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November 28, 2007

Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) implemented coverage for the application of topical fluoride varnish in a dentist's, physician's and pediatrician's office effective July 1, 2007.

The South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) strongly supports this procedure being a covered benefit. Following addition of this benefit the SCDA initiated a Fluoride Varnish Work Group that includes representatives from SCDA, DHEC, physician's and pediatrician's groups.

In a bulletin issued by SCDHHS a single tool was recommended as proper training for the application of varnish. After several meetings of our work group, we would recommend that SCDHHS consider an additional training tool produced by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). We have received permission from AAP to duplicate this material onto CD's and provide it to those around the State who will be providing this service. This information can be viewed online at: <http://www.aap.org/compeds/doch/oralhealth/screening.cfm>

If you have any questions please fee free to contact me at 781-3321 or by email at jmercer@sc.rr.com. You may also contact Phil Latham at the SCDA office. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Dr. Jim Mercer
SCDA President-Elect
SCDA Chair – Medicaid Task Force

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February 01, 2008

Dr. Jim Mercer, President-Elect
South Carolina Dental Association
120 Stonemark Lane
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Dr. Mercer:

Thank you for your support of the addition of the application of Fluoride Varnish as a Medicaid covered service to be provided in a primary care physician's office for Medicaid eligible beneficiaries at their Early Preventive Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) well child visits.

We appreciate your recommendation of the addition of the training tool produced by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for the application of Fluoride Varnish. We will add the link to the AAP training tool (<http://www.aap.org/commpeds/docs/oralhealth/screening.cfm>) to the South Carolina Health and Human Services website, and send an informational Medicaid Bulletin to appropriate providers. This additional tool will enhance the educational opportunities for those medical professionals who provide this important preventive dental services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

We appreciate your support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shirley Carrington, Team Leader for Dental Services at (803) 898-2655.

Sincerely,

Beverly G. Hamilton

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Bureau Chief

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