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Fluoride Varnish Waiver

Baby's teeth are important!

Tooth decay is one of the most common diseases seen in children today. Children as young as 10 months can get cavities. Cavities in baby teeth can cause pain and may prevent children from being able to eat, speak, sleep and learn properly. Children should not normally lose all of their baby teeth until they are about 11 or 12 years old.

Fluoride varnish is a protective medication that is painted on teeth to help prevent new cavities and help stop cavities that have already started.

Fluoride varnish is <u>very safe</u>. It can be used on babies from the time that they have their first tooth around 6 months of age. Fluoride varnish should be applied to the teeth 2-4 times per year.

The US Preventive Task Force and the American Academy of Pediatrics have recommended that fluoride varnish be applied to the primary teeth of all infants and children starting at the age of 6 months and continuing through the age of 5 years.

Although this is the current recommendation and should be covered by insurance as a Preventive Service under the Affordable Care Act, it is possible that some insurances still may not provide coverage for this service.

I wish to have my child receive the fluoride varnish treatment to improve their dental care. I understand that this service will be billed to my insurance.

I also understand that if my insurance does not pay, I will be responsible for the payment of this service in the amount of \$25.00.

Patient Name:	Birthdate:
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date: