## Project Description / Purpose

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| **Project Name:** | Dental Varnish |
| **Clinic:** | *Southwest Behavioral & Health Services PCP Clinics* |
| **Process:** | *Applying dental varnish to children ages >6 mo to <5 years of age* |
| **TIP 2.0 Process Milestone:** | Identify at least one qualified provider, consistent with AHCCCS AMPM410, who is responsible for placing dental fluoride varnish at time of visit at each clinic.  Demonstrate that the position responsible for placing dental fluoride varnish is adequately trained. |
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| Oral health requires ongoing supervision from health care providers. At each well-child checkup, the provider should do an oral assessment noting the number and location of teeth erupted, visible cavities and other symptoms. The purpose of this project is to implement the use of fluoride varnish at all our PCP location to improve the overall health of our members >6 mo to <5 year of age. | |

## Project Overview

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| **Problem Summary:** | Oral health is critically important to overall health and well-being. Individuals who regularly visit a primary care provider (PCP) may not see a dentist, creating opportunities for PCPs to improve oral health. However, a lack of expertise among PCPs may limit their impact to improve public oral health. |
| **Desired Outcome(s):** | Train and educate our PCP providers on dental varnish application and increase the number dental varnishes applied to children ages >6 mo to <5 years of age at our PCP clinics. |
| **Benefits:** | Fluoride varnish applied every six (6) months is effective in preventing dental caries for primary and permanent teeth of children and adolescents at moderate to high risk for dental caries. |

## Timeline

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|  | **Description of Task and Completion Dates** |
| **Task 1** | Dental varnish CPTs codes are entered into the EMR 5/15/2024 |
| **Task 2** | Dental varnish supplies are ordered for all clinics 6/15/2024 |
| **Task 3** | PCPs to complete AHCCCS approved dental varnish certification training 7/1/2024 |
| **Task 4** | PCPs credentialed with health plans for dental varnish application 8/1/2024 |
| **Task 5** | PCPs begin to screen and apply dental varnish 9/1/2024 |

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## Project Scope

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| **In Scope Project Objectives** |
| The primary objective for this project is to have our PCPs trained on dental varnish application and begin to apply dental varnish within the next 3-5 months. |
| **Out of Scope Project Objectives or Activities** |
| Expansion of varnish application to patients >5-year-old. |

## Project Team

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| **Team Lead:** | Greg Choy | **Project Champion:** | Lynne Emmons |
| **Process Owner:** | Greg Choy | **Process Manager:** | Lynne Emmons |

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| **Stakeholders** | | | |
| **Stakeholder** | **Title** | **Department** | **Organization** |
| Greg Choy | Director of nursing | Outpatient Services | Southwest Behavioral |
| Michael Sweeney MD | Medical Director | Medical Services | Southwest Behavioral |
| Lynne Emmons | VP | Outpatient Services | Southwest Behavioral |
| Breanne Carmack | Lead RN | Outpatient Services | Southwest Behavioral |

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| **Project Team Members** | |
| **Name** | **Team Role** |
| *Arcelia Rael* | *EMR Integration* |
| *Jodi Barbie* | *Billing (CFS)* |
| Greg Choy | Project Chair |
| Lynne Emmons | TI 2.0 Lead |
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## Signatures

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| **Process Owner** |  |
| **Project Champion** |  |
| **Team Leader** |  |