



May 2020

PIP Check Distribution

For the safety of our staff and our communities, Partners For Kids has implemented temporary employee travel restrictions. To ensure timely receipt of provider incentives, Q4 2019 Provider Incentive Program (PIP) check and report distribution will occur in the following format:

- A Provider Relations Specialist will contact practice managers to verify your preferred mailing address.
- PIP checks will be mailed to your office during the week of May 25.
- Supporting documentation will be sent via secure email. Instructions for opening secure email messages are listed [here](#).
- Finally, your Provider Relations Specialist will set up a virtual appointment to discuss PIP reports or other related issues.

Telehealth Place of Service by Payor

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has established an emergency rule for telehealth services during the pandemic. Based upon ODM guidance, Medicaid payors are accepting the following place of service (POS) codes for services provided by physician offices via telehealth during the pandemic. (Note: Different rules apply to behavioral health agencies).

Plan	Place of Service	Modifier
Buckeye	02	-GT
CareSource	02	-GT
Molina	02 or 11	-GT
Paramount	02 or 11	-GT
United	11	-GT

ODM has indicated that there will be no payment differential for services provided using telehealth while the emergency rule is in effect. Please refer to the [Partners For Kids website](#) for additional COVID-19 telehealth resources.

Safety First: How Nationwide Children's is Caring for Patients and Visitors During COVID-19

The health and safety of Nationwide Children's Hospital's patients, families and staff has always been top priority. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Nationwide Children's mission remains the same. With guidance from public health officials and the hospital's own medical experts, Nationwide Children's is slowly and carefully opening services more broadly again. As your patient families return to Nationwide Children's facilities, they will notice many changes that have been implemented for safety, including universal masking, physician distancing, cleaning and sanitizing, and scheduling. Visit NationwideChildrens.org/COVID-19 for more information.

Behavioral Health Webinar Series for Primary Care Providers

Join Jack Stevens, PhD, on Wednesday, June 17, from noon to 1 p.m. as he presents "Behavioral Strategies to Improve Sleep in Patients Ages Six Months through Adulthood," as part of the Nationwide Children's Behavioral Health Webinar Series for primary care providers. Dr. Stevens is a psychologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital and associate professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University. He will address family concerns about sleep-related issues with children and adolescents and provide behavioral strategies to

improve sleep. [View registration information](#). Participation in this webinar **does not** satisfy the Partners For Kids training requirement for behavioral health providers.

Partners For Kids Office Manager and Staff Retreat Postponed

The Office Manager and Staff Retreat originally scheduled for June 19 has been postponed until further notice. Event organizers are exploring hosting the meeting later this year in an alternate format. Stay tuned to the Partners For Kids newsletter for updates.

New! Quality Improvement Resources Available on the Website

Have you ever wanted to know more about the Quality Improvement (QI) Coaching Program? Check out the new [QI Resources section on the Partners For Kids website](#) for information about the program and available projects for community primary care and behavioral health providers. Please contact PFKQICoaching@NationwideChildrens.org with questions.

Social Media Toolkit Update

Check out the new social media toolkit for May! Click [here](#) for updated COVID-19 posts.

COVID-19 & MOC Part 4 Requirements

As a provider with Partners For Kids, you are eligible for the Partners For Kids Quality Improvement Coaching Program. Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV credit is offered to participants in the QI Coaching Program. The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and its Member Boards are allowing flexibility during this critical time. The Nationwide Children's Hospital Education Department and Partners For Kids recommend that you clarify your certifying board(s) response to COVID-19, especially if your recertification year is due in 2020.

Generic Product Availability and Ohio Medicaid Coverage

Recently available generic or non-branded products have resulted in changes to the Ohio Medicaid [Unified Preferred Drug List](#) (UPDL). In April, a new non-branded form of the Humalog® Junior KwikPen (100 units/mL) called insulin lispro Junior KwikPen was released. Symbicort®, a combination inhaled corticosteroid and long-acting beta agonist inhaler, is now available generically as formoterol/budesonide.

See the table below for Ohio Medicaid coverage information listed on the UPDL. **Brand name Symbicort® remains the preferred product.** If you receive a prior authorization (PA) request from a pharmacy for generic Symbicort®, contact the pharmacy to ask them to fill the prescription for the brand name product as is required by the UPDL; then, a PA is not required. However, the **non-branded (generic) insulin lispro vial and pen** are the preferred products.

<u>Brand product</u>	<u>Generic product available</u>	<u>OH Medicaid coverage (per UPDL)</u>
Symbicort®	Formoterol/budesonide DPI 80/4.5 and 160/4.5	Preferred (No PA required) BRAND Symbicort®
Humalog® Junior KwikPen	Insulin lispro Junior KwikPen	Preferred (No PA required) INSULIN LISPRO vial and pen (authorized GENERIC of Humalog®)

Montelukast: New Boxed Warning Per FDA

In 2008, the FDA first warned of potentially serious, mood-related side effects associated with montelukast (Singulair®). Due to the increased frequency of reported mental health side effects, the FDA now requires a Boxed Warning to accompany the prescribing information for montelukast. The Boxed Warning details the increased risk of mental health side effects and provides the following recommendations for providers:

- If treating allergic rhinitis, only use montelukast if other first-line allergy therapies have failed or were not tolerated. First-line therapies may include second-generation antihistamines and corticosteroid nasal sprays.

- If treating asthma, consider the risk versus benefit of starting a patient on montelukast by first assessing the patient's mental health history.
- Counsel all patients on potential mental health side effects and advise them to stop montelukast and contact their provider immediately if these symptoms present.

At the pharmacy, montelukast prescriptions will be dispensed with a new patient medication guide which provides education on potential mental health side effects as well. For more detailed information, visit www.fda.gov.

Antipsychotic Metabolic Monitoring Tool

Regular metabolic monitoring is important to conduct in patients receiving therapy with atypical antipsychotic medications as these medications often have metabolic-related side effects. A tool has been created and is now available to help providers know which parameters should be monitored and when that monitoring should be completed. This tool also contains recommendations for management and therapy modifications, if warranted. Click [here](#) to review the tool.

Prescribing Guidelines Updated

The Partners For Kids Pharmacy team, along with relevant content experts, have updated the following prescribing guidelines:

- [Prescribing Guidelines for Gastroesophageal Reflux \(GER\)](#) has been updated to reflect the removal of ranitidine from the market and the addition of pantoprazole to the Medicaid UPDL.
- [Prescribing Guidelines for Outpatient Antimicrobials in Otherwise Healthy Children](#) has been updated to reflect dosing and duration changes for appropriate antimicrobial options to treat common conditions of acute otitis media, sinusitis, community-acquired pneumonia, and others.

Overdose/Toxicity References for Hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin

Hydroxychloroquine/chloroquine and azithromycin have been in the news heralded as potential treatments or cures for COVID-19. This misinformation has led to inappropriate use in the community and has resulted in toxicity concerns related to overdose or ingestion of these medications. In response, the Central Ohio Poison Center has developed informational documents for providers and families as it pertains to hydroxychloroquine/chloroquine and azithromycin.

- The **provider only** fact sheets describe mechanism, dosages, potential symptoms and treatments for medication toxicity. **Please do not distribute provider fact sheets to patients.**
- The **patient fact sheets** describe appropriate use, potential symptoms of toxicity, and actions to take if accidental overdose or ingestion is suspected for these medications.

The documents are available under the COVID-19 section of the [Partners For Kids Resources webpage](#).

Brand New! Prescribing Guidelines for Asthma

The Partners For Kids Pharmacy Team is excited to share new [Prescribing Guidelines for Asthma](#) composed in collaboration with experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This resource includes prescribing recommendations for starting therapy at an initial visit and continuation of therapy at follow-up visits. Additionally, it contains comprehensive medication charts for controller options, rescue therapies and comparative dosages for inhaled corticosteroids. The guidelines are posted on the [Partners For Kids website](#) and will be available on the Nationwide Children's [Physician Connect app](#). Download the free app today from your preferred app store. Please email PFKPharmacy@nationwidechildrens.org with questions about prescribing or practice-related support.

Welcome New Members

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

Rebecca Barnes, LISW – United Methodist Children's Home
 Mary Daily, CNP – Integrated Services
 Shannon Frame, LISW – Integrated Services
 Clayton Fraunfelter, LISW – Integrated Services
 Brandie Herdlitzka, CNP – Fairfield Health Professionals

Velesia Luckette, LPCC – United Methodist Children’s Home
Brenda Wilhelm, LPCC – Integrated Services
Kimberly Brozak, CNP – Integrated Services
Amanda Pizzuti, LISW – United Methodist Children’s Home
Jessica Rooker, LISW – United Methodist Children’s Home
Tanya Schroeder, LISW – United Methodist Children’s Home

Important Dates

May 25 – Partners For Kids will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

Weeks of May 25 & June 1– PIP check distribution

June 17 – [Nationwide Children’s Behavioral Health Webinar Series for Primary Care Providers, noon to 1 p.m.](#)

June 18 - Provider Relations e-Newsletter Distribution

July 15 – **SAVE THE DATE** Quarterly Webinar topic: “Behavioral Economic Strategies to Increase Vaccinations and Decrease No-Shows,” Noon to 1 p.m.

Did you know?

[View this new video](#) to learn more about how our Care Navigation program improves the lives of the children and families that we serve.

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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