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Receive an Incentive for Weight Assessments

Children and adolescents should have their BMI assessed annually, but up to 40% are missed. As part of this year's Partners For Kids Primary Care Provider Incentive Program (PIP), we are providing a per member incentive for every Partners For Kids member, ages 3 to 17, who has at least one outpatient visit and at least one BMI percentile coded during the 2020 calendar year. [View a list of qualifying ICD-10 CM Diagnosis Codes.](#)

April 7 Pediatric Primary Care Coding Seminar – Registration Details

The 2020 coding seminar featuring Dr. Richard Tuck will be Tuesday, April 7, in Stecker Auditorium at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the coding seminar runs from 6 to 8 p.m. The deadline to register is Monday, March 30. To register, Partners For Kids members may call Michelle Bronner, Provider Relations, at (614) 355-5524 or email PFKProRelations@NationwideChildrens.org.

Unified Preferred Drug List (UPDL) Reminders & Updates

Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Managed Care Plans (MCPs) launched the Unified Preferred Drug List (UPDL) effective January 1, 2020. Providers and the MCPs have through the end of the first quarter of 2020 to switch patients' medications if needed. New prescription orders must be sent to the pharmacy by March 31 to avoid a gap in therapy. To continue the transition to the UPDL, providers should:

- Review the UPDL [here](#).
 - Providers and the MCPs have through the end of the first quarter of 2020 to switch patients' medications if needed.
 - Prior authorizations in place BEFORE the UPDL will be honored by the MCPs until that specific prior authorization's expiration date.
- Ensure appointment availability during the first quarter of 2020 to meet with patients if medication changes are required, especially for those medications that might require a taper up or down.
 - Providers will need to invest time and resources to obtain prior authorization to continue non-preferred prescribing.
- Partners For Kids Pharmacy team will continue to maintain and update the [Preferred Drug List](#) for pediatric-specific medications. For questions about Partners For Kids prescribing resources, please contact PFKPharmacy@NationwideChildrens.org

The UPDL specifies certain labelers/manufacturers as "preferred" for a few medications. If the pharmacy tries to fill one of the medications listed below for a different manufacturer, it will require a Prior Authorization (PA). If you receive a PA for one of the below medications, ask the pharmacy to fill it for the specific manufacturer listed.

Drug name	UPDL Preferred Manufacturer	Labeler #
Epinephrine auto-injector (generic EpiPen®)	Mylan	49502
Salmeterol/fluticasone (generic Advair® Diskus®)	Prasco Labs	66993
Pimecrolimus (generic Elidel®)	Oceanside Pharma	68682
Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (generic Epclusa®)	Asegua Therapeutics	72626



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Changes in Insulin Coverage – Action Needed by March 31

Per the [Ohio Department of Medicaid Unified Preferred Drug List \(UPDL\)](#), last updated on January 28, 2020, there are two major changes in insulin coverage. Your patients currently on Basaglar® will need new prescriptions ordered for Lantus. Your patients currently on Admelog® will need new prescriptions ordered for Humalog®/authorized generic insulin lispro.

NO PA REQUIRED “PREFERRED”	PA REQUIRED “NON-PREFERRED”
Lantus® vial and pen	Basaglar®
Humalog® / authorized generic insulin lispro	Admelog®

We recommend sending new prescription orders for patients to their preferred pharmacy as soon as possible before March 31, 2020, as this marks the end of the coverage grace period for medication changes within the UPDL. If a new prescription order is not sent to the pharmacy before March 31, your patient runs the risk of being without insulin. For questions about the UPDL or PFK prescribing resources, please contact PFKPharmacy@NationwideChildrens.org or visit [our Prescribing Resources](#).

Additional Behavioral Health Training Dates Announced

Dates for two additional sessions that will satisfy the 2020 Partners For Kids Behavioral Health Provider Incentive training requirement have been confirmed. “Motivational Interviewing” will be offered on Monday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. “Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality,” hosted by the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, takes place Thursday, June 18, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. More detailed information regarding each session, including registration links, will be distributed in early March. As a reminder, these sessions are designed for independently, licensed behavioral health professionals who are credentialed members of Partners For Kids’ provider network.

Grants Will Bring Important Resources and Opportunities to PFK Counties

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) was awarded a seven-year, \$16 million Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). Ohio is one of seven states selected by CMS to design and test early intervention models aimed at improving child health, reducing avoidable in-patient and out-of-home placements, and creating a sustainable financial model for coordinated physical and behavioral health care. ODM is joined by Nationwide Children’s Hospital and the local Partnership Council of Licking and Muskingum counties in this initiative. All children with Medicaid in these two counties will be served by the program. Priority attention will be given to children who are currently in or at risk for out-of-home placement (foster care, residential treatment, detention) and those with high levels of behavioral health needs. The grant also tasks ODM and Nationwide Children’s with creating a sustainable alternative payment model that ensures provider accountability for cost and quality outcomes by incentivizing coordination of care.

The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County has been awarded approximately \$4 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to expand services for children’s mental health. The award will provide nearly \$1 million each year for four years, and will be used to develop strong partnerships to improve access to mental health care, coordination of services, prevention and wellness initiatives, and support for parents.

As part of both these endeavors in Licking, Muskingum, and Union counties, health care providers are needed to serve in an advisory capacity. Partners For Kids will share more information and assist in connecting our network of providers to the project teams, with the hope that our providers actively guide these exciting new funds and initiatives.



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Timely Claim Submission

July 1, 2019, marked the first 365 days of claims submission to managed care plans for community behavioral health providers. Timely filing requirements may impact claims moving forward. The table below outlines the timely filing and appeals deadlines for managed care plans. When asking for assistance, please provide several examples. Include copies of the claims and denial forms or corresponding explanation of payment.

Category	Buckeye	CareSource	Molina	Paramount	United Healthcare
Timely Filing deadline	365 days - based upon date of service	365 days – based upon date of service	180 days – based upon date of service	365 days – based upon date of service	180 days – based upon date of service
Appeals Deadline	180 days – based upon date of explanation of payment	365 days – based upon date of explanation of payment	180 days – based upon date of explanation of payment	365 days – based upon date of explanation of payment	90 days – based upon date of explanation of payment or denial

CareSource Corrective Action

ECHO Health, Inc, is the third party agency that prints CareSource checks. They discovered an error that impacts checks dated [January 21, 22 and 23](#). The routing number and bank account numbers have been transposed. If your practice has been impacted, CareSource will issue replacement checks.

eviCore Fax Number Update

Molina Healthcare has updated the eviCore Prior Authorization fax number. The new eviCore Prior Authorization number is (800) 540-2406. They will also update this number on the Prior Authorization Request Form and the Authorization Reconsideration Request Form, available through Molina’s provider portal.

Interpreter Services

Better communication and understanding are correlated to patient satisfaction. All Medicaid managed care plans can assist by offering interpreter services or American Sign Language (ASL) and TTY for hearing impaired 800-750-0750 or 711. Please click [here](#) to access the Interpreter Services summary.

Welcome New Members

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

- Hassan A. Dbouk, MD - Adena Medical Group, LLC
- Charlotte M Knisely, FNP - Kiddie West Pediatrics Center
- Virginia D. Short, LPCC - Providers for Healthy Living
- Yu-An Chien, LISW - United Methodist Children's Home
- Christina M Finnicum, LISW-S - United Methodist Children's Home
- Catherine M McCutcheon, LPCC-S - United Methodist Children's Home



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Important Dates

February 28 – Behavioral Health Training Option “Suicide Risk Assessment and Safety Planning,” 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

March 1 – [Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion Community Day \(11 a.m. to 3 p.m.\) at 444 Butterfly Gardens Dr., Columbus, OH 43215](#)

Week of February 24 – PIP Check Distribution

March 19 – Provider Relations e-Newsletter Distribution

April 7 – Pediatric Primary Care Coding Seminar 2020 featuring Dr. Richard Tuck, Nationwide Children’s Stecker Auditorium. Registration 5:30 p.m.; seminar 6 to 8 p.m.

April 20 – Behavioral Health Training Option “Motivational Interviewing,” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 18 – Behavioral Health Training Option “Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality,” 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Did You Know?

What can you expect when a care coordination team member joins your patient’s appointment? Our goal is to meet with the family to discuss identified Partners For Kids goals prior to, or after, their scheduled appointment. We also plan to be present during the appointment to provide support and follow-up, if needed. Overall, our goal is to ensure the family understands and can follow, your treatment recommendations. After the appointment, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to your patient’s care coordination team.

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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