



**BlueCross BlueShield
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ALLKids Children's Health Insurance Program **Update**

Dental Fluoride Varnishing Benefit Effective October 1, 2011

Effective October 1, 2011, ALL Kids, group number 05000 and prefix KID, will add a dental fluoride varnishing benefit that can be performed by pediatricians or nurse practitioners who have been approved by ALL Kids to provide services to members between the ages of six months to 36 months.

This benefit is modeled after the Medicaid benefit for dental fluoride varnishings. Payment will be based on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) dental fee schedule for these procedures and claims should be filed on a medical claim form. The following guidelines will apply:

- **Oral assessment – American Dental Association (ADA) Current Dental Terminology (CDT) code D0145** – Limited to one assessment by a medical provider and one assessment by a dental provider for children six months to 36 months of age.
- **Topical fluoride varnishing – ADA CDT code D1206** – Limited to three per calendar year, regardless of the provider, not to exceed a maximum of six applications between six months and 36 months of age with a frequency of no less than 90 days.

If the patient has previously seen a dentist, the pediatrician should not bill code D0145 or D1206. These procedures will be denied.

Encounter claims: The procedures above will be bundled and paid as part of the encounter rate and will not be paid separately as a fee for service.



*If you have questions, please contact your
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