



IMPORTANT: PCP Fluoride Varnish Application Coding Update

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Dear Care1st Providers and Staff:

PCP Fluoride Varnish Application

Effective **April 1, 2015** application of fluoride varnish by a PCP during an EPSDT visit must be billed using **CPT code 99188**. 99188 replaces D1206.

As a reminder, application of fluoride varnish by a PCP is reimbursed separately when:

1. The child is six months of age with at least one tooth erupted
2. Application of the varnish is performed by a physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner who has completed the appropriate training (*see **Training** section below for details on how to become certified*);
3. The varnish is billed separately from the EPSDT visit using CPT code 99188 and ICD-9 code V07.31.
4. Recurrent applications may occur and be billed every six months up to two years of age.

Training

To meet AHCCCS requirements for the enhanced reimbursement of services outlined above, a qualified medical professional must:

1. Complete the online training/certification for these services, and
2. Submit the proof of training/certification to CAQH. By submitting the proof of training/certification to CAQH, this information is accessible to all AHCCCS health plans with whom you contract.

To complete the online training:

- Go to the Arizona Department of Health Services website: <http://www.azdhs.gov/clinicians/index.htm>
- Go to "Training Opportunities" on the left side and choose "Developmental Screening & Fluoride Varnish" from the drop down menu
- Choose the "Fluoride Varnish" link near the top of the page
- Register and complete the training

To submit proof of training/certification to CAQH:

- To provide your certification to CAQH use the CAQH fax coversheet you use to upload credentialing material and code 014, Formal Post-Graduate Training Certificates. IT'S EASY!
- Please make sure you upload your certificate!! AHCCCS requires all plans audit claims paid against proof of certification.

If you have any questions please contact Maritza Jimenez, MCH/EPSDT Supervisor, at 602-474-1365 or Provider Network Operations at the numbers below. *Thank you!*

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