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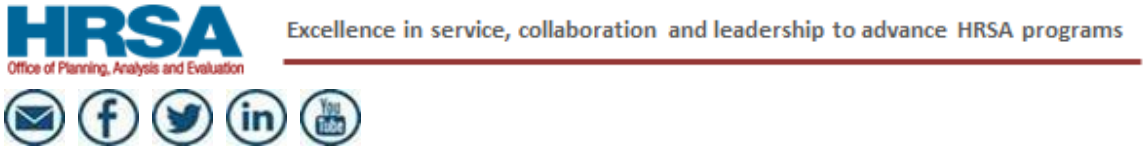

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Replacing Dental Sealants for Children Between 6-9 years with CMS74v9 Primary Caries Prevention Intervention as Offered by Primary Care Providers, Including Dentists: The replacement measure, which is the percentage of children age 0-20 years who received a fluoride varnish application, is applicable to a broader patient population than the use of dental sealants, more applicable to primary care settings by measuring oral health activities that health centers without dentists can employ, and is part of the CMS Merit-based Incentive Payment System quality payment program measure set.

I agree with this replacement enthusiastically. And have thought this for a few years.
I think the current UDS measure is:
Too limited
Difficult to justify measuring only one sealant in just this age group as a meaningful.

Difficult to achieve. Our rate has fluctuated from 25% to 45% over 15 years. More preventive fluoride services by more health professionals will result in improved child population health.

Thank You