



## The importance of fluoride varnish

**Summary:** Fluoride varnish is a treatment applied to prevent tooth decay. It is applied to a piece of gauze and used to clean and dry the teeth. It enters the enamel and makes teeth harder. This prevents new cavity formation and slows or stops existing decay from getting worse. Providers may apply fluoride varnish treatment to patients of all ages, starting with the first tooth.

For fluoride varnish training, pediatric physicians may go to https://www.dchealthcheck.net.

The CPT code for this service is 99188; the fee is \$29 per treatment.

## What if I need assistance?

If you have any questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.