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District of Columbia

To: AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia Primary Care Providers

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Subject: **Billing for Fluoride Varnish**

Summary: Effective with dates of service March 1, 2018 and after, Primary Care Providers (PCPs) can no longer use CDT Code D1206 to submit claims for fluoride varnish application on children under three (3) years old. PCPs must use CPT Code 99188 for dates of service starting March 1, 2018 and after.

Background

Since 2014, fluoride varnish application on children under three years of age has been billable to fee-for-service Medicaid and Medicaid managed care organizations by DC Medicaid PCPs who have completed fluoride varnish training. Currently, topical fluoride is billable using CDT code D1206 or CPT code 99188. Now, there is a CPT Code specifically for physicians to use; it replaces the dental-specific D code.

Impact

Effective with dates of service **March 1, 2018** and after, AmeriHealth Caritas DC will deny fluoride varnish claims submitted with CDT code D1206. **PCPs must use CPT Code 99188 when billing for fluoride varnish.**

Action Needed

For dates of service March 1, 2018 and after, all PCPs trained in the application of fluoride varnish must begin submitting claims for this service using CPT code 99188.

Questions

If you have any questions about this communication, please contact your AmeriHealth Caritas DC Provider Account Executive or Provider Services at 202-408-2237 or 1-888-656-2383.