



July 24, 2020

Re: *UPDATE*-Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) – D1354 Effective 9/1/2020 (TX Medicaid and CHIP)

Dear Dentists,

Effective September 1, 2020, Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) will be a treatment option to members as part of DentaQuest's value-added service offerings. All dentition with active cavitated caries lesions in high caries risk members ages 6 months – 6 years qualify for reimbursement. This benefit will be limited to 2 applications, per tooth, per lifetime, with 30 days minimum separation between application dates.

Applications of SDF are not reimbursed on the same day as fluoride varnish (D1206) or fluoride (D1208). SDF is not reimbursed on teeth which have had a Restorative procedure (s) (D2000 series) in the prior 12 months. SDF must be deemed medically necessary by the Main Dental Home Provider. Provider must obtain informed consent from the head of household prior to SDF application.

The SDF billing code is CDT code D1354: Interim caries arresting medication application – conservative treatment of an active non-symptomatic carious lesion by topical application of a caries arresting or inhibiting medicament and without mechanical removal of sound tooth structure. Providers should submit code D1354 on a claim form as normal for reimbursement. The fee will be \$14.12 per tooth. Please refer to the Office Reference Manual (ORM) for complete benefit limitation(s).

The following references are excellent resources regarding SDF:

- Dr. Jeremy Horst DDS, PhD, <http://bit.ly/JeremyDQPH>
- DentaQuest. Partnership for Oral Health Advancement
- American Association of Pediatric Dentistry
- Yasmi O Crystal DMD, MSc, FAAPD, New York University College of Dentistry, Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) current evidence for the management of dental caries

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your Regional Provider Partner. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and appreciate your commitment to serving the TX Medicaid and CHIP members in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Walker".

Brenda Walker
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