



**August 2019**

## **Ohio Department of Medicaid Fee Schedule Update**

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) regularly updates the [fee schedule](#) for non-institutional services. As of July 1, no major changes were made that impact primary care. [View the fee schedule for primary care providers.](#)

There have been several increases to the Medicaid Fee Schedule for Community Behavioral Health Providers administered by OHMHAS. Please note that these changes will only apply to those Partners For Kids practices who bill as a type 84 or 95 entity. The services receiving increases effective August 1 include, but are not limited to:

- Psychotherapy for crisis
- Psychotherapy for individuals
- Psychotherapy for groups
- Psychotherapy for multi-family groups
- Group therapeutic behavioral services, including day treatments and per diem

For full details, including CPT codes and reimbursement changes by provider type, please refer to the [Ohio Department of Medicaid's Behavioral Health Provider Manual](#).

## **Behavioral Health Resources Available on the Partners For Kids Website**

A variety of behavioral health resources for behavioral health and primary care providers, as well as your patient families are available [on our website](#). Resources include nine webinars on a variety of behavioral health topics, blogs, information about the Positive Parenting Program and suicide prevention resources. Please provide us with feedback on additional topics that are of interest to you and your patients.

## **Project ECHO Behavioral Health**

Project ECHO (Extension of Community Health Outcomes) child behavioral health was launched in January as a joint initiative of Partners For Kids and Nationwide Children's Hospital. Project ECHO is a learning collaborative that uses telehealth technology with interactive case-based learning in a "hub and spoke model." The primary goal is to increase knowledge, comfort and capacity of primary care providers in managing behavioral health disorders in their offices. The first cohort included seven pediatric practices in central and southeast Ohio. An average of 22 participants consistently participated in each of the program's 10 sessions.

The multidisciplinary hub team, led by Dr. Ujjwal Ramtekkar, associate medical director for Partners For Kids, consisted of experts in psychiatry, psychology, pharmacy, social work and a parent advisor to facilitate the case discussion and recommendations, thereby connecting communities to specialty resources. Several clinical cases, ranging from mild anxiety disorder to severe eating disorder, were presented by the participating primary care providers and discussed during the sessions. Survey results indicated high satisfaction by participants. Over 95% of participants reported improvement in overall knowledge, clinical tools and medication management of common behavioral health conditions. The second cohort started in July with another set of highly engaged providers representing nine pediatric practices, including a school-based primary care clinic.

Two behavioral health cohorts are being planned per year. The group also plans to launch a separate ECHO for autism in September. [Click here](#) for more information on ECHO autism. If you're interested in participating in a future cohort, email [ProjectECHO@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:ProjectECHO@NationwideChildrens.org). Please specify whether you are interested a behavioral health or autism-focused series.



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### **Improving Access to Contraception for Your Adolescent Patients**

University of California San Francisco has developed an online curriculum, "[Beyond the Pill](#)," that gives an overview of contraceptive methods, reviews counseling approaches, addresses common misinformation around contraceptive use and explains how to integrate contraceptives (specifically long acting reversible contraceptives/LARC) into your clinic services. This free, 90-minute training is designed for all health care providers and staff, and offers continuing education credit for completion. [Learn more.](#)

Our Quality Improvement Coaching team can offer project support if you are interested in integrating more adolescent reproductive health services into your office. For more information, email [PFKQICoaching@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:PFKQICoaching@NationwideChildrens.org) or your Partners For Kids QI Coordinator.

### **Delayed Influenza Vaccine for the 2019-2020 Flu Season**

Sanofi Pasteur has announced a delay in the distribution of influenza vaccine for the 2019-2020 flu season, due to the World Health Organization matching strains of H3N2 viruses expected during the season. Shipments of the vaccine will begin in mid-August through the end of November.

### **Practice Fitness Primary Care Series: Practice Transformation**

The Central Ohio Pediatric Society (COPS) and Practice Fitness Primary Care Series are co-hosting a presentation, "Practice Transformation," on September 18 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at La Navona in Gahanna. Ann R. Edwards, MD, FAAP, will be the featured guest speaker. Dr. Edwards is the senior vice president, Primary Care and Specialty Pediatrics at the American Academy of Pediatrics. Registration is \$25 for COPS members and \$35 for non-members. [Register now.](#)

### **Molina Change to Reconsideration Request Forms**

Effective August 1, Molina has implemented a policy to reject claim disputes or authorization reconsiderations that are submitted incomplete and/or are submitted on the incorrect form. Any claim dispute related to a denial for anything other than authorization must be submitted on a "[Request for Claim Reconsideration Form](#)." Any request involving an authorization must use an "[Authorization Request Form](#)." [Access the forms.](#)

Additional details regarding this policy may be found in the [August Molina Provider Bulletin](#).

### **Reminder: Notify Us of Provider Resignations**

When a provider leaves your practice, please remember to notify us. Your Provider Relations Specialist can assist you. You can email this information to either [Michelle Bronner](#), or [Bob Pastva](#). Please provide a 30-day written notice in regards to the resignation.

### **Welcome New Members**

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

Benjamin W. Cole, MD - Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians, Inc.  
Emily K. Gray, MD - Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians, Inc.  
Kathleen M. McGann, PsyD - Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc.  
Amanda F. Price, LISW - National Youth Advocate Program



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## **Important Dates**

**September 2** – Partners For Kids is closed in observance of Labor Day

**September 11** – [Behavioral Management webinar featuring Cody Hostutler, PhD, from noon to 1 p.m.](#)

**September 18** – Central Ohio Pediatric Society/Nationwide Children's Hospital "Practice Transformation," at La Navona. Social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**September 19** – Provider Relations e-newsletter distribution

**October 29** – Partners For Kids Quarterly Webinar from noon to 1 p.m.

## **Did you know?**

Member choice is the most accurate way for patients to be attributed to a rendering provider. The 2019 Attribution Model is based on the following methodology:

- First criteria: Assign members based on member choice.
- Second criteria: If member choice isn't expressed, attribute member based on claims from visits.
- Third criteria: If neither member choice nor visit claims are available – assign member based on non-claims considerations.

To ensure that patients are accurately attributed, it is imperative that the rendering provider's name appear on the patients Medicaid managed care card. This process may be completed by filling out the PCP Change Request Form [found on our website](#) and faxing it to the appropriate payor. If you have questions, please contact [PFKProRelations@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:PFKProRelations@nationwidechildrens.org).

## **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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