



ORAL HEALTH IN MARYLAND

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

The Maryland Medicaid Program reimburses EPSDT medical providers who apply fluoride varnish to children, ages 9 months through age 5.* Providers are eligible to receive \$24.92 reimbursement for each varnish applied during an approved well-child visit. We 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 January 1, 2018, the new **age eligibility** for the Maryland’s Mouths Matter program is **9 months through age 5**.

Talking Points for You and Your Patient

- ➔ Soon after birth, begin wiping baby’s gums daily with a clean, wet washcloth.
- ➔ Never put baby to bed with a bottle.
- ➔ Once teeth come in, brush twice a day with a rice size amount of fluoride toothpaste.
- ➔ Avoid sharing utensils and cleaning pacifier in your mouth. Germs that cause cavities can spread!
- ➔ Avoid foods and drinks containing sugar. No juice during the first year.
- ➔ Wean baby from bottle by 12-14 months.
- ➔ Discuss the importance of oral health and fluoride.
- ➔ First visit to dentist by age 1.

Training & 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 needed to reduce dental caries among children ages 5 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 post-tests.

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