For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS AND NURSES TO APPLY FLUORIDE VARNISH TO A CHILD’S TEETH AFTER APPROPRIATE TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS AND NURSES TO APPLY FLUORIDE VARNISH TO A CHILD’S TEETH AFTER APPROPRIATE TRAINING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 82, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-82-110. Administration of fluoride varnish by physicians and nurses.

(a) Following a risk assessment of the child’s oral health approved by the Department of Health, a physician may apply fluoride varnish to a child’s teeth after the physician has completed training on dental caries risk assessment and fluoride varnish application approved by the department.

(b) Under physician supervision approved by the Department of Health, fluoride varnish application may be delegated to a nurse or other licensed health care professional who has completed training on dental caries risk assessment and fluoride varnish application approved by the department.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. The Department of Health shall adopt rules to implement this act.
/s/D. Johnson