

Coding Guideline for Topical Application of Fluoride

- CDT® Code:** D1206 Topical application of fluoride varnish
- CDT® Code:** D1208 Topical application of fluoride – excluding varnish
- CPT® Code:** 99188 Application of topical fluoride varnish by a physician or other qualified health care professional when performed in a non-dental clinic or facility setting

Criteria for Reimbursement:

Children Coverage

Fluoride treatment is covered for members ages 6 months through 20 years old. A maximum of three applications per year, per member is covered. Dental offices may bill utilizing codes D1206 or D1208.

Fluoride varnish performed in a non-dental clinic or facility setting is covered for members ages 6 months through 20 years old. A maximum of two applications per year, per member is covered. Clinics and facilities may bill utilizing code 99188. It is recommended the fluoride varnish be applied at the time of a well child visit / Health Tracks screening.

Adult Coverage

Fluoride treatment is covered for members ages 21 and older. A maximum of two applications per year, per member is covered. Dental offices may bill utilizing codes D1206 or D1208.

	D1206	D1208	99188
Children	3/year *shared with D1208	3/year *shared with D1206	2/year *separate limit
Adults	2/year *shared with D1208	2/year *shared with D1206	no coverage

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Dentists, physicians, and physician assistants may bill ND Medicaid for the application of fluoride varnish in accordance with their scope of practice and in accordance with any rules adopted by their respective licensing boards.
 - The following practitioners may bill ND Medicaid for the application of fluoride varnish after receiving training which has been approved by the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners:
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses under the supervision* of a physician, family nurse practitioner, or physician assistant
 - Registered Dental Hygienist or Registered Dental Assistant under the supervision* of a licensed dentist.
- *supervision requirements are dictated by state law, administrative rules and the applicable licensing board

ICD-10-CM Covered Diagnosis

Z00.121 Encounter for routine child health examination with abnormal findings
 Z00.129 Encounter for routine child health examination without abnormal findings

Z29.3 Encounter for prophylactic fluoride administration
 Z41.8 Encounter for other procedures for purposes other than remedying health state

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