DENTAL CARIES is the most common chronic disease in children and is PREVENTABLE!

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS CAN PREVENT DENTAL CARIES!

SoonerCare offers reimbursement for 5% Sodium Fluoride Varnish
- CPT Code 99188: Application of Topical Fluoride Varnish to physicians and qualified health care professionals.
  Members ages 6 months to 60 months are eligible for two applications a year during a well-child screening (EPSDT). $9.48 facility; $11.28 office.

It’s the Standard of Care!
- The USPSTF recommends primary care clinicians apply fluoride varnish to the teeth of all infants and children (first primary tooth through age 5) at least every 6 months.
- Providers gain up to 0.36 Work RVU.

5% Sodium Fluoride Varnish
- Safe, inexpensive and effective.
- High efficacy for prevention of dental caries in children under 6 years of age.
- Not associated with treatment-related adverse events in young children.
- Quickly and easily applied.
- Prevents new caries and progression of early caries.

Application of Fluoride Varnish
1. Evaluate teeth at every well-child screening.
2. Use gauze to blot the teeth dry.
3. Apply varnish to back teeth first (if present), and front teeth last, covering all surfaces of all teeth.

Follow-up instructions
- No brushing until the next morning.
- Children can eat and drink immediately after application.
- Avoid sticky, hot, and very hard foods until next day.

Anticipatory Guidance
- Recommend regular dental visits – refer to Dental Home.
- Recommend brushing with fluoride toothpaste twice a day.
  No more than the size of a grain of rice or a smear for children under age 3. Only a pea-sized amount for children 3 years and older.
- Only water in sippy cups.
- Drink tap water.
- No juice under 1 year of age.
- No soda consumption.

Training and Certification for Medical Home Providers
- Online web-based training offered by Smiles for Life Oral Health Curriculum is strongly encouraged for providers and staff.
  Course 2 - Child Oral Health.
  Course 6 - Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish and Counseling.
  Course 7 - The Oral Examination.

For more information please visit:
https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/providers/types/soonercare-choice/soonercare-fluoride-varnish.html