



Medicaid Transmittal Letter (MTL) No. 3336-21-01

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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers of Medical and Surgical Services
Chief Executive Officers, Medicaid Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties
FROM: Maureen M. Corcoran, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Revision of OAC Rule 5160-4-33, Concerning the Application of Topical
Fluoride Varnish

Rule 5160-4-33, "Application of topical fluoride varnish by non-dentist providers," sets forth coverage and payment provisions for the topical application of fluoride to the teeth of children younger than six years of age by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.

As a result of the review process set forth in section 106.03 of the Ohio Revised Code ("five-year review"), four changes are being made to the rule text:

- The practitioners affected by the rule are identified in a numbered list rather than in the body of a paragraph.
- A phrase deemed to constitute a regulatory restriction ('must provide') is recast as a verb in the present tense ('provides').
- The form 'diagnosis' is corrected to 'diagnostic' in the identification of EPSDT.
- The relationship between fluoride application and an evaluation and management (E&M) service is clarified. Payment for the application of fluoride varnish is made separately from payment for a well child visit or a sick child visit.

Changes to the rule are effective for dates of service beginning May 1, 2021.

Please note that as of January 1, 2021, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is no longer accepting CDT procedure codes to represent the application of topical fluoride varnish *by non-dental practitioners*; these practitioners should instead report CPT code 99188. The application of topical fluoride varnish *by a dental practitioner* is reported on a claim with a CDT procedure code.

The Medicaid maximum payment amount for a procedure is listed in the applicable payment table on the ODM 'Schedules and Rates' page at <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov> [Resources for Providers > Billing > Fee Schedule and Rates > (I Agree)].

Additional Information

Information about ODM services may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

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