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Paramount Health Plan Ceasing Managed Medicaid Operations in Central and Southeast Regions

Paramount Health Care announced that it intends to discontinue its managed Medicaid operations in the central and southeast regions of the state. The approximately 32,000 members that it serves (including almost 13,000 pediatric members) will be transitioned to the other managed Medicaid plans over the next 3 to 5 months. Announcement letters have been sent to all Paramount members and providers.

Paramount is working with Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) on a more detailed letter for affected members that will provide instructions on how to transition to a new health plan. Partners For Kids is contacting ODM and the other managed Medicaid plans to advocate on behalf of our pediatric members and providers on a variety of issues related to the transition, including ensuring that members:

- Are able to remain with their existing primary care provider
- Maintain their established care coordination relationships
- Do not lose access to needed services as a result of prior authorization requirements
- Do not lose access to home care services, durable medical equipment, technology or other therapy associated with changing vendors due to variations in managed care plan contracts with community providers

Registration Open for First Training Session to Satisfy Behavioral Health Incentive Training Requirement

To promote evidence-based practice across Partners For Kids' provider network, we are offering training to independently licensed behavioral health providers who have been credentialed by Partners For Kids. The first training session, "Suicide Risk Assessment and Safety Planning," takes place February 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants can join in person at the Nationwide Children's Hospital's Discovery Auditorium or via computer. The training session is approved for 3.5 continuing education units for counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists and psychologists. Registration is free. Participation counts as credit toward the 2020 Partners For Kids Behavioral Health Provider Incentive training requirement. Registration links were sent to credentialed behavioral health providers last week. If you did not receive a link, please contact PFKProviderRel@NationwideChildrens.org or call (614) 355-5503.

Project ECHO Registration Open

Two new sessions of [Project ECHO](#) focusing on Child Behavioral Health for Primary Care and Depression and Mood Disorders in Primary Care will begin in February. Both sessions are designed for primary care providers who would like to increase their capacity to manage behavioral health concerns within their practices. [View the dates and registration information.](#) For questions, email ProjectECHO@NationwideChildrens.org. [Register here.](#)

Behavioral Health Webinar Series

Nationwide Children's Hospital's 2020 Behavioral Health Series kicks off February 12 from noon to 1 p.m. Scott Leibowitz, MD, child and adolescent psychiatrist and medical director of the Behavioral Health THRIVE (Gender & Sex Development) Program at Nationwide Children's and associate clinical professor at The Ohio State University College of Medicine will present on gender identity. Full login details will be provided closer to the event date. [More details to come!](#)



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Health Plan Policies Regarding Replacement Nebulizers

MEDICAID PLAN	NEBULIZER REPLACEMENT POLICY
Buckeye	For any service beyond what Medicaid covers, a prior authorization would need to be requested. Buckeye requires an explanation and doctor note, etc., for review. Each case is reviewed for medical necessity.
CareSource	There are no restrictions on the time-frame for replacement, as long as the nebulizers are from a participating provider and is under \$750. Prior authorization is not required, unless the provider is out of network.
Molina	Nebulizers may be purchased once every five years. If it breaks, a replacement may be obtained, but two conditions must be met. First, prior authorization will ensure that the replacement nebulizer is covered. Second, the office is required to submit an authorization request reporting that the child's nebulizer is broken.
United Healthcare	There are no specific guidelines regarding replacement of nebulizers, other than patients are required to obtain a new prescription for authorization.
Paramount	If the nebulizer is broken within one month, replacement is covered by manufacturer's warranty. Paramount does not require prior authorization for replacement nebulizers. If the provider dispenses another nebulizer, please document an explanation in the patient's records in the events of an audit.

Have You Seen a Care Coordination Care Plan?

Care Coordination Teams are interdisciplinary teams in which nurses, social workers and quality outreach coordinators develop patient-specific Care Plans to document patient/family-identified goals and track their progress toward achieving those goals.

These Care Plans are faxed to the patient's primary care provider quarterly. **We encourage your input!** You can contact Care Team members by locating the "Care Team" section of the Care Plan. The Care Team Table not only lists the Care Coordination Team, but information on ALL providers your patient sees on a regular basis. Families have benefitted from having one list for all their clinical contacts; it is our hope you find this information beneficial too! If you think a child in your practice would benefit from care coordination services, email PFKCareCoordination@NationwideChildrens.org or call (855) 562-4735.

2020 Fee Schedule Changes

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) regularly updates the fee schedule for non-institutional services. As of January 1, 2020, there were no major changes to the fee schedule impacting primary care. The only notable change is to CPT 92606, which deals with evaluative and therapeutic otorhinolaryngologic services. The fee schedule in its entirety can be found on the [ODM website](#) by selecting "Medicine, Surgery, Radiology and Imaging, and Additional Procedures (Non-Institutional Services)." There have been no changes to the OMHAS administered fee schedule for behavioral health practices since the last update in August 2019. The OMHAS schedule can be found [here](#).

Free, Low-Cost Resources for Patient Families

[CAP4Kids](#) is a website that makes it easy to quickly connect patients and families with the resources they need from utility assistance, legal help and after school programs to low-cost health care, counseling resources and more. CAP4Kids' Parent Handouts offer information and resources on everything from bullying and parenting teens to housing and after school programs. The information is accessible in many languages. For families outside of Franklin County, CAP4Kids offers resources listed by area. Parents can also go online to sign up for a once a month e-newsletter that provides information about community events, low cost resources and family tips. [Check it out!](#)



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Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion Community Open House

The Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion at Nationwide Children's Hospital is America's largest behavioral health treatment and research center just for children and adolescents. It's transformational. It's innovative. It's stigma-breaking. Nationwide Children's and Big Lots invite you to the Community Open House on Sunday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring tours, family entertainment and more. The Pavilion is located at 444 Butterfly Gardens Drive, Columbus, OH.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following providers and practices who joined the Partners For Kids provider network in January, 2020:

Lacey J. Althausen, MD - Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians, Inc.
Kelly J. Seifert, MD - Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians, Inc.
Chelsea E Eddy, LPCC - Hopewell Health Centers, Inc.
Danielle S. Pottinger, MD - Westerville Pediatric Specialists, Inc.
Alvin S Mares, LISW – Mares Cares Counseling, LLC
Patricia B Mares, LPCC – Mares Cares Counseling, LLC

Important Dates

February 12 – [Behavioral Health webinar, “Gender Identity.”](#) presented by Scott Leibowitz, MD, noon to 1 p.m.

February 20 – Provider Relations e-newsletter distribution

February 28 – Behavioral Health (Provider Incentive Training Option): “Suicide Risk Assessment and Safety Planning”

Weeks of February 24 & March 2 – Third quarter 2019 Provider Incentive Plan Check Distribution

March 1 – **SAVE THE DATE:** Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion Community Open House (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

April 7 – **SAVE THE DATE:** CPP Pediatric Primary Care Coding Seminar at Nationwide Children's Hospital Stecker Auditorium (Registration 5:30 p.m.; Seminar 6 to 8 p.m.)

Did you know?

Recently, practice managers have inquired about current capacity volumes and the process for making changes. Please note, capacity forms may be found on [our website](#). Each provider may hold a minimum capacity of 50 and a maximum capacity of 2,000, for each of the Medicaid managed care plans.

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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