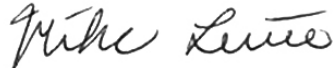




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TO: Providers Participating in the MassHealth Physician Program

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 

RE: Removal of the Fluoride Varnish Training Requirement

Physicians, independent certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and group practices 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 433.000: *Physician Services*. See 130 CMR 433.449: *Fluoride Varnish Services*. Regulation 130 CMR 433.449(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 [Physician Bulletin 104](#). 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 433.449(B), are no longer required to complete a MassHealth-approved training for fluoride varnish services.

Physicians, independent certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and group practices 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 433.000: *Physician Services* at a later date to remove the MassHealth-approved training requirement and make other required conforming amendments.

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