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Dental Hygiene Is Important

Multiple studies have demonstrated the correlation between poor oral health and poor health outcomes. Because more people visit their medical doctor for routine care than their dentist, you can help ensure the oral health of your patients by encouraging regular dental hygiene and visits.

For young children and adolescents, an oral risk assessment should be included in a well-child exam. For providers of Medicaid members less than seven years old, we cover the application of fluoride varnish in the medical office as a billable service utilizing code D1206.

Adults, especially pregnant women, should also be encouraged to see their dentist for routine oral care. Continue to reinforce the value of regular dental hygiene and oral care.

