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**Supplement**



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**TO:** PHYSICIANS OR OTHER QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

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**SUBJECT:** SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE (0792T) BY A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

The New Mexico Health Care Authority, Medical Assistance Division (NM HCA/MAD) is issuing this Supplement to provide reimbursement guidance for the procedure code 0792T for the **application of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) 38% Silver, by a physician or other qualified health care professional, effective October 1, 2024.**

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has designated SDF as a breakthrough therapy for the arrest of caries in children and adults. The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code approval for SDF will benefit patients by providing many new points of access for treating tooth decay, 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 medically necessary application of silver diamine fluoride 38% Silver, by a physician or other qualified health care professional for MAP eligible participants. Requirements and indications must be documented in the MAP eligible participant’s medical record.
  - a. With clinical evidence of caries assessed by a physician, certified nurse practitioner or physician assistant. Some indications for use of SDF are:
    - For children who are too young to receive conventional restorative treatment in a dental chair.
    - For MAP eligible participants of any age who are unable to undergo conventional dental treatment.
    - For MAP eligible older adults who have limited access to dental facilities.
    - For people with special needs who are unable to cooperate with dental treatment.
  
2. **Criteria for application of SDF 38% Silver, by a physician or other qualified health care professional:** 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 with only one bill.
  - c. Maximum of 4 treatments per tooth in a lifetime.
3. **Provider Requirements:** HCA/MAD pays for medically necessary health care services furnished by a New Mexico Medicaid enrolled provider NMAC [8.310.3](#). Eligible providers are physicians or other qualified health care professionals [Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNP), Certified Nurse Specialist (CNS) & Physician Assistants (PA)]. This guidance does not apply to dental providers.
4. **Prior Authorization:** A prior authorization is not required for this service.
5. **Billing and Coding:** HCA/MAD will cover, allow and reimburse procedure code 0792T - application of SDF 38% Silver, by a physician or other qualified health care professional.
- a. Independent practice may bill using CMS 1500 using procedure code 0792T. The provider must follow the eligibility requirements (as described in bullet #1 above) and are reimbursed at the Fee Schedule rate published at <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules/>.
    - Some providers are reimbursed a percentage of the fee schedule as stated in NMAC [8.310.3](#).
  - b. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), non-hospital based Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Indian Health Service (IHS) & eligible Tribal 638 may bill using the UB 04 Institutional claim with the appropriate revenue code and procedure code 0792T as part of their visit/encounter. SDF application services must follow the eligibility requirements (as described in bullet #1 above) and will bill be reimbursed using their appropriate encounter/Office of Management and Budget (OMB) rates.

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