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ATTENTION: South Dakota Medicaid Dental Providers
FROM: South Dakota Medicaid
RE: Coverage of Silver Diamine Fluoride (D1354)

Effective July 1, 2018, South Dakota Medicaid will cover Silver Diamine Fluoride, American Dental Association's Dental Procedure Code D1354. D1354 is used for interim caries arresting medicament 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.

The following criteria will apply to D1354:

- Service allowed for children or adults.
- Allowed for primary and permanent teeth.
- An application consists of all teeth diagnoses/treated on a date of service. Reimbursement is provided for the first four teeth noted on the claim form.
- Provider must identify all teeth treated on the claim.
- Allowed a maximum of two applications per year, per patient.
- Initial application should be done on same date of service as dental exam and diagnoses of caries.
- Allowed a maximum of four treatments per tooth, per patient, per lifetime.
- Future restoration is only allowed if medically necessary and a covered South Dakota Medicaid benefit. Teeth requiring restoration prior to one year after application of Silver Diamine Fluoride will require predetermination.
- Signed informed consent is strongly encouraged. An example for use can be found at: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4778976/figure/F4/>.

D1354 will be reimbursed at a rate of \$12.60 per tooth per application with a maximum per application reimbursement of \$50.40.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid