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TO: Community Health Centers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: Removal of the Fluoride Varnish Training Requirement

Community Health Centers (CHCs) may submit claims for fluoride varnish services (CPT 99188) given to MassHealth members younger than 21 years old. This is per MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 405.00: *Community Health Center Services*. See 130 CMR 405.473: *Fluoride Varnish Services*. Regulation 130 CMR 405.457(B) lists the qualified personnel who may apply fluoride varnish to MassHealth members subject to the limitations of state law. Additionally, community health workers are qualified personnel per [Community Health Center Bulletin 118](#). This bulletin removes the MassHealth-approved training requirement for fluoride varnish services.

Removal of the MassHealth-Approved Training Requirement for Fluoride Varnish Services

To facilitate the provision of fluoride varnish services by qualified personnel and increase access to this intervention to prevent tooth decay, qualified personnel, notwithstanding the MassHealth-approved training requirement described in 130 CMR 405.457(B), are no longer required to complete a MassHealth-approved training for fluoride varnish services.

CHCs may decide which training fits the context and requirements of their unique health care setting. MassHealth will continue to provide [Fluoride Varnish Training for Health Care Professionals](#) as a resource for MassHealth providers.

MassHealth intends to amend 130 CMR 405.000: *Community Health Center Services* at a later date to remove the MassHealth-approved training requirement and make other required conforming amendments.

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