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1. Medical providers will be reimbursed for an oral health assessment and application of fluoride varnish for Medicaid beneficiaries under age three (3). (Preventive and treatment services provided by a dentist are covered by Medicaid for children under age three (3). Beginning at age three (3), children should be referred to a dentist if not currently under the care of a dentist.)

    a. The oral health assessment must include a visual observation of the teeth, gums, and soft tissues of the mouth. The provider should note any abnormalities, such as plaque, signs of caries such as white or brown spots on the teeth, obvious dental decay or other defects, and tooth crowding. Documentation of the assessment must be included in the beneficiary's medical record.

    b. Application of fluoride varnish should be done following the oral health assessment. Fluoride varnish application must be performed in accordance with accepted standards of care and fluoride varnish manufacturers' recommendations. Documentation of the procedure must be included in the beneficiary's medical record.

2. Medical providers eligible for reimbursement of these services are physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants only. Both Mississippi Cool Kids (EPSDT) and non-Mississippi Cool Kids (non-EPSDT) providers are eligible for reimbursement of these services.

3. All Mississippi Cool Kids (EPSDT) providers are encouraged to perform the oral health assessment and application of fluoride varnish at the same time as the child's regularly scheduled EPSDT screening. These services will be reimbursed in addition to the other EPSDT screening services. The dental procedure codes can be billed on the same claim with the other procedure codes for EPSDT screening.

4. These services must be billed by the medical provider on a CMS-1500 or electronic equivalent claim using the following procedure codes:

    a. D0145 – Oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver
    b. D1206 – Topical fluoride varnish; therapeutic application for moderate to high caries risk patients

5. These services will be covered up to two (2) times per fiscal year per child, at least five (5) months apart.

Children with dental problems such as caries should be referred to a participating Mississippi Medicaid dentist for further evaluation and treatment. Participating dental providers can be located from the Provider Search feature on the DOM web site at www.medicaid.ms.gov.

Educational and informational materials related to oral health and fluoride varnish are available for medical providers from the Programs page on the DOM web site at www.medicaid.ms.gov.

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