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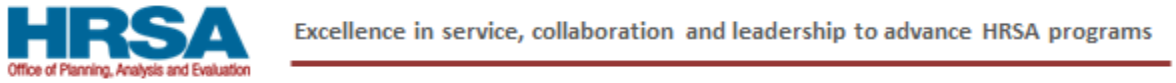

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Replacing Dental Sealants for Children Between 6-9 years with CMS74v9 Primary Caries Prevention Intervention as Offered by Primary Care Providers, Including Dentists

Opposed to replacing the metric. A better stategy would be to add to the existing metric

1. The specific measure recommended by HRSA is not a validated measure. One varnish application in a year has not been proven to do anything. The current UDS sealant measure is a validated measure and an evidenced base procedure.
2. Health centers have invested a lot of time and money in developing the ability to track the sealant measure. We would be starting all over again with this new metric.
3. The health centers across the country have been able to move the sealant measure very well over the years . As you know, sealants are one of few evidence based procedures we have in dentistry. There's no reason to stop all our efforts in moving a validated measure and replacing it one that's not validated.

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