



Be the Difference in a Child's Smile

Local I-Smile Coordinators can provide training for medical office staff on how to perform a dental screening and apply fluoride varnish. Your I-Smile Coordinator can also help find dental care for children, and assist families with identifying payment sources for care

CAVITY FREE IOWA

Cavity Free Iowa is a medical-dental initiative focused on early oral health care and prevention of early childhood disease. Recognizing that young children often see their primary care provider on a routine basis for well child visits, the goal of Cavity Free Iowa is to increase the number of children ages 0 - 5 years receiving preventive oral health services and dental referrals.

BE A PREVENTION HERO

Children younger than 3 years old in families with low income who are people of color are *most* at risk for dental disease and least likely to have dental care. Dental screenings and fluoride varnish applications as part of well-child medical visits are important preventive strategies. Screening for early tooth decay and referring young children for dental care can decrease their risk of decay. Fluoride varnish can prevent decay from starting and stop early decay from progressing.

BE A TRUSTED HEALTH PARTNER

As a child's primary care provider, you are an important partner in improving oral health, especially for very young children. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a child's first dental exam by the first birthday; yet in SFY2023, only 18% of children enrolled in Medicaid ages 0-2 had a service from a dentist.¹

Iowa Medicaid and most private medical insurance companies reimburse medical providers for application of fluoride varnish in conjunction with a well-child visit or EPSDT screening.

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

Iowa Medicaid MCOs

- ▶ Patient Ages: 0 - 71 months
- ▶ Frequency: 4 times per year (90 days apart)

Private Insurance

- ▶ Age range and reimbursement varies by company

	Medical Office	FQHC or RHC*
Diagnosis Code	ICD 10 code from EPSDT well-child screening	ICD 10 code from EPSDT well-child screening
Fluoride Varnish Procedure Code	99188	Line 1 - encounter code Line 2 - 99188
Reimbursement**	\$13.95 Physicians \$11.68 Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners	Clinic encounter rate

*Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinics
**Medicaid reimbursement rate, which may vary by MCO
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