can be printed or posted as proof of certification for audit purposes. Please note that the 2024 Medical Record Review (MRR) standards, found [here](#), include the requirements for documentation of Topical Fluoride application.

Billing Topical Fluoride Application

Please note when billing for dental fluoride varnish that the medical (CPT) codes for this service should be utilized by PCPs and the dental (CDT) codes should be utilized only by dental professionals.

DENTAL FLUORIDE VARNISH CODES:			
Service	Code Type	Code	Code Description
Fluoride Varnish	CPT	99188	Application of topical fluoride varnish by a physician or other qualified health care professional
Fluoride Varnish	CDT	D1206	Topical fluoride varnish; therapeutic application for moderate to high caries risk patients
Fluoride Varnish	CDT	D1208	Topical Application of fluoride – excluding varnish

Quality Performance Learning Guide Available: Topical Fluoride for Children (TFL-CH) Measure Overview

We encourage you to review IEHP’s Quality Performance Learning Guide for the Topical Fluoride for Children (TFL-CH) measure. You can access the TFL-CH measure overview [here](#).

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