



**April 2019**

## **Welcome Partners For Kids New Medical Director**

Gilbert Liu, MD, MS, has joined Partners For Kids as our new medical director. Dr. Liu comes to Nationwide Children's Hospital from the Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services where he was the chief medical officer. He was also the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Endowed Chair of Urban Health Policy Research and a professor in the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

In addition to his pediatric clinical training at the University of North Carolina, he completed a master's degree in biomedical engineering and fellowship in medical informatics. Dr. Liu is passionate about improving communities and has a track record of developing programs that serve children and engage community champions. Dr. Liu and his colleagues applied numerous federal research grants to study neighborhoods, and modify environmental factors associated with chronic conditions of childhood. Dr. Liu developed collaborations with the medical school and university, public officials, city government, community organizations and a local school district.

Dr. Liu is working with Partners For Kids on a part-time basis until June 3. As of April 22, he will be available to assist Partners For Kids providers. He may be reached at [Gilbert.Liu@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Gilbert.Liu@NationwideChildrens.org).

## **Thank You, Dr. Cardamone!**

Join the Partners For Kids team in thanking Dr. Steve Cardamone as he transitions into his next role, concentrating on professional development and coaching. Dr. Cardamone has been a major factor in the recent growth and success of Partners For Kids. He has developed a strong foundation of excellence in partnering with our physician members to deliver high-value care through programs such as QI Coaching, Pharmacy Consultation and Patient Outreach.

## **Ohio Department of Medicaid Re-Procurement Process**

In February, Gov. DeWine asked the Department of Medicaid to initiate a re-procurement process. This means that the state will ask managed care companies to submit bids to manage the managed Medicaid Program in Ohio. Gov. DeWine said he wants to ensure Ohio taxpayers are getting the best value from the managed care contracts. The bid process will be open to the current payors and any new payors wishing to enter the Managed Medicaid market. The number of bids that will be awarded is not known at this time. The process will begin with Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) meeting with key stakeholders to define the services and other requirements for bids. Providers are likely to receive invitations to join provider networks from payors that are interested in submitting bids. Partners For Kids intends to participate with the health plans that are ultimately chosen by ODM, so no additional action is required from Partners For Kids providers at this time. The last re-procurement process occurred in 2011 and took approximately 18 months.

## **Partners For Kids Office Manager and Staff Retreat**

Partners For Kids is hosting our second annual retreat for office managers and staff at Nationwide Children's Hospital's Stecker Auditorium, 700 Children's Dr., Columbus, on Friday, June 7. The theme is "Managing Change in the Primary Care Office." Our featured speaker is Brandon Kozar, PsyD, MBA, director of Leadership Coaching and Development at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Hear and share best practices for managing change from other office managers and administrative staff. Meet members of Partners For Kids' Behavioral Health network and learn about their services. Registration and breakfast begin at 8 a.m., and the retreat takes place from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please confirm your attendance and dietary requests by May 24 to [PFKProviderRel@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:PFKProviderRel@NationwideChildrens.org).

## **Prescribing Resources Update**

Two prescribing resources have been updated. With regular formulary changes occurring, the [Preferred Drug List for Ohio Medicaid Plans](#) has up-to-date coverage information for fee-for-service Ohio Medicaid and the five Managed Medicaid Plans for select drug classes. A brief table highlighting changes is found in [Pharmacy Coverage Updates – April 2019](#). For questions about the prescribing resources or how a pharmacist can assist your practice with prescribing, contact [PFKPharmacy@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:PFKPharmacy@NationwideChildrens.org).



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## EFT Enrollment Instructions for Medicaid Plans

To expedite payment, decrease lag time and go green, use electronic payment options available through each Medicaid Managed Care Plan. Learn more by visiting the websites below:

Manage Care Plan	Electronic Payment Option
Buckeye Community Health Plan	<a href="#">Click here - PaySpan Health</a>
CareSource	<a href="#">Click here - Instamed</a>
Molina Healthcare	<a href="#">Click here - Change Healthcare</a>
Paramount Advantage	<a href="#">Click here - Emdeon</a>
United Healthcare Community Plan	<a href="#">Click here - EPS</a>

## Partners For Kids Member Outreach Program Changes Name

The Partners For Kids Member Outreach Program is now the Patient Outreach Program to more clearly describe the services offered. From September through November 2018, this team contacted more than 3,000 children on behalf of community-based Partners For Kids primary care providers to coordinate well-check appointments. If you are interested in having the patient outreach staff contact your practice's patients, please contact Josh Nowack at [Joshua.Nowack@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Joshua.Nowack@NationwideChildrens.org).

## Advantages of Credentialing With All Plans

Partners For Kids has delegated credentialing agreements in place with all five of the Medicaid Managed Care Plans in Ohio. The benefit to you and your practice is that one application with Partners For Kids will credential you with all five of the Medicaid Managed Care Plans. Even if you choose to not accept new patients and have zero capacity, being credentialed with all five plans may help maintain the continuum of care for patients. This could also help your practice be reimbursed for services and avoid the possibility of providing care to them without realizing they changed managed care plans. If you have questions about your participation status and patient panel size, contact your provider relations specialist.

## Children's Practicing Pediatricians Vaccine Management Summit

Children's Practicing Pediatricians is sponsoring a half-day conference on "Vaccines on the Horizon," Thursday, May 2, at the Renaissance Hotel Westerville-Polaris. The keynote speaker, Dr. Kristen Feemster, is director of Research for the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and medical director of the Immunization Program and Acute Communicable Diseases at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. The fee is \$25 per registrant and \$10 for each additional person from your practice or network. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 7:15 a.m., followed by the program from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is included. For additional information and to register, [click here](#).

## Important Dates

**April 22** – Partners For Kids Quarterly Webinar, noon to 1 p.m.

**May 2** – CPP Vaccine Management Summit, Renaissance Hotel, Westerville-Polaris. Breakfast and Registration 7:15 a.m., program 8 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.; lunch/closing remarks 12:20 to 1 p.m.

**May 9** – Nationwide Children's/Partners For Kids Practice Fitness Series, "The State of Telemedicine in Ohio," Nationwide Children's Hospital – Stecker Auditorium. Dinner at 5:30 pm, program 6 to 8 p.m.

**May 23** – Provider Relations e-newsletter distribution

**May 27** – PFK will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

**Week of May 27** – Provider Incentive Program check distribution

**July 11** – (Save the Date) PFK Quarterly Webinar, noon to 1 pm



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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 April:

Tara Klingler, CNP - Health One, Inc.  
Michelle Meffley, LISW - North Community Counseling Centers, Inc  
Danielle Y. Beltz, PMHNP - Providers for Healthy Living  
Eileen Bline, LISW - Providers for Healthy Living  
Melissa Edelmayer, LISW - Providers for Healthy Living  
Molly S. Hawke, MD - Providers for Healthy Living  
David R. Krenrick, LISW - Providers for Healthy Living  
Matthew Lowe, DO - Providers for Healthy Living  
Larissa M. Mehling, PMHNP - Providers for Healthy Living  
Mary Kathryn Morgan, PA-C - Providers for Healthy Living  
Melanie S. Pond, LISW - Providers for Healthy Living  
Wendy R. Pugh, LISW - Providers for Healthy Living  
Nicholas W. Reichert, LISW - Providers for Healthy Living  
Deborah A. Rich, PhD - Providers for Healthy Living  
David J. Root, LISW - Providers for Healthy Living  
Emily R. Talbott, LISW - Providers for Healthy Living  
Wesley D Weidle, PA-C - Providers for Healthy Living  
Nicole Wurstle, PA-C - Providers for Healthy Living  
Jessica R. Fowler, LPCC - The Village Network

## Did You Know?

Partners for Kids Care Navigation provides care coordination services for children:

- Diagnosed with complex medical or behavioral conditions
- Enrolled in Medicaid through Molina Healthcare, Buckeye Community Plan, Paramount Advantage or United Healthcare Community Plan.
- Living in one of Partners for Kids 34 delegated counties

If you think a child would benefit from care coordination services, email [PFKCareCoordination@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:PFKCareCoordination@NationwideChildrens.org) or call (855) 562-4735. Would you like to learn more about Care Navigation and how we can collaborate to improve outcomes for children seen in your practice? We would love to [talk](#) with you! Our Care Navigation Provider Engagement Team is here to help connect you with care coordination resources! We can host a brief webinar, or in-person visit for your practice to learn more about Care Navigation and listen to your ideas on how to better connect our care coordinators with your providers! If interested, please contact [PFKProviderRel@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:PFKProviderRel@NationwideChildrens.org) or call (614) 355-5503.

## Contact Partners For Kids Provider Relations

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

Email: [PFKProviderRel@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:PFKProviderRel@NationwideChildrens.org)

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