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Partners For Kids Expanding to the Dayton Region

Partners For Kids is expanding to the west central region of Ohio in partnership with Dayton Children's Hospital and in coordination with CareSource. In this new collaboration, Partners For Kids will help coordinate the delivery of health services for 94,000 children enrolled with CareSource in Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby counties. In addition, Partners For Kids is adding responsibility for CareSource members in Allen, Hardin and Richland counties to the south central and southeast regions that currently manages. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Primary Care Proof Forms

Incentive payments for the 2019 true up calculation will be included in the checks distributed to primary care practices in August. Primary care providers will receive a non-compliant patient list that includes those patients who were attributed to your practice in 2019 but did not meet the 2019 incentive measures based on available claims data. In the event there are patients included on the non-compliant patient list who received services in 2019, practices may submit proof forms to receive credit for these patients.

As an enhancement to the proof form process, cover sheets for each patient are no longer required. Instead, the non-compliant patient lists will include blanks in which you can write the date of service for the patients that were seen. Your patient lists will take the place of the cover sheets. Practices should submit the non-compliant patient lists with appropriate documentation (either an EOP or HCFA) via email (PFKProRelations@NationwideChildrens.org) or secure fax at (614) 355-3185. Proof forms will be accepted until close of business on **November 1, 2020**. Payments for all validated proof forms will be included in the November incentive check.

Primary Care Network Requirement

Credentialed primary care providers have a few months left this year to fulfill their 2020 Network Requirement. Each provider must participate in at least one of the categories listed below by December 31, 2020, to ensure that they are eligible for 2020 incentive bonuses:

- Participation on a Partners For Kids Board or Committee (Credentials, Provider Incentive Program or Provider Leadership Committee)
- Participation in a Partners For Kids-sponsored Quality Improvement Project (projects include MOC Credit)
- Partner with the Patient Outreach Team
- One televisit with a Partners for Kids Pharmacist
- One televisit with the Partners for Kids Medical Director
- One televisit with a Partners for Kids Provider Relations Specialist
- Attend any one of four Partners for Kids Quarterly Webinar (includes CME Credit)
- Attendance at one of Partners For Kids COVID-19 or Telehealth webinars
- Attendance at a Nationwide Children's Behavioral Health webinar (includes CME Credit)
- Attendance at a Coding Seminar hosted by Children's Practicing Pediatricians/Nationwide Children's Hospital/Partners For Kids (Includes CME Credit)

To date, over 82% of the eligible providers have completed their requirements utilizing these opportunities. If you have questions regarding the Network Requirement, please contact

PFKProRelations@NationwideChildrens.org or call (614) 355-5503. Failure to fulfill the Network Requirement will result in ineligibility for your incentive bonus.

New System for Behavioral Health Educational Program Registration

Nationwide Children's is transitioning to CloudCME, a new learning management system that can be utilized by both internal and external providers. Within this system meeting participants will be able to register for designated Partners For Kids behavioral health training sessions, complete evaluations, view certificates and download copies of continuing education transcripts. Behavioral health providers may click [here](#) for details on how to create an account prior to registering for your first Partners For Kids behavioral health training session. (NOTE: CloudCME will be used as the registration tool for the October 26 Motivational Interviewing in Supervising Professionals course.)

Updated Partners For Kids e-Newsletter

In September, Partners For Kids will launch an updated e-newsletter. The new format will be mobile-device friendly and in an easier-to-read format. Look for newsletters to come from Partners For Kids at info@enews.nationwidechildrens.org.

Quality Improvement Goes Virtual!

The Quality Improvement (QI) Coaching program is embracing virtual tools in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Both primary care and behavioral health practices engaged in QI will notice the addition of the virtual brainstorming platform, Stormboard. This shared workspace allows participants to generate ideas and then prioritize, organize and refine those ideas to make QI work productive and efficient. For more information about Stormboard, reach out to your QI coach or [check out the platform](#).

Prescribing Guidelines for Anxiety Disorders and Depression

Partners For Kids' Pharmacy Team is excited to share brand new Prescribing Guidelines for Anxiety Disorders and Depression developed in collaboration with experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This resource includes prescribing recommendations for patients diagnosed with anxiety disorders and depression after screening with recommended tools. Additionally, it contains comprehensive medication charts for medication options, dosages, and clinical pearls to assist in treating these conditions. Click [here](#) to access the new guidelines. These are also 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.

Drive-Thru Immunization Clinic Recommendations

Completion rates of the childhood vaccine series have decreased as a result of the COVID-19 stay-at-home order. It is more important than ever to protect your patients against influenza and all immunization-preventable diseases. To reduce the risk of infection transmission, your practice might consider conducting a drive-thru immunization clinic for both flu shots and any catch-up vaccines your patients need. Now is the time to start planning drive-thru clinics to align with flu shot administration beginning in September. Helpful tips to assist you in planning and running your drive-thru immunization clinics include:

1. Identify a project champion at your practice to lead this offering
2. Obtain appropriate licenses and permissions from building/parking lot management or city as needed
3. Design a traffic flow pattern that maximizes the safety of families/patients (staying in car, buckled into seats) and clinic staff
4. Schedule the clinic during times when the parking lot is less busy (e.g., weekends or evenings) and when clinic staff are available
5. Consider how patients should schedule an appointment, complete pre-visit paperwork (e.g., COVID-19 screening and immunization consent forms), and provide insurance or payment information

6. Review what materials are needed (e.g., all supplies for immunizing and emergency kit) and ensure everything is set up in a weather-proof manner (e.g., tents, temperature monitored coolers, sharps containers out of reach)

Additional resources can be found at:

- [CDC Resources for Planning Vaccination Clinics at Different Locations](#)
- [Vaccine Shoppe Resources for Planning Clinics](#)
- [Immunization Coalitions Network Resource Repository](#)
- [CDC Guidance on Catch-Up Immunizations](#)

BC4Teens Resources for Practices Offering Nexplanon

The [Young Women's Contraceptive Services Program \(BC4Teens\)](#) at Nationwide Children's Hospital has created [guidelines](#) on the management and treatment options for patients on the Etonogestrel Implant (Nexplanon) that are experiencing breakthrough bleeding. The [toolkit](#) focuses on patient-centered decision making and will guide the provider through an algorithm of assessment, management and treatment considerations. BC4Teens also offers other provider resources on contraception counseling and methods, [found here](#).

If you'd like more information on prescribing contraception in your office, see the Partners For Kids [Prescribing Guidelines for Prescription Contraceptives](#) created by the Pharmacy Team. If your office is interested in focusing on contraceptive counseling, prescribing, or STI screening and treatment, the Quality Improvement Coaching program offers an Adolescent Reproductive Health project. For more information, contact PFKQICoaching@NationwideChildrens.org

Project ECHO Focuses on Clinical Features of Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorder in Adolescents

Partners For Kids and Nationwide Children's will launch the latest Project ECHO Advanced Series focused on Adolescent Substance Use Disorder on Thursday, September 3, 2020. Project ECHO (Extension of Community Health Outcomes) is an interactive, case-based learning collaborative designed to train primary care providers in skills to manage children with behavioral health conditions presenting in primary care. The Adolescent Substance Use Disorder ECHO is scheduled to meet on four Thursdays between noon and 1 p.m. in September and October. [Learn more or register](#).

Pediatric Associates, Inc., Receives PFK's Inaugural "We Get Results" Award

Pediatric Associates, Inc., began working with Partners For Kids on quality improvement projects in November 2016. See how the practice has used quality improvement programs to get best outcomes. [Learn more](#).

New Ohio Department of Medicaid Telehealth Rule

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has adopted a [new emergency rule](#) 5160-1-18 effective July 17, 2020, that expands upon the initial emergency rule and extends the temporary waiver for telehealth through November 2020. Reimbursement for providers will remain at parity with the rates for in-person visits. Telehealth reimbursement for common procedure codes is captured in an extensive [listing](#). All providers should regularly refer to the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) [fee schedule and rates](#) for frequent updates. Behavioral health telehealth services rendered by Ohio-MHAS certified providers are found on the ODM [website](#).

ODM Suspends Episodes of Care Program

ODM has determined that disruptions in healthcare service demand and provision prevent accurate reporting under the Episodes of Care Program. Therefore, ODM will neither conduct reporting nor assess incentive

payments for the 2020 and 2021 calendar years. Providers are still responsible for prior years' performance. ODM intends to restart the program in 2022.

Provider Resiliency during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Listen to [Dr. Mike's PediaCast](#) about resilience in healthcare workers during COVID-19. Caring for ourselves often gets lost in the quest to serve patients and families. But we can bounce back using positive psychology, making and keeping new habits, incorporating values into our coping system, and responding with opposite actions. The PediaCast is good for 1 category 1 CME credit.

Need more FREE resources to help with stress during COVID-19? [HeadSpace](#) is offering healthcare professionals free access to Headspace Plus through 2020. HeadSpace is an app that focuses on meditation to help people lower stress, focus more, and sleep better. If you are a healthcare provider, you can redeem your subscription using your NPI and email address. If you are a nurse, you can provide your organization information to verify your credentials.

Returning to School: Resources to Help Your Patient Families

While safe school opening considerations are still being discussed, most local schools are starting the year online. Partners For Kids has created a [digital learning resource guide](#) for both patients and families, since it is important for learners of all ages to stay sharp inside and out of the virtual classroom. This is a great opportunity for kids to engage and build upon their skills through games, crafts, and other unique methods. It also lists resources for families, such as public Wi-Fi hotspots and free school-related printing in your area. For more resources to share with your families via your office's social media account, check out our [August Social Media Toolkit](#).

Welcome New Members

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

Tandy L. Cyrus, LPCC – Mares Cares Counseling, LLC

Andrew J. Mueller, MD – Ophthalmic Surgeons and Consultants of Ohio, Inc.

Important Dates

August 26 – [Nationwide Children's Behavioral Health webinar series for primary care, "The Pediatrician's Role in Schools: Bridging Health and Education,"](#) presented by Sara M. Bode, MD, noon to 1 p.m.

Week of August 31 – Primary Care PIP distribution

September 7 – Partners For Kids closed in observance of Labor Day

September 17 – Partners For Kids Provider Relations newsletter distribution

September 22 – [CPP Coding Seminar](#) presented by Richard Tuck, MD and live streamed from Nationwide Children's Hospital, 6 to 8 p.m. RSVP no later than September 17 at PFKProRelations@NationwideChildrens.org.

Week of September 28 – Behavioral Health PIP distribution

October 8 – **SAVE THE DATE:** Partners For Kids Quarterly Webinar, topic TBD from noon to 1 p.m.

October 26 – "Utilizing Motivational Interviewing in Supervising Professionals" via Zoom, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (For behavioral health providers only)

November 11 – **SAVE THE DATE:** [Nationwide Children's Behavioral Health webinar series for primary care, "This Feels Like More Than Picky Eating... Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder,"](#) presented by Casey Cottrill, MD, MPH, and Jamie M. Keever, RD, LD, CLC, noon to 1 p.m.

Did You Know? Benefits of Provider Capacity with all 5 Medicaid plans

Partners For Kids providers are par with all five Medicaid managed care plans unless providers have opted out of a plan. Maintaining capacity with all Medicaid managed care plans is especially important during COVID-19. The pandemic has resulted in job loss for some parents resulting to increases in managed Medicaid enrollment. Providers who participate with all managed Medicaid plans decrease the likelihood of disruptions with reimbursement. Each provider may hold a minimum capacity of 50 and a maximum capacity of 2,000 for each of the Medicaid managed care plans. If you prefer to make revisions, capacity forms may be found [here](#).

Contact Partners For Kids Provider Relations

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