

Oral Health Risk Assessment and Fluoride Varnish Application

Training Requirements and Medicaid Payment Guidelines

Training Requirements

In order to bill Medicaid for Oral Health Risk Assessments (OHRAs) and Fluoride Varnish Applications, primary care providers are required to complete an OHRA training program designed to educate and train physicians to do OHRAs and fluoride varnish applications. Completion of either an online course **OR** a hands-on course will meet requirements for billing Medicaid for these procedures. Proof of completion (certificates, test questions, CME credit) should be sent to:

The American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter
Attn: Stephanie Winters
P.O. Box 1457
Montpelier, VT 05601

Hands-on Training

Hands-on training (in office “lunch and learn”) available by contacting Dr. Laura Murphy, MD, murphyslau@aol.com.

Online Courses

1. The AAP “Oral Health Risk Assessment: Training for Pediatricians and Other Child Health Professionals”: <http://www.aap.org/oralhealth/cme/>
2. The Society for Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) “Smiles for Life Oral Health Curriculum”:
<http://www.smilesforlife2.org/default.aspx?tut=555&pagekey=62948&s1=957906>
3. The Maternal Child Health Bureau’s website, “A Health Professional’s Guide to Pediatric Oral Health Management”:
<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PediatricOH/index.htm>

Medicaid Payment Guidelines

Code	Description of Services
D0 145	Oral evaluation for a patient under 3 years of age and counseling with primary caregiver (also referred to as an Oral Health Risk Assessment or OHRA): Diagnostic and preventive services performed for a child under the age of 3, preferably within the first six months of the eruption of the first primary tooth, including recording the oral and physical health history, evaluation of caries susceptibility, development of an appropriate preventive oral health regimen and communication with and counseling of the child's parent, legal guardian and/or primary caregiver.

Reimbursement

Reimbursement for procedure code **D0145** includes all anticipatory guidance provided to the family, including oral hygiene instructions.

Reimbursement Fee: \$39.00

Limitations of Use

Procedure code **D0145** is limited to children under the age of 3, one per patient per 180 days.

Code	Description of Services
D1206	Topical Fluoride Varnish: Therapeutic application of fluoride varnish for moderate to high caries risk patients.

Reimbursement Fee: \$15.00

Limitations of Use

Procedure code **D1206** is limited to children under the age of 5, one per patient per 180 days.