



December 2018

Physician Incentive Program Open Forums

Partners For Kids is hosting three open forum conference calls in January for you to learn and ask questions about changes to the 2019 Physician Incentive Program:

- Tuesday, January 8, 12:30 to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 to 8 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 9, 5 to 5:30 p.m.

You may join the call by dialing (614) 355-5333 or (855) 888-5439. The conference ID is 1103805.

Save the Date! Partners For Kids Quarterly Webinar on Best Practices for Asthma Management in Primary Care

The next Partners For Kids Quarterly Webinar takes place Wednesday, January 16, from noon to 1 p.m. Our featured speakers is Beth Allen, MD, pulmonologist from Nationwide Children's Hospital and Susan Mills, respiratory therapist from Pediatric Associates. They will discuss the clinical importance of the Asthma Control Test, risk assessments and spirometry and how to clinically implement the asthma management plan. The webinar is approved for one hour of category one continuing education for providers and staff. Physician's participation will also fulfill their Partners For Kids Physician Incentive Program network requirement for 2019. For more information, email PFKProviderRel@NationwideChildrens.org.

Project ECHO – Behavioral Health Collaboration

Partners For Kids is establishing a new behavioral health collaboration in 2019. Developed by the University of New Mexico, Project ECHO is designed to help move knowledge, not patients, through facilitated case discussions. A learning loop is created through a hub and spoke knowledge sharing model. At the hub, specialists in the areas of child psychiatry, psychology, pharmacy and social work facilitate a discussion between community providers. Best practices will emerge, allowing community providers to treat more patients, acquire new knowledge and to build a community of practice. Project ECHO has been shown to reduce health disparities while also developing and retaining community workforce. Ultimately, with increased access to care, our patients are able to receive the right care at the right place and time. If you have any questions about Project ECHO, please contact Josh Nowack at Joshua.Nowack@NationwideChildrens.org or at (614) 355-5532.

Behavioral Health Redesign/Psychological Testing

Effective January 1, 2019, updated CPT codes for Psychological Testing for community behavioral health services will take effect:

Effective January 1, 2019			
New	Description	Basis	Rate
96130	Psychological testing evaluation	First 60 minutes	\$59.26
96131	Psychological testing evaluation	Additional 60 minutes	\$45.04
96112	Developmental testing	First 60 minutes	\$56.11
96113	Developmental testing	Additional 30 minutes	\$42.64
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam	First 60 minutes	\$64.10
96121	Neurobehavioral status exam	Additional 60 minutes	\$55.13
96132	Neuropsychological testing evaluation	First 60 minutes	\$78.31
96133	Neuropsychological testing evaluation	Additional 60 minutes	\$59.52

Please note that each service will now be reported using two different codes, based upon the amount of time the service is rendered. Annual limits under the new codes are:

- Up to 12 hours per patient per calendar year for 96130, 96131, 96112, 96113, 96116 and 96121.
- Up to 8 hours per patient per calendar year for 96132 and 96133.
- Prior authorization is required should additional testing be necessary in a calendar year.



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ADHD Preferred Prescribing – Supply-Related Issues

Our [Prescribing Guidelines for Behavioral Health](#) include prescribing recommendations for ADHD, disruptive behavior disorders, anxiety disorders and depression, and autism spectrum disorder, as well as a comprehensive medication list for Medicaid plans of preferred and non-preferred agents.

Metadate CD (methylphenidate CD 10mg, 20mg, 30mg, 40mg, 50mg, 60mg) continues to be a preferred ADHD medication. You may hear that this is on back order, but some manufacturers and strengths are available. To help patients who regularly take Metadate CD, Partners For Kids Pharmacy recommends communicating with your patient's community pharmacist to check their wholesaler for other manufacturers/national drug code (NDCs) to order and to see if another pharmacy in the area has it available for the patient to fill the prescription there.

For questions about the prescribing resources or how a pharmacist can assist your practice with prescribing, contact PFKPharmacy@NationwideChildrens.org.

Update on Unified Preferred Drug List

The [Preferred Drug List](#) will be updated effective January 1, 2019. The Preferred Drug List encompasses common pediatric-treated conditions' medications, costs and coverages by the five Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and Ohio Medicaid Fee-For-Service.

As a reminder, Ohio's five Medicaid MCOs pay Partners for Kids a capitation fee for each child. Partners For Kids then takes total financial responsibility for medical, dental, vision and prescription care for these children. However, the MCOs still update and maintain their own individual drug formularies, which typically change on a quarterly basis. Partners For Kids Pharmacists regularly advocate to the plans regarding pediatric conditions and access to the medications needed to treat them for inclusion on that MCOs' specific formulary.

You may have heard that the Ohio Department of Medicaid was implementing a unified Preferred Drug List (meaning all MCOs would need to follow the same formulary) for diabetes, hepatitis C and medication assisted treatment for addiction. Ohio Medicaid announced in early December that this initiative would be delayed indefinitely. Therefore, each individual MCO will still maintain its own Preferred Drug List and Partners For Kids Pharmacy will continue to update our [Preferred Drug List](#).

Behavioral Health Webinars in 2019

Nationwide Children's Hospital and Partners For Kids plan to continue the [Behavioral Health Webinars](#). For primary care physicians, participation in any of these webinars will count for your network requirement in 2019. Save these dates:

- Wednesday, February 13, 2019
- Thursday, April 11, 2019
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019
- Thursday, September 12, 2019
- Wednesday, October 16, 2019
- Thursday, November 14, 2019

[View past webinars.](#)



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Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following providers and practices who joined the Partners For Kids provider network in December:

Rosa Bolen, LISW - The Village Network
Jenette Karger, LISW - The Village Network
Angel Kessler, LPCC - The Village Network
Jared Mueller, LISW - The Village Network
Nanette McLemore, LPCC - The Village Network
Anne Myers, LPCC - The Village Network
Stacy McFann, LPCC-S - Necco
Joy Puckett, LISW - Necco
Reyna Gilmore, MD - Necco
Carol Klein, MD - Necco
Lisa La Du, LISW - Life and Purpose
Charles Winkler, LPCC - Buckeye Ranch
Patricia Gentile, MD - Buckeye Ranch
Alyssa LaVoy, CNP - Mill Valley Pediatrics

Important Dates

December 24 – PFK Office closes at 2:30 p.m.
December 25 – PFK Office closed in observance of Christmas
December 31 – PFK Office closes at 2:30 p.m.
January 1 – PFK Office closed in observance of New Year's Day
January 16 – Quarterly Webinar: “Best Practices for Asthma Management in Primary Care,” noon to 1 p.m.
January 24 – Provider Relations e-newsletter distribution

Did you know?

Partners For Kids staff actively uses the feedback from the Provider Satisfaction Survey to enhance the services we provide to your practices. View a [summary of the action steps](#) that Partners For Kids will implement in response to the most recent survey comments.

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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