

UPDATE: ODM Managed Care Plan Emergency Provider Provisions

Effective July 1, the Ohio Department of Medicaid updated some of the Emergency Provider Provisions that went into effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, ODM has reinstated all prior authorization requirements and stated that prior authorizations will no longer be extended six months. The allowance for pharmacy providers to dispense and receive payment for over the counter medications has also been discontinued. Click [here](#) for the complete update from ODM.

Sports Physicals: An Opportunity to Increase Well-Care Rates This Summer

Getting ready to go back to school means that many kids need to have their annual sports physicals. As many sports physical “clinics” at schools are being canceled, families may call their primary care offices for this service. This is a great opportunity for offices to schedule these sports physicals as well-care visits. When a patient calls to schedule a sports physical, be sure to check the patient’s well-care status also! As a reminder, all five managed care plans will reimburse 100% when combining well-care and sick-care services at appointments. If you’d like education and resources to share with your families about sports physicals and well care, check out our [July social media toolkit](#).

Caution with Hand Sanitizers Containing Methanol

Hand hygiene is an important step in preventing disease transmission, especially COVID-19. If soap and water are unavailable, the CDC recommends using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol as ethanol or ethyl alcohol. Recently, the FDA identified some hand sanitizers that may contain methanol (also known as methyl alcohol or wood alcohol). Methanol can be toxic when ingested or absorbed through skin contact. Remind patients and families that hand sanitizer should never be ingested orally, especially as more dangerous ingredients are included. The FDA is regularly assessing hand sanitizers. A list of potentially impacted or recalled products can be found [on the FDA website](#).

Quarterly Unified Preferred Drug List Update

The [current Unified Preferred Drug List \(UPDL\) for Ohio Medicaid Plans](#) is now available. Please note, as of July 1, only UnitedHealthcare had posted quarter 3 coverage updates. The Ohio Department of Medicaid website will continue to be monitored for quarterly changes and all documents will be updated accordingly. [Click here for the UPDL](#). For any questions about Partners For Kids prescribing resources, please contact PFKPharmacy@NationwideChildrens.org.

Epinephrine Auto-Injector Device Malfunctions

The FDA has posted a safety alert regarding certain lots of generic manufacturers Amneal and Impax's epinephrine auto-injector 0.3mg pens. Some pens might not contain the yellow "stop collar" component and thus, have a potential safety risk of administering a double dose of epinephrine. Patients, pharmacists and health care providers who have received Amneal or Impax's epinephrine auto-injector after December 20, 2018, should immediately visually inspect the pen to confirm the presence of the "stop collar." Steps to find the "stop collar" can be found [here](#). If patients/families are having trouble locating the "stop collar" or have questions, instruct them to call Amneal at 1-877-835-5472.

SAVE THE DATE: Upcoming Coding Seminar

The Children’s Practicing Pediatricians (CPP) Primary Care Coding Seminar featuring Dr. Richard Tuck has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. via Livestream. Partners For Kids will cover registration expenses for staff from practices that do not participate in CPP. Registration details will be sent soon.

Are There Children in Your Practice Who May Benefit From Care Coordination Services?

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

- Diagnosed with complex/high-risk medical or behavioral health conditions
- Enrolled in Medicaid through Molina Healthcare, Buckeye Community Plan or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan
- Who reside in one of the 34 Partners For Kids counties

Care Coordination can help with:

- Connecting **all** health care and behavioral health providers together to promote continuity of care
- Facilitating care conferences
- Ensuring all follow-up services are offered/accessed post inpatient (behavioral health or medial) discharge
- Troubleshooting barriers to engagement in outpatient services
- Connecting providers as children transition between placements or different levels of care
- Linking to community-based resources

If you think a child would benefit from care coordination services, email PFKCareCoordination@NationwideChildrens.org or call (855) 562-4735.

Inaugural Quality Improvement Awards

Partners For Kids is excited to announce the recipients of our first annual Quality Improvement Awards. The awards are modeled after Nationwide Children's Hospital's [One Team Values](#). The community practices receiving these awards exemplify each of these values and have shown commitment to continuous improvement in quality outcomes for their patients.

Congratulations to the teams at Pediatric Associates, Christ Care Pediatrics, Chillicothe Pediatrics and Marysville Pediatrics!

Pediatric Associates, Inc. – “We Get Results”, in recognition of Dr. Richard Brilli, former Chief Medical Officer at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Pediatric Associates, Inc. demonstrates “getting results” by increasing their well visits an average of 4% in all three well child age groups. They've also increased Asthma Control Test utilization from 75% to 86% which has led to reduced hospital stays and emergency department visits for their patients.

Christ Care Pediatrics – “We Do The Right Thing”

Christ Care Pediatrics demonstrates “doing the right thing” by being open 7 days a week and going beyond their office hours on a daily basis to meet the needs of their patients. They also regularly offer combination visits to ensure patients get their well care visits and when COVID-19 started, they immediately began offering telehealth services.

Chillicothe Pediatrics – “We Are Agile and Innovative”

Chillicothe Pediatrics demonstrates being “agile and innovative” by using changes their practice has experienced over the past few years, (i.e., moving office locations, implementing a new EMR) as opportunities for growth. Despite these challenges, they successfully completed multiple QI projects and are continually thinking of ways to improve.

Marysville Pediatrics – “We Promote Health and Well-being”

Marysville Pediatrics demonstrates “promoting health and well-being” in several ways. They take the time to call every patient that goes to the emergency department, provide welcome baskets to new babies, use social media regularly to communicate with their families and the community and regularly attend local community events.



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Healthy Habits to Cope with Stress During COVID-19

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important for health care workers to create [healthy habits to cope with stress](#) during these uncertain times. Developing a [self-care plan](#) is one way to identify activities that can support your well-being. Prioritizing your own mental and emotional health is essential in order to best care for your patients, co-workers and families. Stay safe and stay well!

Provider Relief Fund for Medicaid and Children's Healthcare Insurance Program

Information for pediatric providers to access federal fund relief may be found in the following resources:

- [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#)
- [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund: FAQ's](#)

Please note: the deadline for submission of provider applications is **July 20, 2020**.

Welcome New Members

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

Courtney A. Baker, CNP – United Methodist Children's Home
Alexa C. Kaufman, PMHCP – Boundless, Behavioral Health, Inc.
Mitali A. Pakvasa, MD – Central Ohio Newborn Medicine, Inc.
Valerie J. Robinson, LISW – Buckeye Ranch

Important Dates

August 20 – Partners For Kids Provider Relations newsletter distribution
Week of August 24 – Physician incentive distribution
September 22 – **SAVE THE DATE:** CPP Coding Seminar

Did You Know? PCP Change Request Form

Practices have voiced concern regarding new patients appearing on well-care patient lists. Medicaid plans assign patients based upon the attribution model reviewed in the [June 2020 newsletter](#). Patient choice is generally the first criteria that determines which provider the patient intends to receive treatment. To ensure providers are receiving credit for their patients, the provider's name must appear on the back of the patient's Medicaid card. For your convenience, the [universal PCP change request form can be downloaded from the Partners For Kids website](#). We strongly encourage faxing completed forms while the patient is in the office.

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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