

WHAT IS SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE?



Silver diamine fluoride (SDF) is a safe and effective treatment that can stop a cavity.

SDF kills bacteria on contact. It can stop decay from spreading. SDF reinforces the tooth and makes it stronger. It also makes the tooth less sensitive.

A very small brush is used to apply SDF to the surface(s) of the tooth affected by decay. The application process is quick and painless.

SDF is an effective treatment for:

- Children and adults.
- Those whose cavities cannot be treated at one appointment.
- Very young children who are fearful of going to the dentist.

SDF may be an alternative to treatment in a medical facility using sedation.

SDF may also be recommended for those who are unable to sit for longer treatment.

When SDF is applied to the decayed area of the tooth, **it will stain.**

- This means the decay in the tooth is being stopped.
- SDF will not stain areas of the tooth that do not have a cavity.

In some cases, no further treatment of the decayed tooth is necessary. In other cases, teeth treated with SDF will still need a filling or crown in the future. Your dentist will watch the tooth and determine if further treatment is needed.

If SDF is recommended, your dentist will answer any questions you may have. SDF is a covered benefit for eligible members. Contact member services at 1-800-207-5019 to check eligibility.

NEED HELP?

Get answers through the new MassHealth member portal at www.masshealth-dental.net

