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### Medicaid Advisory Letter (MAL) No. 651

DATE: December 1, 2020

TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers  
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans  
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Maureen M. Corcoran, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: *Payment for the Application of Topical Fluoride Varnish by a Non-Dental Practitioner at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC)*

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is providing this guidance to clarify when and how an FQHC or RHC may submit a claim to ODM for the application of topical fluoride varnish furnished by a non-dental practitioner (i.e., physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse) at an FQHC or RHC.

Coverage policy for topical fluoride varnish, which includes age limits, is set forth in rules 5160-5-01 and 5160-4-33. Payment for topical fluoride varnish is made separately outside of the prospective payment system (PPS) when a non-dental practitioner applies topical fluoride varnish at an FQHC or RHC. Such services should not be reported on claims submitted to Medicaid for FQHC or RHC visits paid under the PPS, nor should they be reported on claims for wraparound payments. Instead, they should be reported separately as a covered non-FQHC or covered non-RHC service under an FQHC or RHC's "clinic" provider number (provider type 50).

Effective January 1, 2021, when topical fluoride varnish is furnished by a non-dental practitioner, it should be reported on a claim using CPT code 99188.

Payment for topical fluoride varnish furnished by dental practitioners will continue to be made under the prospective payment system and should be reported on a claim submitted to ODM using the ADA dental code D1206.

The maximum payment amount for topical fluoride varnish is listed on the Dental Services and Medicine, Surgery, Radiology, and Imaging, and Additional Procedures payment tables at <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov> [PROVIDERS > Fee Schedule and Rates > (I Agree)].

#### **Additional Information**

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid may be accessed through the main webpage at <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

The Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs) may have specific claim submission requirements that differ from the requirements for Medicaid fee-for-service claim submission through the MITS provider portal. Questions about MCP claim submission requirements should be directed to the MCPs.

## **Questions**

Questions pertaining to this MAL may be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

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