

ORAL HEALTH IN MARYLAND



2020 Newsletter

Maryland's Mouths Matter Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening Program

The Maryland Medicaid program reimburses Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) medical providers who apply fluoride varnish to children, ages nine months through age five.* Providers are eligible to receive a \$24.92 reimbursement for each varnish applied during an approved well-child visit. The Maryland Department of Health Office of Oral Health would love to help you become a part of the growing fluoride varnish provider team committed to using a preventive agent known to reduce dental caries in the primary (baby) teeth of “at-risk” infants and toddlers.

* Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the new **age eligibility** for the Maryland’s Mouths Matter program is **nine months through age five**.

NEW! Oral Health Care-Based Childhood Obesity Screening and Prevention (OCOSP) Project

- ➔ Pilot project implemented by the Office of Oral Health (OOH) and funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- ➔ Designed to engage dental providers, primary care physicians, and nutrition professionals in the screening, referral, and treatment of children who suffer from obesity, dental caries, and associated risk factors
- ➔ Select dental providers will screen their pediatric patients for body mass index (BMI) to identify patients with or at risk for obesity
- ➔ Education and referral of at-risk children to primary care providers or nutritionists will be conducted as needed
- ➔ Contact Giselle Bonilla, MPH, CHEP at giselle.bonilla@maryland.gov for more information

Training and Certification

The Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening online training program consists of four modules, each designed to provide medical and other health care providers with the knowledge required to reduce dental caries among children ages five and under.

To access the course, please visit:
<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/flvarnish/>

To be eligible for reimbursement, a provider must:

- ➔ Be an EPSDT-certified pediatrician, family physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant licensed to practice in Maryland
- ➔ Participate in the Maryland Medicaid program
- ➔ Successfully complete the Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening online training program tests

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