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Subject: Changes to Dental Sealant Coverage

Effective: January 1, 2023

Programs Affected: Medicaid, MICHild, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

Note: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The purpose of this bulletin is to align dental policy with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) periodicity schedule and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) policy by expanding dental sealant coverage for beneficiaries under age 21.

Dental Periodicity Schedule

The Dental Periodicity Schedule follows the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recommendations for Pediatric Oral Health Assessment, Preventive Services, and Anticipatory Guidance/Counseling Schedule. The AAPD periodicity schedule recommends dental sealant coverage of first and second primary molars and for first and second permanent premolars for any beneficiary under age 21 to prevent and reduce the likelihood of dental caries.

Expansion of Dental Sealant Coverage

Effective January 1, 2023, MDHHS will expand dental sealant coverage for beneficiaries under age 21 for the prevention of pit and fissure caries. In addition to fully erupted first and second permanent molars (2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30, 31), the expanded coverage includes fully erupted first and second primary molars (A, B, I, J, K, L, S, T) and fully erupted first and second permanent premolars (4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29).

Sealants are covered once every three years. Medicaid reimbursement includes repair and replacement of the sealant for three years.

Conditions required for coverage include the following:

- Surfaces must be free from caries.
- Surfaces to be sealed must be free of any restorations.

Medicaid does not cover sealants applied on teeth with any of the following conditions:

- moderate decay;
- advanced decay;
- severe decay; or
- previous restoration on identified tooth.

Manual Maintenance

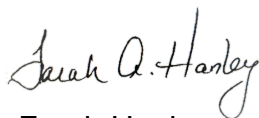
Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

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