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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO:                Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)  
                      Rural Health Clinics (RHC)**

**SUBJECT:        Reimbursement for Application of Topical Fluoride Varnish for  
                      Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC)**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is revising the policy for the application of topical fluoride varnish to children age 0-3 years old in a primary care physician's office to include Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC). This procedure should be performed during an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) well child visit to aid in the prevention of Early Childhood Caries (ECC) in children at moderate to high risk for dental decay.

Effective May 1, 2009, reimbursement methodology for the FQHC and the RHC for Fluoride Varnish Application is as follows:

- Reimbursement to a FQHC for the provision of this procedure will be included in the all-inclusive Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) encounter code T1015 paid to the FQHC.
- RHCs may submit claims, using the D1206 procedure code, for fee-for-service reimbursement in addition to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) encounter code T1015. Claims must be submitted on a CMS 1500 claim form as illustrated in the Dental Provider Manual located online at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov).
  - Fee-for-service reimbursement rate for D1206 is \$16.90.

Instructions and guidelines for provision of fluoride varnish by primary care physicians can be accessed in the Medicaid Bulletin dated July 18, 2007. The link to this bulletin is below:

<http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/Internet/pdf/Fluoride%20Varnish%20Application%20Rev.pdf>

An additional training module for staff applying the fluoride varnish can be located at:

<http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/oralhealth.cfm>

If you have questions or need further assistance, contact the Dental Services program area at (803) 898-2568. Thank you for your continued participation and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program.

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