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## Partners For Kids Earns NCQA Certification in Credentialing

Partners For Kids has been certified by the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) in Credentialing. NCQA certification is a voluntary process that is governed by the Standards for Certification in Credentialing and developed with the assistance of representatives from NCQA's Standards Committee, Review Oversight Committee and input from other organizations.

“Achieving Credentialing certification from NCQA demonstrates that Partners For Kids has the systems, process and personnel in place to conduct credentialing in accordance with the strictest quality standards,” said Margaret E. O’Kane, President of NCQA.

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA is committed to providing health care quality information for consumers, purchasers, health care providers and researchers. NCQA has reviewed and certified Partners For Kids’ Credentialing functions only. For complete details on the scope of this review, visit [www.ncqa.org](http://www.ncqa.org).

## Sports Physicals Combined with Well-Care Visits

In preparation for fall sports activities, summer is a great time to promote sports physicals as a component of a comprehensive well-care visit to your patients. Education is critical to ensure that parents understand that sports physicals do not take the place of well-care visits; however, sports clearance questions can be incorporated into an annual well check. Please remember to include a copy of the school sports physical form with the patient’s records.

## On My Way

In response to the Ohio Department of Medicaid transitioning members who are in the State’s foster care program from fee-for-service Medicaid into managed Medicaid, United Healthcare Community Plan created “On My Way,” a web based portal developed to help members transition out of foster care to independent living. Frequently Asked Questions are attached for your review. This site is designed for member’s ages 14 to 26. Members may register online at: [uhcOMW.com](http://uhcOMW.com).

## Change in Molina Billing Policy

Effective July 1, 2017, Molina will no longer accept paper claims from participating providers. All claims will need to be submitted electronically via a clearing house or the Molina provider portal. Molina is also requiring providers to enroll for electronic fund transfers (EFT) and electronic remittance advice (ERA). Molina will offer WebEx training sessions regarding electronic submission in the month of May. Please refer to the attached Molina Provider Bulletin for remaining dates, times and registration information.

## Coverage for Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medications

Managed Medicaid plans will cover many OTC products as long as a prescription is written. For specific details on covered OTC products, refer to the “Ohio Managed Medicaid Pharmacy Coverage” prescribing resource found on the [Partners For Kids website](#) on the [Resources](#) tab.

## Out-of-Network Pharmacies

Walgreens pharmacies are out-of-network for Buckeye Health Plan and Molina patients.

## Contact Partners For Kids Provider Relations

If you have questions regarding any of the information in this newsletter, please contact us at:

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## **Pinworm Products**

While there are several options for pinworm treatment, Pyrantel Pamoate or Reese's Pinworm is a clinical and cost effective option for patients. It is covered by all managed Medicaid plans and pharmacies are easily able to order the product. Other options for pinworm such as Albenza® (albendazole) and Emverm® (mebendazole) are significantly more expensive and are not widely covered.

## **Did you know?**

Olivia Valenti and Alina Antonyuk have recently joined Partners For Kids as quality outreach coordinators (QOC). Improving the number of children who have completed a well care visit in the past 12 months has been a chief priority for PFK and its member practices for several years. The position of QOC was created to work directly with practices in conducting outreach to patients who are overdue for visits. In addition, QOCs offer support to the efforts of the Practice Facilitation staff and other QI initiatives that PFK undertakes. Olivia and Alina are excited to work with you and your practice to ensure patients receive the best care possible. If you have any questions about QOCs and how they can work with your practice, contact Joshua Nowack ([Joshua.nowack@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:Joshua.nowack@nationwidechildrens.org) or (614) 355-5532) or your PFK Provider Relations representative.

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