

# Provider Communications

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## Working together to prevent childhood tooth decay

A common chronic disease among children in the United States is tooth decay. To address this, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends integrating oral health preventive services, such as fluoride varnish, into well-child visits. By integrating fluoride varnish treatments, a safe, efficient and evidence-based intervention, we can work together to strengthen tooth enamel and reduce the incidences of cavities, particularly in young children who lack consistent access to dental care.

The AAP recommends that children receive two fluoride varnish treatments within the first year of life to help maintain good oral health.

Here are the service codes to use for reimbursement:

Service Code		Description
CDT	D1206	Professionally applied fluoride varnish
	D1208	Topical application of fluoride
CPT	99188	Application of topical fluoride varnish by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional

Note: No more than one fluoride application can be counted for the same patient on the same date of service.

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## Questions?

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