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# **MEDICAID BULLETIN**

**TO: Primary Health Care Providers**

**SUBJECT: Additional Training Tool for Application of Fluoride Varnish**

Effective August 1, 2007, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) revised the policy to enable Primary Health Care Providers to apply Fluoride Varnish to the teeth of beneficiaries age one (1) through three (3). (Refer to Medicaid Bulletin dated July 18, 2007). Included in the bulletin was a website resource to be used in training personnel in the use of the Caries Risk Assessment Tool (CAT) and instructions in application of Fluoride Varnish in the Primary Health Care office.

SCDHHS has added an additional training resource produced by the American Academy of Pediatrics for instruction on use of the CAT and the application of Fluoride Varnish. Office personnel that will be directly involved in the application of Fluoride Varnish in the Primary Health Care office may choose either training resource for education on these procedures, but must successfully complete the post test offered on that site to retain in their personnel files as proof of completion of training.

Maternal and Child Oral Health website:

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/OpenWide>

American Academy of Pediatrics website:

<http://www.aap.org/commpeds/dochs/oralhealth/screening.cfm>

Please refer to these training tools for office personnel. If you have any further questions regarding the application of Fluoride Varnish, please contact Ms. Shirley Carrington, Team Leader for Dental Services at (803) 898-2655.

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