

## Michigan Department of Community Health

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**Subject:** Online Oral Health Training for Medical Providers

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**Programs Affected:** Medicaid

Effective July 1, 2012, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) "Infant and Children Oral Health for Medical Professionals" online training will be replaced with "Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum" at [www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org](http://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org). "Smiles for Life" is endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Physicians and nurse practitioners (NP) who complete specified certification requirements are allowed to bill Medicaid for fluoride varnish applications provided to children ages 0-35 months up to four times in a 12-month time period, as described in the Medicaid Provider Manual, Practitioner Chapter, Section 3.

Physicians and NPs who are not currently certified to bill Medicaid must complete the "Smiles for Life Course 6: Fluoride Varnish" training module of the curriculum as a first step in the certification process. The training module is available at no charge for individual users. One continuing medical education (CME) credit is awarded after completing this module.

To obtain certification to bill Medicaid for fluoride varnish applications, physicians and NPs must submit the following information to the MDCH Oral Health Program:

- Certificate of completion from the "Smiles for Life Course 6: Fluoride Varnish" module; and
- Contact Information Form, available on the MDCH Oral Health website at: [www.michigan.gov/oralhealth](http://www.michigan.gov/oralhealth)

The MDCH Oral Health Program issues a certificate to physicians and NPs upon receipt and verification of the above required information. For further information, contact:

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Providers who are currently certified by the MDCH Oral Health Program are not required to complete the new "Smiles for Life" training module. Additionally, all providers are encouraged to access the supplementary course modules available on the "Smiles for Life" website to increase their understanding of infant oral health.

### Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

**Questions**

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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