

**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Dental Providers**

**Date: November 16, 2023**

**Subject: Updates to the Pediatric Dental Periodicity Schedule**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) issued Medical Assistance Bulletin (MAB) 27-23-15, *Updates to the Pediatric Dental Periodicity Schedule*,\* that incorporate changes resulting from the recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD).

Effective with dates of service on and after October 3, 2023, dental providers should use the newly updated schedule, titled “Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Oral Health Care”, as a guideline for providing these services.

DHS revised Pennsylvania’s 2023 Pediatric Dental Periodicity Schedule to include the Tobacco Use and Cessation Counseling recommendations to ensure alignment with AAPD recommendations. Tobacco Use and Cessation Counseling recommendations include counseling for tobacco, vaping and substance misuse for children between six and twenty-one years of age. There are no coding updates associated with the Pediatric Dental Periodicity Schedule. DHS also revised Pennsylvania’s 2023 Pediatric Dental Periodicity Schedule to reflect that Pennsylvania now pays for topical fluoride treatment for beneficiaries up to the age of 21."

\*To view the entire bulletin, including the updated periodicity schedule, go to our website at [www.amerihealthcaritaspa.com](http://www.amerihealthcaritaspa.com) → **Providers** → **Provider Resources** → **Dental Program** → **Dental Medical Assistance Bulletins**.

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