

Healthy Children: Improving Pediatric Preventive Services

A Quality Improvement Project from the Partners For Kids' Quality Improvement Coaching Program

Project Overview

The Partners For Kids' Quality Improvement (QI) Coaching Program offers primary care providers a QI project for improving compliance with well care visits, immunizations, fluoride education and varnish, and lead screening for children in your practice. This project will provide best practice guidance and expert support in helping your practice exercise preventive care to assess a child's development, oral health, administer immunizations and identify health concerns early.

Rationale

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), infants should have at least six well care visits within the first 15 months of life, two additional visits by 30 months, and all children three years and older should have an annual well care visit. However, in Ohio only 60% of infants receive six well care visits in their first 15 months, only 65% of infants receive two additional visits by 30 months, and only half of children have completed an annual well care visit. Partners For Kids supports opportunities for improvement in well care visits and associated preventive services, including immunization administration, fluoride varnish application and screening for lead toxicity.

Project Components

- Review **current performance** and identify opportunities for improvement
- Create a **standardized process** to identify and track eligible patients
- **Implement interventions** that follow AAP best practice guidelines for well care visits, immunizations, fluoride varnish and lead screening

Practice Benefits

- Achieve improved patient outcomes
- Eligible for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV credit
- Strengthen QI knowledge and skills to better impact other disease processes
- Customize to fit your practice

Support Resources Available

- Expertise and guidance from Partners For Kids' quality team member
- Education from and consultation with Partners For Kids' subject matter experts and Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) affiliated primary care specialists
- Data support using your practice electronic health record and claims data

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