

Coverage for Dental Fluoride Varnish Provided by Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants

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Alaska Medical Assistance allows reimbursement for dental fluoride varnish applications and oral evaluations performed by physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who have successfully completed Oral Health or Caries Risk Assessment training.

Credentials

Each medical provider is responsible for successfully completing Oral Health or Caries Risk Assessment training that includes oral evaluation and topical fluoride varnish applications.

Accepted trainings include online and in-person training courses and workshops that provide a certificate of completion. A certificate of completion from the training program is required and must be presented to Alaska Medical Assistance upon request. Numerous acceptable training courses are also available online, including the American Academy of Pediatrics endorsed Smiles for Life National Oral Health Curriculum, available at <http://www.smilesforlife2.org>.

For additional information on acceptable training courses, please contact Brad Whistler at 907.465.8628.

Limitations of Coverage

- Alaska Medical Assistance will cover a maximum of four topical fluoride varnish applications (D1206) per calendar year.
- Coverage of oral evaluations (D0145) is limited to two oral evaluations per calendar year and is limited to patients under three years of age.
- Only those services performed on/after July 1, 2010 are reimbursable.

Billing

Topical fluoride varnish and oral evaluations performed by physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants must be billed on the CMS-1500 or 837P using the following dental procedure codes:

- D1206 - topical fluoride varnish; therapeutic application for moderate to high caries risk patients
- D0145 - oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver

Reimbursement	100% of Dental Fee Schedule	85% of Dental Fee Schedule
D1206	\$28.00	\$23.80
D0145	\$56.70	\$48.20

If you have questions or require additional assistance, please contact the ACS Provider Inquiry Unit at 907.644.6800, option 1, or 800.770.5650, option 1, 1 (toll-free in Alaska).