



October 2017

2018 Single Preferred Drug List

Partners For Kids has learned that the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is planning to implement a single preferred drug list (PDL). The implementation date of January 1, 2018 has been delayed by the state; the new implementation date is July 1, 2018. We will update you directly as we learn more.

Reminder: Partners For Kids Provider Satisfaction Survey

This past Monday, you should have received an email for the Partners For Kids Provider Satisfaction Survey. Please remember to submit your response by **October 31, 2017!** Respondents who include their contact information will be entered into a drawing for lunch for their office. Three winners will be selected. Multiple entries from your office will improve your odds of winning!

If you have not yet taken the survey, you may find it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017PFKProviderSurvey>

ECHO Autism

Educational resources for primary care practices caring for children with autism are available through the Child Development Center (CDC) Research Office at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The program called "ECHO Autism" includes a series of virtual learning sessions for medical providers facilitated by autism and behavior experts designed to increase confidence in identifying and treating autism symptoms, expand knowledge about behavioral treatments and provide access to the Autism Intervention Research Network Project. Participating practices earn CME credits. Interested practices should contact the CDC Research office at (614) 355-7500 or CDCResearch@nationwidechildrens.org.

Nationwide Children's Hospital Pediatric Home Care Conference

The 2nd Annual Pediatric Home Care Conference, co-sponsored by Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Ohio Council for Home Care, is November 2, 2017, from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Registration begins at 7:30 am at the NCH Education Center located at 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205. The focus this year is on Patient and Family-Centered Care with opening and closing General Sessions provided by Juliette Schlucter, Director of Child and Family Experience at the Sala Institute for Child and Family-Centered Care, Hassenfeld Children's Hospital - NYU Langone. The conference will have hands on simulation sessions with CE's available for nurses, social workers and therapists. The brochure is attached and for your convenience. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/pedshomecare> to register.

Effective Dates for Newly Credentialed Providers

When a new provider is credentialed, the "effective date" indicates the date from which a provider is considered in-network and may be reimbursed as an in-network provider for services he/she renders. While the health plans must load the effective date that PFK provides in their claims systems, it may take the plans 60 - 90 days after the effective date to complete the process of adding new providers to their claims systems. If the payor receives a claim for a new provider before the provider has been loaded, the claim will be denied as if a non-participating provider rendered the service. Best practice is for offices to hold claims for new providers for 60-90 days after the provider's effective date (or until the practice confirms the provider has been loaded) before submitting claims.

CareSource: Flu and Strep Testing

CareSource has begun to resolve issues surrounding billing for flu and strep testing. The claims edits have been reconfigured and as of September 27, 2017, new claims should be paid. A mass claims adjustment is in process to repay any claims incorrectly denied between August 8, 2016 and September 26, 2017. Please see the attached CareSource Network Notification from September 22, 2017 for additional details.

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Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following providers and practices who joined the PFK provider network in October 2017:

- Adam M. Kirkland, MD - Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians, Inc.
- Elizabeth L. Kirkland, MD - Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians, Inc.
- Imad Moiduddin, MD - Northwest Pediatrics, Inc.

Important Dates

November 2 – NCH Pediatric Home Care Conference co-sponsored by the Ohio Council for Home Care, from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at the NCH Education Center.

November 23 – The offices of Partners For Kids will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday; however, PFK offices will re-open on November 24th.

Week of November 27 – 2017 Physician Incentive Program (PIP) Q2 check distribution

Did you know?

Have you checked out **PartnersForKids.org** lately? The site has a new, clean look and feel, making it easier to find resources you need, such as prescribing guidelines and practice resources. The new website is also mobile friendly, so you can view it on your phone or tablet.

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