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TO: DENTAL PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: Dental Procedure Code (D1354)- Application of Silver Diamine Fluoride Provided by Dental Providers

The New Mexico Health Care Authority, Medical Assistance Division (HCA/MAD) is issuing this Supplement to provide reimbursement guidance for the dental procedure code: D1354, *Interim Caries Arresting Medicament – per tooth* for the application of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) 38% Silver, by a Dental provider, effective October 1st, 2024.

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has designated SDF as a breakthrough therapy for the arrest of caries in children and adults. SDF will benefit patients by providing tooth decay treatments, helping New Mexico medical assistance program (MAP) eligible participants to achieve better oral health that will impact their overall health.

1. **Participant Eligibility Requirements:** HCA/MAD will cover application of SDF by a dental provider for MAP eligible participants. Requirements and indications must be documented in the MAP eligible participant’s medical record.
 - a. Evidence of a comprehensive dental examination by a licensed dental practitioner.
 - i. For children who are too young to receive conventional restorative treatment in a dental chair.
 - ii. For MAP eligible participants who are unable to undergo conventional dental treatment.
 - iii. For MAP eligible older adults who have limited access to dental facilities.
 - iv. For people with special needs who are unable to cooperate with dental treatment.
2. **Criteria for application of SDF:** This code allows for compensation to a medical service provider who is treating persons with a conservative treatment of an active, non-symptomatic carious lesion with no pulpal exposure by topical application of a high caries arresting or

inhibiting medicament and without mechanical removal of sound tooth structure, example: xerostomia, severe early childhood caries.

- a. Maximum of 2 treatments per tooth per 12-month period.
- b. May use on up to 5 teeth per session on one claim.
- c. Maximum of 4 treatments per tooth in a lifetime.

3. Provider Requirements:

- a. Dental service providers must be enrolled as New Mexico Medicaid provider with at least one of the following provider types and specialty codes:
 - i. 421- Dentist
 - ii. 422- Dental Clinic, Rural Health
 - iii. 423- Dental Hygienist
 - iv. 313/192- Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC)/Medical and Dental
- b. Dental service providers must ensure a comprehensive dental examination by a licensed dental practitioner with consent to treat prior to the application of medicament and indication of tooth number of tooth/teeth treated.

4. Prior Authorizations: A prior authorization is not required for this service.

5. Billing: HCA/MAD must allow and reimburse for D1354, Interim Caries Arresting Medicament –per tooth for Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) treatment.

- a. Dental providers will bill on an American Dental Association (ADA) Dental Claim form. They must follow the eligibility requirements and will be reimbursed at no less than the dental fee schedule rate published at <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules/>.
- b. For FQHC providing dental services, the FQHC will submit a claim on an ADA Dental Claim form, using a procedure code D0999 for payment and listing D1354, all dental services and procedure codes on the claim inclusive of tooth/teeth number treated. The FQHC will be reimbursed at the dental encounter.
- c. Indian Health Services and Tribal 638 providers, provider type 221, will bill on the UB04 using the revenue code 0512 and append the procedure code D1354.

For questions regarding this guidance, please contact the Medical Assistance Division, Benefits and Reimbursement Bureau at MADInfo.HCA@hca.nm.gov.