



November 29, 2021

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for being a valuable member of our Partners For Kids' network and your ongoing commitment to caring for PFK members. Out of the upheaval of the COVID-19 pandemic has emerged a renewed recognition of the importance of well care visits, immunizations and other preventive services that you routinely provide. These are the same elements that we will continue to emphasize in the 2022 PFK Primary Care Provider Incentive Plan (PC PIP). The PC PIP has been endorsed by your peer representatives on the PFK PIP committee who are actively providing care for PFK members in community practices.

The following describe the 2022 PC PIP and highlight changes from the previous year:

- For the well-child incentive, we will emphasize engaging children who may have fallen out of care during the pandemic or historically have been challenging to retain in care. Therefore, children ages 3 to 20 without a claims history of a well-child visit (WCV) in 2021 will be eligible for the incentive in 2022 (**Targeted Annual WCV measure**).
- The well-child incentive is unchanged for children under 3 years of age, with the focus remaining on ensuring all receive the age-appropriate recommended number of WCVs (**W30.1 and W30.2 measures**).
- Building on the substantial improvement that your practice has made in the appropriate assessment and documentation of BMI, this will continue to be a focus in 2022 with no changes to its implementation (**BMI measure**). Continued progress on this BMI assessment will set us up for success in measuring appropriate weight management, nutrition and exercise counseling in the future.
- We continue to focus on adolescent immunizations (**IMA measure**). Given that Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measurement specifications stipulate that adolescents receive all recommended vaccinations by their 13th birthday, success in this measure will be enhanced if vaccines are made available earlier. To that end, we have expanded the eligible age range from focusing only on those turning 13 years old to include any child turning 11 to 13 years old during the calendar year. Incentive payments will be made only once per child for the calendar year in which they first meet all the vaccine requirements (one dose of meningococcal vaccine, one Tdap vaccine and the complete human papillomavirus vaccine series).
- The **ED shared shavings measure** included in prior years has been discontinued.

Partners For Kids will continue to illustrate your practice's performance trend and create lists of patients who are attributed to your practice but do not appear to be meeting the incentive measures. PFK Quality Improvement Specialists and Patient Outreach Coordinators are eager to lend their support to your practice to boost performance towards any of the 2022 incentive measures.

Again, we value the opportunity to collaborate with you on promoting the health and well-being of all our Partners For Kids' members. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Bob Pastva from PFK Provider Relations (ph: 614.355.5503; email: PFKProRelations@nationwidechildrens.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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2022 PFK Primary Care Incentive Program Summary

Measure: Definition & Eligibility	2021	2022
<p>Network Requirement: Each provider must participate in at least one of the following as a prerequisite for earning incentives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in a PFK-sponsored QI project (in conjunction with the PFK QI Coaching Program) • Partnership with PFK's patient outreach team • Attend any one of PFK's quarterly webinars or NCH Behavioral Health webinars • One in-office visit with a PFK medical director, pharmacist, or provider relations specialist • Participation or membership with a PFK committee • Attendance at a Practice Fitness Meeting hosted by NCH/PFK/Children's Practicing Pediatricians 	Active	Active
<p>W30.1: For children who turned 15 months old during calendar year, completion of ≥ 6 well visits with a primary care practitioner during their first 15 months of life</p>	\$33.61 PSP*	\$58.38 PSP*
<p>W30.2: For children who turned 30 months old during calendar year, completion of ≥ 2 well visits with a primary care practitioner from age 15 to 30 months</p>	\$33.61 PSP*	\$58.38 PSP*
<p>Targeted Annual WCV: Completion of ≥ 1 well-child visit with a primary care practitioner among those children ages 3 to 18y** (as of the end of the calendar year) who had no well-child visit claim in the prior year (2021).</p>	\$33.61 PSP* (NOTE: All children were eligible regardless of prior year's WCV status)	\$58.38 PSP*
<p>IMA: Children turning ages 11 to 13 years who meet all vaccine requirements (one dose of meningococcal vaccine, one Tdap vaccine and the complete human papillomavirus vaccine series) during this calendar year</p>	\$33.61 PSP* (NOTE: Only 13-year olds were eligible)	\$34.45 PSP*
<p>BMI: Children ages 3-17 years who had evidence of body mass index (BMI) percentile documentation</p>	\$10.00 PSP*	\$10.00 PSP*
<p>ED Visits for Non-Emergent Diagnosis: Reduction in rate of ED visits for non-emergent diagnoses that could be appropriately treated in the primary care setting</p>	Opt-In Payment (Annual Per Member Per Year Payment)	Inactive

* PSP = Per Successful Patient

** Children enrolled in the Aged, Blind and Disabled or Foster Care program are eligible through 20 years old



2022 PC PIP Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What has changed from 2021 to 2022?*

A: No new measures have been introduced in 2022. However, we have eliminated the ED shared savings measure and the operational definitions of two other measures have been modified, as follows:

- For the well-child incentive for children turning ages 3 to 20 years in the calendar year, we will emphasize engaging children who may have fallen out of care during the pandemic or historically have been challenging to retain in care. Therefore, age-eligible children without a claims history of a well-child visit (WCV) in 2021 will be eligible for the incentive in 2022 (**Targeted Annual WCV measure**).
- Given that Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measurement specifications stipulate that adolescents receive all recommended vaccinations by their 13th birthday, success in this measure will only be possible if vaccines are made available earlier. To that end, we have expanded the eligible age range for the IMA measure to include any child turning 11 to 13 years old during the calendar year. Incentive payments will be made only once per child for the calendar year in which they first meet all the vaccine requirements (one dose of meningococcal vaccine, one Tdap vaccine and the complete human papillomavirus vaccine series).

Q: *Why is the program focusing on targeted annual WCVs and not all children as previously?*

A: We recognize that children who are not firmly established in your practice are often the most difficult to engage and retain in care. In addition, the pandemic has resulted in many children falling out of routine care. To address these challenges, we aim to support you in reaching out to these children who often represent the most vulnerable of patients. Recognizing that engaging these patients can be more difficult, the estimated incentive payment per successful patient for this measure has been raised substantially from the rate paid out last year for each well-child visit.

Q: *Will a child who is newly attributed to my practice be eligible for the targeted annual WCV?*

A: Children who are newly enrolled as PFK members will be eligible since we will not have historical claims data for them to ascertain their prior year's WCV status. However, a PFK member who transfers care into your practice will be eligible only if there is no claims history of a well-child visit in 2021 (regardless of where the child received the service). We will provide monthly patient lists of all patients attributed to your practice and their most recent well-child visit date that we have recorded, which can be used to determine eligibility for the incentive.



Q: *What is the Network Requirement and why is it important?*

A: The **Network Requirement** affirms the value that Partners For Kids derives from being a network dedicated to providing high-quality care for Medicaid patients. It is vital to our joint success that physicians connect with Partners For Kids on no less than an annual basis through the various opportunities listed on the Summary Table. Through these interactions, we can help ensure that we are providing you with beneficial resources, identify potentially new offerings, and ensure you are aware of what all we have to offer.

Q: *How can PFK help my practice to be successful?*

A: PFK is able to assist you in the following ways:

- Monthly attributed patient lists are available upon request; these will also be distributed quarterly with PIP payments
- Assistance with patient outreach through our Patient Outreach Coordinators
- Shared learning opportunities and webinars hosted by PFK or NCH
- Quality improvement resources and support from the PFK QI Coaching team
- Online resources available at <http://partnersforkids.org/resources/> include tip sheets, prescribing guidelines, and other educational materials

You can work with your provider relations specialist to learn more about these resources at PFKProviderRel@nationwidechildrens.org

Q: *What happens if there are patients who have received eligible services not reflected on the compliant list?*

A: Practices may submit Proof Form corrections after the 4th quarter PIP report is provided (anticipated for August 2023). Practices submitting evidence of a completed well-care visit for all eligible children will receive a corrective payment in the next PIP check. Provider relations specialists can provide you with additional information about this process.

Q: *I still have questions. How can I get answers?*

A: Contact your provider relations specialist (PFKProviderRel@nationwidechildrens.org).