



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

May 11, 2022

FQHC and RHC Providers

Effective April 1, 2019

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Dental Hygienist and Dental Hygienist with Limited Access Permit (LAP)

This notice informs enrolled Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that effective with services provided on or after April 1, 2019, a billable dental encounter includes services performed by dental hygienists under the general supervision of a licensed dentist and by dental hygienists with limited access permit (LAP). LAP hygienists must ensure compliance in accordance with MCA 37-4-405.

Fluoride varnish application only encounters are included in the provider's PPS rate. This service is an incidental to the preventative screening or dental visit and is not billable as a stand-alone visit.

Enrollment:

- LAP hygienists must enroll in Montana Healthcare Programs.
- Enrollment will be completed utilizing the rendering only provider application when employed by an FQHC/RHC.

Billing Guidance:

- Only one dental encounter per member per day is eligible for reimbursement.
- Allowable codes are identified on the Dental Hygienist fee schedule. The fee schedule is posted on the [Dental Page of the Provider Information Website](#)

Contact Information

FQHC and RHC Program Officer (406) 444-7018

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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