

Fluoride

Refocus

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Is it “Third Time’s a Charm?”
or “Three Strikes You’re Out?”

Fluoride Timeline

- **Spring 2018 - Initial Roll-Out**
- **Spring 2021 - Fluoride Refocus**
- **Fall 2022 - A New Voice and A New Plan**

PDSA - Spring 2018

- **Plan: Implement Fluoride Varnish at All Sites**
- **Do:**
 - **All staff communication**
 - **Provider training - Varnish application**
 - **Information sheet and instructions formatted and printed**
 - **Varnish ordered**

What is missing from the cycle?

Lack of study, action, follow-up, and accountability

PDSA - Spring 2021

- **Plan: Fluoride Refocus**
- **Do:**
 - **Site Specific Lunch and Learns**
 - **Newsletter communication**
 - **Personalized YouTube provider training video with CMC physician**
 - **Report on success of Simpsonville office with past implementation**
 - **Narrowed patient population to Medicaid patients 12 months - 6 years**
- **Study:**
 - **Shared report with providers after 3 months of applications, listed top 3 performers and honorable mentions (providers starting for the 1st time)**
 - **Picked a positive way to report numbers to entire staff...**

Number of Applications

110

**January - March
2021**

152

**April - June
2021**



PDSA - Fall 2022

- **Plan: Increase fluoride varnish applications**
- **Do:**
 - **New Voices**
 - **FT Director of Quality, New QI Clinical Consultant**
 - **All Staff Meeting**
 - **New Implementation Idea**
 - **Partnering with Reach Out and Read**
 - **New Reporting Strategy**
 - **Monthly Data Sharing**
 - **New Site Champions and Site Visits**

New Implementation Strategy:

- 1) Reach Out and Read “Baby Teeth” book at 12 month visit
- 2) Pediatric Dentists Resource List
- 3) Fluoride Varnish Information



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All of the following practices accept Medicaid except where denoted with a * *

Anderson Anderson Pediatric Dentistry 528 Mutual Drive 8564 750-3440	Greenville (Cont.) Stone Dental Care LLC Robert Thomas 8709 Whitehorse Road 8564 271-0286	Greenville (Cont.) New Horizon Family Dental Care 1 Memorial Medical Drive 8564 233-3470
Southern Pediatric Dentistry 5225 N. Fant Street 8564 844-9200	Cherrydale Dental Associates of Greenville 505 State Park Road 8564 271-0158	Oral and Implant Associates of Greenville 55 Enterprise Boulevard Suite 209 8564 234-8811
Ashby Park Pediatric Dentistry 3428 North Highway 81 8564 437-8606	Crockett Pediatric Dentistry PA 1612 S. Venture Drive 8564 234-9800	Pediatric Dentistry of Greenville 400 Piedmont Road 8564 233-3333
Boiling Springs Progrim Dental Of Boiling Springs 1860 Old Furnace Road 8564 532-0547	DENT New Urgent Dental Care 1870 Woodruff Road 8564 232-8200	Pleasantburg Family Dental 205 South Pleasantburg Drive Suite E30 8564 233-7737
Claxson Isaquena Pediatric Dentistry 820 Isaquena Trail 8564 702-9113	Eastside Pediatric Dentistry 6 Pointe Circle 8564 233-1234	Precision Dental Formerly Augusta St. Dental 50 Piedmont Road 8564 233-4300
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Information for Parents: Fluoride Varnish

Why do we recommend putting fluoride varnish on children's teeth?
 Tooth decay is one of the most common preventable diseases seen in children. Children as young as 12 to 18 months can get cavities. Cavities in baby teeth can cause pain and even prevent children from being able to eat, speak, sleep, and learn properly. It is also recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

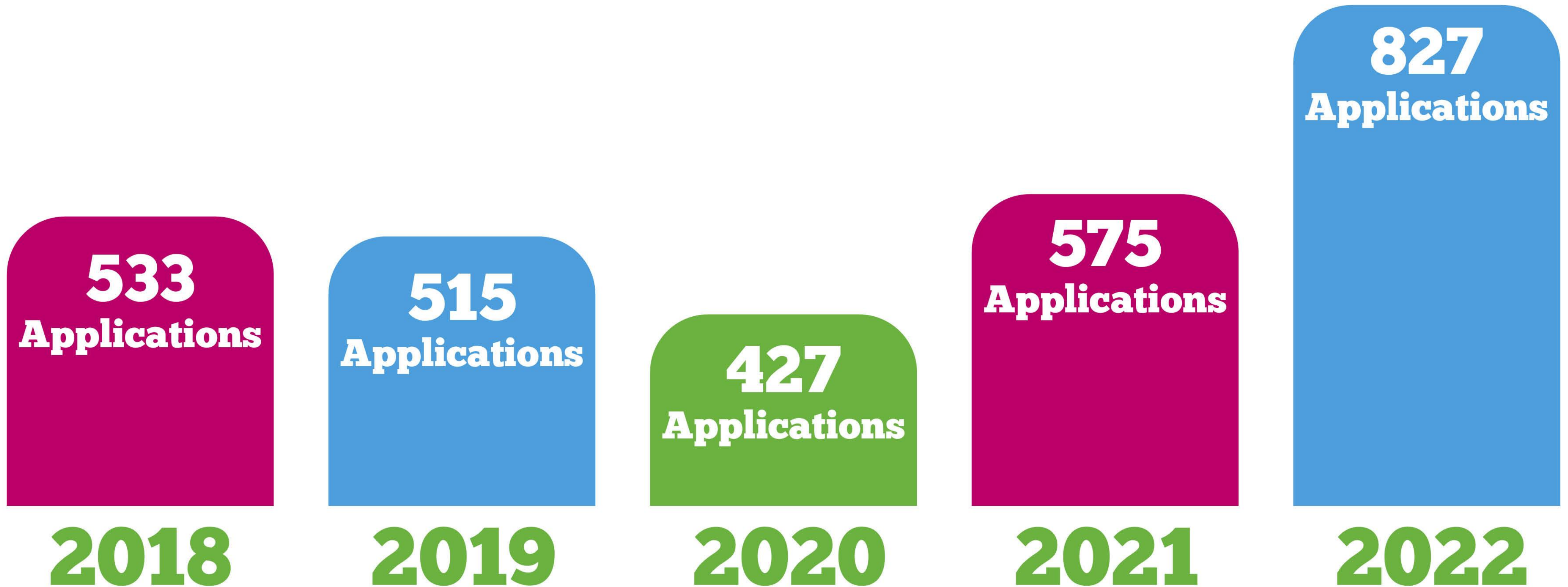
What is fluoride varnish?
 Fluoride varnish is a temporary protective coating that is painted on teeth to help prevent new cavities and to help stop cavities that have already started.

Is fluoride varnish safe?
 Yes, fluoride varnish can be used on babies from the time they have their first teeth. Only a very small amount of fluoride varnish is used. This method of providing fluoride to teeth has been used in Europe for more than 25 years.

How is it put on the teeth?
 The varnish is painted on the teeth. It is quick and easy to apply and does not have a bad taste. There is no pain, but your child may cry just because babies and children do not like having things put in their mouths.

How long does the fluoride last?
 The fluoride coating will work best if it is painted on the teeth 3 to 4 times per year.

Five Years of Fluoride



Total applications: 2,877



