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# The Silver Bulletin®

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## Medical Management of Caries is Reaching Daily Practice

Dr. Joel Berg, Professor/Dean Emeritus at the University of Washington has written an article that highlights how management has evolved through the years. Treating the damage from the caries disease surgically is shifting preventing the disease at earlier stages. Take a read of this article published by Aegis Publishing. [Click here.](https://www.aegisdentalnetwork.com/id/2019/06/being-a-knife-doctor-and-a-pill-doctor) (<https://www.aegisdentalnetwork.com/id/2019/06/being-a-knife-doctor-and-a-pill-doctor>)

## California Passes Bill Making D1354 a Covered Treatment Through Medi-Cal

In our last Silver Bulletin, we announced that Bill 154 proposed by State Senator Richard Pan of California and signed by the CDA would make Silver Diamine Fluoride application a covered treatment under Medi-Cal. On May 24th the California Senate passed this bill and it's now on its way to the State Assembly for consideration. You can write-up here

(<https://adea.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/ind/bWFpbnGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9ODU5MjMyNCZ>)

## Numerous States Now Cover D1354 Through Medicaid

While the total number of states covering D1354 through Medicaid is difficult to track, numerous states are providing form of coverage. We believe that number is approaching, if not past, 30 states. Each of the states below are the most recent to provide SDF application coverage. You can view some supporting documentation by clicking each link

South Dakota ([https://dss.sd.gov/docs/mecaid/providers/ProviderBulletins/2018/silver\\_diamine\\_fluoride.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/docs/mecaid/providers/ProviderBulletins/2018/silver_diamine_fluoride.pdf))

North Dakota (<https://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/mecaid/docs/silver-diamine-fluoride-coding-guide.pdf>)

Pennsylvania (<https://www.amerhealthcaritaspa.com/pdf/provider/resources/dental-program/silver-diamine-fluoride.pdf>)

Illinois ([http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/publicationsohpsdf-guidance\\_0.pdf](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/publicationsohpsdf-guidance_0.pdf))

Iowa ([https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1962-FFS-D\\_CurrentDentalTerminology\\_CDT\\_D1354.pdf?08072019](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1962-FFS-D_CurrentDentalTerminology_CDT_D1354.pdf?08072019))

Tennessee (<http://www.dentaquest.com/state-plans/regions/tennessee/tenncare-dentist-page/provider-resources/silver-diamine-fluoride-tool-kit/>)

Wisconsin (<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/kw/pdf/2019-06.pdf>)

Vermont (<https://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/proposed-gcr-17-010-silverdiaminefluoride.pdf>) and here

(<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/WorkGroups/Senate%20Health%20and%20Welfare/Bills/S.94-28-2019.pdf>)

Michigan (<https://www.michigandental.org/Portals/pro/ProDocuments/Regulations/Guidelines/MSA%2016-38.pdf>)

Nevada ([http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Programs/OH/dta/Boards/2019\\_Meeting\\_and\\_Agenda/Training/Wyoming\\_Medicaid\\_2019.pdf](http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Programs/OH/dta/Boards/2019_Meeting_and_Agenda/Training/Wyoming_Medicaid_2019.pdf))

Wyoming ([https://wymedicaid.portal.conduent.com/Training/Wyoming\\_Medicaid\\_2019.pdf](https://wymedicaid.portal.conduent.com/Training/Wyoming_Medicaid_2019.pdf))

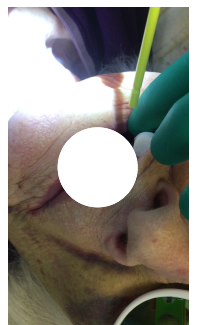
Alabama ([https://medicaid.alabama.gov/alert\\_detail.aspx?ID=13369](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/alert_detail.aspx?ID=13369))

Arkansas (<https://www.deltadentalsmilesforkids.com/pages/coverage/>)

These states join many others that have provided coverage in previous years as well.

## Treating Elderly Patients with SDF Continues to Increase

Since the American Dental Association published the August 2018 JADA article regarding controlling root caries in elderly patients (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6064675/>), the use of SDF in elderly patients has continued to expand. Kyle Isaacs, RDHEP, owns a program called MilesTwoSmiles (<https://milestvosmiles.com/>) that provides care to elderly patients who are unable to access care for a variety of reasons. She's recorded application videos to show how well SDF can prevent pain and otherwise help patients who have limited treatment options. Here's an example of her work.



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## SDF Continues to Gain Traction at the Policy Level

A publication called Health Affairs, which is highly regarded by policy makers in Washington D.C. and other policy makers, published an article discussing Silver Diamine Fluoride and the need for practicing clinicians to use it now. Chair current practices are said to take an average of 17 years to become common. According to the article, SDF deserves to make that leap faster. Read the full article here. (<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20190328.926>)

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## SDF Compared to ART? New Study Reveals the Facts

A recent clinical trial investigated the efficacy of Silver Diamine Fluoride 30% (SDF) in arresting dentin caries in primary molars of preschoolers. The study compared adverse effects, parental aesthetic perceptions, anxiety and oral health quality measures of SDF compared to Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART). Sixty Eight patients were randomized to SDF and ART treatment groups.

The study concluded that SDF requires much less chair time and was found to have similar results compared to arresting caries, anxiety, adverse events, aesthetic perceptions and quality of life. Read the full article here (<https://www.drbcuspids.com/index.aspx?sec=sup&sub=rst&pag=dis&itemID=324768>).

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## SDF Has Caught the Attention of Primary Care Physicians

A recent study published in the Journal of Public Health Dentistry reviewed the feasibility of having primary care providers apply Silver Diamine Fluoride in an effort to reduce Early Childhood Caries (ECC) among Medicaid patients. In Vermont where this study took place, one in four pediatric Medicaid patients visits the dental office. Many of these at-risk patients visit their primary care providers but fewer visit the pediatric dentist office. The study concluded that SDF application by primary care providers with or without a hygienist on site is beneficial, and that the strategy holds potential for reducing ECC. Read the full article here (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jphd.12331>).

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## SMART Technique? SMART Advantage.



If you've been hesitant to use the Silver Modified Atraumatic Restorative (SMART) restoration method, now is the time to start. Elevate Oral Care has developed a true high-viscosity, self-cure glass ionomer that is designed specifically to mask SDF discolorations. When necessary, using SDF under restoration is easy to do, effective for the patient, and aesthetic using SMART Advantage glass ionomer as a base or layer in a sandwich technique. It can be a bulk fill in its own, or in combination with other translucent materials for that tooth appearance.

Delivered in A1 and A2 shade capsules, SMART Advantage is a great option for dental practice using SDF.

Available September 1, 2019!

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## Yellow, to Prevent Confusion

With the growing acceptance of SMART restorations and Silver Diamine Fluoride use with glass ionomers, there is a need to have an easily discernible polyacrylic acid tooth conditioner. Many polyacrylic acids or phosphoric acids are white and SDF is blue also. Elevate has answered this need and is launching SMART Tooth Conditioner. This yellow translucent polyacrylic acid is the safe and easy option to prevent confusion in your office. Your assistants will love this ease of use and you will love the price from your direct prevention source, Elevate Oral Care.

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## Toothprints Dental ID Kit is Here to Safeguard Your Patients



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