Breaking News! 2023 Ends with Advocacy Win!

Successfully advocated for a 6% Ohio Medicaid primary care rate increase scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 2024.

Impact 99 practices serving over 169,000 children with QI programs.

$3.2M in grant/contracts included expanded funding for programs such as Store it Safe and Lead Prevention.

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Ohio AAP educates, innovates and advocates for 2,900 pediatrics to positively improve their lives and achieve their dreams.

President’s Message
Christopher Peltier, MD, FAAP
President, Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

“I appreciate you.”

Ted Lasso
Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving and you all have recovered from your food comas! It was so good to see many of you a few weeks ago at our Chapter Annual Meeting in Columbus. It was an inspiring day and a half of learning, networking, and advocating. The energy was palpable! With the Foundation Pillar’s annual luncheon, this year focusing on building resiliency, we heard a video message from Dr. Roy Guerro, the pediatrician from Uvalde Texas on how his community has begun to rebuild after the horrific mass shooting tragedy that occurred. It was extremely powerful and moving. Through the generous support of our attendees, we were able to raise over $424,000 to support the Ohio AAP Store It Safe program, which aims to reduce adolescent suicide and reverse the trend of irreversible actions. This was followed by an inspiring panel discussion led by Dr. Jim Duffee discussing trauma-informed care and interviewing local teens on how social media and isolation has impacted their mental health during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The afternoon concluded with our annual Chapter Update in Columbus.

As we head full steam into the holiday season, I have been reflecting on the past year. Despite all the challenges pediatricians have faced, high numbers of respiratory infections this fall, including RSV, Influenza and COVID, a continued mental health crisis, and shortages of medications, Ohio’s pediatricians have much to be thankful for. During the past 12 months, the Ohio Chapter has worked to defeat anti-vaccine legislation, expand coverage for post-partum mothers, and advocated against harmful legislation affecting adolescent health. The Chapter is extremely proud to have successfully partnered with the governor’s office to obtain a six percent increase in Medicaid payments to primary care pediatricians beginning in January!

Throughout 2023, the Chapter has developed programs, education and resources focusing on suicide screening and lethal means counseling, infant nutrition, autism dermatitis, HPV vaccination, injury prevention and social determinants of health screening, to name just a few. We secured over $3,000,000 in funding and our programs have engaged over 100 practitioners. As a result, the Chapter’s programs have reached 2,260 providers, provided $185,000 in product incentives, and impacted almost 170,000 children! The Chapter continues to be a leader nationally and a model to other Chapters. At the AAP NCE in October, the Chapter’s work was featured in five poster presentations and our work with the Store it Safe program was highlighted during a session on firearm safety and gun violence prevention.

Looking forward to 2024, we will be launching several new QI programs including second waves of the Store it Safe, HPV vaccination, and Injury Prevention Plus SEEK programs. Also, the Chapter will be launching a new QI project focusing on asthma. The Chapter will also be fully implementing its DEI Toolkit for speakers and programs. Please visit ohioaap.org for more information on how to participate.

With the November elections having concluded, the Advocacy Pillar is gearing up for the new year and will continue to advocate for Ohio’s Children. In 2024 the Chapter will continue to focus on issues related to the health of trans and gender non-conforming children, the practice of medicine and fighting anti-vaccine initiatives. Be sure to read the advocacy update in this issue from Danny Hurley for more details. Remember that the Ohio Chapter is your eyes and ears at the state level for political and payment issues that impact your patients and practices.

I am truly thankful for all that each of you do for your patients and families. The Ohio AAP is here to support you however we can. I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season. Please reach out to me via email (christopher.peltier@cchmc.org) or on Twitter (@cpeltier007) with questions or suggestions for the Chapter. Look forward to hearing from you and working with you in 2024 on enabling Ohio’s youth to grow and achieve their dreams!

#Believe
Best regards,
Christopher Peltier, MD, FAAP
The first half of the 135th General Assembly ended with several of our priority bills receiving hearings and votes. We anticipate seeing additional action in 2024, though lawmakers have a lighter session calendar in light of it being an election year. Perhaps the most surprising action taken during the past few weeks was an override of Governor DeWine’s line-item veto of a provision in the budget related to local tobacco regulations.

Earlier this year, the General Assembly passed a biennial budget (HB 33) and included language that prohibited local governments from regulating flavored tobacco and nicotine products. At the request of the Ohio Chapter and other child health organizations, Governor DeWine vetoed that provision. Several local governments have enacted ordinances in recent years to ban the sale of flavored tobacco and nicotine products. This provision would have preempted all of these ordinances. The Ohio Senate would still have to vote in favor of an override for this provision to take effect.

Several Ohio Chapter-Supported Bills See Action While much of our attention was focused on House Bill 68 (see below), we were excited to see several positive bills making progress. House Bill 47, sponsored by State Representatives Adam Bird (R-Cincinnati) and Richard Brown (D-Canal Winchester) would require school buildings and most municipal sports fields to have AEDs on sight. The bill passed the House earlier this year and has already received two hearings in the Senate Health Committee. We are optimistic that HB 47 will be enacted in 2024. We have also continued to support companion bills to prohibit minors from using tanning beds. Senate Bill 59, sponsored by State Senator Terry Johnson, DO (R-McDonald), and House Bill 169, sponsored by State Representative Brett Hillyer (R-Ulrichsville) have each received hearings in their respective chambers. Lastly, there are several bills pending that would improve insurance coverage and access to prescription drugs and therapies, especially for children with rare diseases. We are hopeful that the following bills will be enacted in 2024: House Bill 234 (Biomarker Testing), sponsored by State Representative Andrea White (R-Ursie); House Bill 130 (Prior Authorizations), sponsored by State Representative Kevin Miller (R-Newark); House Bill 177 (Copay Accumulators), sponsored by State Representative Suwan Manchester (R-Waynesville); and House Bill 291, sponsored by State Representatives Sara Carruthers (R-Hamilton) and Beth Liston, MD (D-Dublin).

DeWine to Decide on Gender-Affirming Care Ban One of the last actions that the Ohio General Assembly took before departing was sending House Bill 68 to Governor DeWine’s desk. Sponsored by State Representative Gary Click (R-Vickery), HB 68 would enact several limits on providers that would harm transgender youth. Most notably, HB 68 bans the use of any medication therapy for children with gender dysphoria and prohibits health care providers from discussing these options. HB 68 also includes the text of House Bill 6, which prohibits transgender girls from playing women’s sports. The Ohio Chapter led a coalition of provider groups in opposition to this harmful legislation. We are grateful to Chris Bolling, MD, FAAP and Kate Kreuch, MD, FAAP for their testimony against HB 68, as well as everyone who took time to call their state lawmakers and urge a ‘no’ vote.

Medicaid Rate Increase Coming Ohio health care providers will see a boost in Medicaid payments next month, as a planned rate increase continued on page 10.

Breaking News! Gov. DeWine Vetoes HB 68 “We are grateful that Governor DeWine’s veto allows for more thoughtful consideration of this legislation, which had the potential to negatively impact care for some of Ohio’s most vulnerable youth.”

Ohio pediatricians look forward to working with the Ohio Department of Health and other stakeholders to ensure that sound medical research and best practices for standards of care are at the center of any guidelines or regulations – and that such efforts preserve the ability for patients, their families and their medical providers to make their health care decisions together.” -Melissa Wervey Arnold Ohio AAP, CEO

Foundation Keynote

The Foundation proudly held their Keynote Luncheon a few weeks ago on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Ohio AAP’s Annual Meeting. The luncheon’s focus was on Resiliency and Rebuilding, with a goal to help our children not only survive but THRIVE in today’s world. The keynote featured a pre-recorded talk from Dr. Roy Guerrero, the pediatrician from Uvalde, Texas who treated the victims of the tragedy and was followed by a powerful, open discussion on how pediatricians can make a difference. The keynote wrapped up with a presentation from Ohio AAP Injury Prevention Medical Director, Dr. Sarah Denny, on the Store It Safe program. In response to an alarming rate of unintentional firearm injuries to children, Ohio AAP leadership established the Store It Safe program in 2019. The program brought together organizations and individuals with different viewpoints about firearms to develop unified, non-partisan messaging, resources, and approaches to reduce unintentional firearm injuries and deaths in children. Over the past few years, the program has expanded to address youth suicide and seeks to provide a wide array of education, advocacy, quality improvement and community initiatives. All funds raised during the luncheon support the Store It Safe program and our efforts to address youth suicide and unintentional firearm injuries. With over 253 attendees, we are thrilled to announce we raised over $32,848.33 through sponsorships, raffle tickets and donations! There is still time… to make a difference in 2023 by donating to the Ohio AAP Foundation! We know you have many options when it comes to end-of-year giving, but we hope you will consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Ohio AAP. Gifts of any size are critical to our mission and help support many of the Chapter’s programs including Store It Safe (SIS) and the Put a Lid on It Bike Helmet Safety program.

Donate today at https://ohioaap.org/donate-now

Ohio AAP Foundation also hosted their annual golf outing, Goofy Golf, on July 28 at Royal American Links in Columbus, Ohio! Bringing together avid golfers and those new to the sport, it was a casual evening on the golf course where attendees played 9 holes of golf with goofy games accompanying. Games included spinning the fortune wheel, a blindfold challenge, and trivia questions – just to name a few! When not on the golf course, attendees socialized, participated in our 50/50 raffle, and enjoyed delicious food and drinks all while supporting a great cause!

Beyond the fairways, the event served as a platform for raising awareness and support of the Put a Lid on It Bike Helmet Safety program. As one of the chapter’s longest running injury prevention programs, Put a Lid on It has donated nearly 100,000 helmets since its inception. The generosity of sponsors and donors at this year’s event allowed us to raise $9,920 for the Put a Lid on It program. That is enough to purchase more than 1,800 helmets for Ohio’s children!

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Giving Thanks and Taking Action
Lia Gaggino, MD, FAAP
District V Chairperson

In this season of giving thanks, I want to express my gratitude to all of you who tend to the needs of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. We have emerged from the pandemic, but continue to feel its impact on learning, mental health, grief, isolation, and loss. Our families will look to all of us to help find our way back to our new “normal.” For a morale booster, I hope you have had an opportunity to view the AAP “We Are Pediatricians” video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ta6S1dSXefs that captures the voices of pediatricians across the country.

It was so fun to see those of you who were able to attend the 2023 AAP NCE in Washington D.C., and I so appreciated the hallway conversations and hugs! Pediatricians from all over the country and the world joined together with the united mission of caring for kids, and while there are differences of opinion amongst our membership, child well-being remains at the core of our priorities. I hope you were inspired to bring new ideas and initiatives back to your clinics and hospitals - there is much work to be done! Many kudos to our district colleagues who presented programming at NCE!

The 2024 AAP Strategic Initiatives were adopted at the November board meeting and include:
- Healthy Mental and Emotional Development
- Environmental Health and Disaster Readiness
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)
- Safety and Wellbeing within the Pediatric Profession

Many of these initiatives resulted from our own District V resolutions. Consider opportunities to move these initiatives forward within your own sphere of influence at the chapter, committee, council, section, and community levels. Actions you might take include:
- Join the Council on Healthy Mental and Emotional Development (COHMED).
- Join the Firearm Special Interest Group.
- Offer your expertise to community organizations and health departments to promote disaster readiness, counter vaccine hesitancy, and promote population health.
- Look within your chapters to see where your passions fit. There are many leadership opportunities to promote existing initiatives or to create new ones.
- Seek to grow EDI in your own setting when staffing open positions, by encouraging your patients to consider pediatrics as a career or by supporting trainee education, mentorship, research opportunities and promotion.
- Finally, make a commitment to your own well-being by asking yourself: What changes can I make at work or at home to re-energize? Does the work I do align with my values? Do I have “battle buddies” in my clinic who can sit with me when the work is hard? Can I be someone’s battle buddy? When can I do something that is just for pure fun? Do it!

Changing Perspective After a Chronic Condition Diagnosis

Leading the Way From Non-Compliance to Daily Skin Care

Program Impact

The Ohio AAP was fortunate to be able to continue to bring attention to atopic dermatitis, or eczema, which affects approximately 9.6 million individuals under the age of 18 in the U.S. In partnership with Pfizer Inc. and resource support from the National Eczema Association (NEA), the Ohio AAP led the second wave of the Atopic Dermatitis Quality Improvement (AD QI) program from Jan. – Oct. 2022.

The AD QI program trained providers to recognize symptoms of AD, establish appropriate treatment plans, discuss quality of life and positively impact the overall care of pediatric patients zero to 18 years old with an AD diagnosis, especially in patients of color and those with Medicaid insurance.

“This program helped me in identifying and treating patients from a diverse background and I was able to improve the pediatric residents’ management of eczema in patients of color.”

-Program participant

During wave two of the AD QI program, eight pediatric healthcare providers from Ohio and Indiana benefited from utilizing AD materials updated via focus group feedback. The materials were also translated into Spanish, Hakha Chin and Creole. The materials were also translated into updated via focus group feedback. The providers from Ohio and Indiana benefited from utilizing AD materials updated via focus group feedback. The materials were also translated into Spanish, Hakha Chin and Creole. The materials were also translated into Spanish, Hakha Chin and Creole.

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AD Program By the Numbers

• 138 patients screened
• Screening rates for AD increased from 64% to 90%
• 77.4% of patients screened for AD were from a diverse population
• At baseline, 0% of providers were providing AD materials to their patients and caregivers. Notably, by the end of the program, 95% of patients received AD materials


2023 Annual Meeting • Building Resilience Together
Thank YOU for your support in making our 2023 Annual Meeting a huge success!

253 Attendees at Foundation Fundraiser Luncheon
$32,848.33 Raised at the Foundation Luncheon
52 Exhibitors
121 Attendees at the Friday and Saturday Education Sessions

BUILDING RESILIENCE!
This year’s keynote luncheon featured a focus on resiliency and rebuilding and how to help our children not only survive but THRIVE in today’s world.

Advocacy Corner!
With a looming election and so much happening at the Ohio Statehouse, an update from Dan Hurley and Capitol Consulting was in order.

Networking with our industry friends who help make this all possible!

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Congratulations 2023 Award Winners

William Cotton, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician Advocate of the Year
Jennifer Hardie, MD, FAAP

Antoinette Parisi Eaton, MD, FAAP
Advocate of the Year
Maureen Corcoran, Director of the Department of Medicaid

Leonard P. Rome, MD, FAAP
Program of the Year
Store It Safe (SIS) Program, Sarah Dixey, MD, FAAP
Michael Gittelman, MD, FAAP, Kristen Fluitt, MS
Hayley Southworth, MS

Arnold Friedman, MD, FAAP
Community Pediatrician of the Year
Joel Davidson, MD, FAAP

Elizabeth Spencer Ruppert, MD, FAAP
Outstanding Pediatrician of the Year
Christopher Bolling, MD, FAAP

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Teresa Kammerman, MD, FAAP, Ohio AAP Member

Save the Date
for 2024 Annual Meeting:
October 18-19, 2024
Hilton Columbus Polaris

Thank You to Our Exhibitors!

SIGNATURE LEVEL ($9,500 and above)

CHAMPION LEVEL ($5,000 - $7,500)

ADVOCATE LEVEL ($3,000)

FRIEND LEVEL ($1,000)

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New Developments in Diabetes Prevention and Treatment

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and there have been many exciting developments in type 1 diabetes prevention and treatment. Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disorder in which the pancreas stops producing insulin, which the body needs to convert food into energy. People with T1D require insulin to stay alive. While it was traditionally called Juvenile Diabetes because people were usually diagnosed as children, half of new diagnoses are now in people over age 30. Despite the word “juvenile,” people have T1D for life, and 85% of people living with the disease are adults. Diagnoses are increasing with cases set to double by 2040 according to a study published in The Lancet. You can find more statistics about the impact of type 1 diabetes in the United States and globally on the T1D Index.

T1D is a complicated disease that is difficult to manage. It requires constant monitoring of blood sugar levels and careful management of insulin dosages. Technology has come a long way and is improving people’s lives. People now have access to insulin pumps that deliver a steady dose of insulin that can be adjusted, with the user dosing insulin for meals. Continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) like Dexcom and Libre are also available, which give people real-time access to their blood sugar levels rather than pricking their fingers 5-10 times per day. New closed-loop systems connect insulin pump and CGM data to automate dosing when more or less insulin is needed, relieving some of the burden. While these are significant improvements, people still experience equipment failures and malfunctions, as with any machinery.

Beyond technology that improves lives, several important developments offer hope. First, universal testing is available that can predict the development of T1D by searching for autoantibodies. Visit T1 Detect to find out more about screening. Predicting who will develop T1D is important because, for the first time, there is a disease-modifying therapy, Tzield, that could prevent the onset for three years or more. That three years could get someone out of diapers, through puberty, or through a pregnancy. Even more than that, knowing the risk could prevent cases of Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA). DKA poses a significant health hazard and has been found to adversely impact long-term blood sugar management, regardless of demographic or socioeconomic variables.

There are also promising developments on the horizon that involve cell therapies. Clinical trials are underway using stem-cell-derived beta cells and gene-edited stem cells, the goal being insulin independence for people with T1D. In 2021, Vertex announced that Brian Shelton, a northeast Ohio man, had achieved insulin independence. This year, updated results showed other people had achieved insulin independence. Finally, there are treatments in development to address complications from diabetes including kidney disease, heart disease, and diabetic retinopathy.

What can we do while we wait for more testing, preventive treatments, interventions to prevent complications, and cell therapies?

1. Know the signs. Early symptoms include:
   - Weight loss despite increased appetite
   - Fatigue
   - Blurry vision
   - Fruity smell on the breath

2. Consider testing, especially if you have relatives with Type 1 diabetes or other autoimmune conditions.

3. Find out more and support organizations like JDRF, the American Diabetes Association, Beyond Type 1 and T1 International.

Cassandra Freeland is a Columbus resident, mom to a son with Type 1 diabetes and Advocacy Team Chair for JDRF Central Ohio.

- Bedwetting in children with no previous issues
- Frequent urination
- Unquenchable thirst

More advanced symptoms include:
- Stomach pain
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid, heavy breathing
- Loss of consciousness

The American Diabetes Association, Beyond Type 1 and T1 International. For more information, visit T1 Detect.

Register at https://www.ohioaap.org/education-cme-moc-ii-preventive-health-program/
Winter Wellness!
Keep Your Patients Healthy this Winter with Ohio AAP Education!

**Lead-Free Ohio**

Children under the age of six are at a high risk for lead exposure and poisoning, and up to 2/3 of homes in Ohio may have lead paint. The Ohio AAP is excited to support the journey to a Lead-Free Ohio through our practice coaching and training programs, designed to empower you to reduce elevated blood lead levels in your community. Our lead practice coaching will provide individually tailored in-practice visits on office flow and a deeper understanding of:

- The new medical management guidelines set by the Ohio Department of Health
- Primary prevention skills related to lead testing and treatment
- An individualized office workflow

Learn more at [https://ohioaap.org/leadfreeohio](https://ohioaap.org/leadfreeohio).

**Preventive Health Program**

The Preventive Health Program (PHP) was designed to deliver education and training about emerging health care topics to physicians and parents. With previously recorded trainings available on immunizations, breastfeeding, developmental screenings and more, we are excited to launch even more trainings this winter!

- Early childhood literacy
- Diabetes
- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder
- Newborn screening
- Anxiety
- Maternal mental health


**Parenting at Mealtime and Playtime**

With over 20 years of childhood obesity prevention and intervention, Ohio AAP is excited to launch the 11th wave of Parenting at Mealtime and Playtime (PMP)! This year, the PMP program will tackle hot topics such as:

- How to navigate weight-related conversations with your patients
- Creative ways to bolster nutrition
- Breastfeeding, and more


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**Save the Date!**

**Ohio AAP Spring Education Meeting**

**Friday, April 19, 2024**

**Ohio University Integrated Education Center • Dublin, Ohio**

**Ohio AAP Executive Meetings**

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Lunch & Education Sessions**

12:30-3:30 p.m.

**Topics:**

- Early Literacy
- Lead-Free Ohio Training
- ADHD in Early Ages (4-6)

**FREE FOR OHIO AAP MEMBERS!**

**FREE lead board books and practice resources!**

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**Dairy Every Day is a Healthy Way to Nourish Brains, Bones and Bodies**

Milk, cheese and yogurt (including lactose free options) provide protein, vitamins and minerals that help nourish brains, bones and bodies.

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Note: Individuals are encouraged to obtain personalized health and medical advice from their pediatrician.

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**Winter Wellness!**

Keep Your Patients Healthy this Winter with Ohio AAP Education!

Mindful of the amount of medical misinformation our preteens, teens and family are hearing, the PMP program strives to increase accessibility of evidence-based information through our handouts and mobile app.

Learn more at [https://ohioaap.org/leadfreeohio](https://ohioaap.org/leadfreeohio).
Thank you to ALL our Ohio AAP Foundation donors for helping us make a difference in 2023!
Ohio AAP Program Partners
Ohio AAP acknowledges the following partners in support of Ohio Pediatric Programs.

Maximizing Office Based Immunizations/Teen Immunization Education Sessions
Ohio Department of Health
$300,000 (ODH)

Parenting at Mealtime and Playtime Education Program
Ohio Department of Health
$139,400 (ODH)

Lead Screening QI Program
Ohio Department of Health
$1,141,250 (ODH)

HPV QI Program
Ohio Department of Health
$180,000 (Unrestricted Education Grants)

Interventions to Minimize Pre-term and Low Birth Weight through Continuous Improvement Techniques (IMPLICIT) QI Program
Ohio Department of Health
$1.2 Million

Maternal Child Health Education & QI Program
Ohio Department of Health
$415,000

Atopic Dermatitis: Understanding Health Disparities in Underserved Minorities QI Program
Ohio Department of Health
$246,000 (Unrestricted Grant)

Care2 QI Program
Ohio Department of Health
$400,000

Injury Prevention Plus SEEK Program
Ohio Department of Health
$135,000

Store It Safe (SIS) Program
Ohio Department of Health
$400,000

Asthma QI Program
Ohio Department of Health
$187,150

Project Firstline
Ohio Department of Health
$52,000

Immunization Advocacy Grant
Ohio Department of Health
$40,000

Ohio AAP Program Showcase
Ohio AAP was proud to present multiple posters at this year’s AAP National Conference and Exhibition!

Healthy Mom, Healthy Family (HMHF)
Title: Incorporating Maternal Interconception Care into Well-Child Visits
What? AAP National Conference & Exhibition
Where? Washington, DC
When? October 20-24, 2023
Presented by Jamie Macklin, MD, MPH, FAAP

Smoke Free Families (SFF)
Title: Assessment of the Smoke Free Families Tobacco Screening, Counseling, and Referral Program in Pediatric Primary Care Practices
What? AAP National Conference & Exhibition
Where? Washington, DC
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Injury Prevention + Safe Environment for Every Kid (SEEK)
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takes effect on Jan. 1, 2024. House Bill 33 (State Operating Budget) included funding for a 5% aggregate rate increase for non-institutional providers. The Ohio Chapter, in collaboration with other members of the Ohio Coalition of Primary Care Providers, worked with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to secure enhanced reimbursement for primary care and pediatric services. Reimbursement for outpatient office and well-child visits will see an increase of approximately 20%. Unlike the primary care rate increase included in the Affordable Care Act, which lasted only for two years, these rate increases are permanent. ODM, in consultation with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, will be boosting rates for behavioral health providers as well. These new investments should have a positive impact in Ohio kids, especially given the fact that half of children in the Buckeye State are eligible for Medicaid. Lastly, ODM will be launching a continuous enrollment initiative for children under age 4. Under this provision, which was included in HB 33, any child who is enrolled in Medicaid between the ages of 0 and 3 can remain on Medicaid regardless of family income status until age 4.
DON’T LOSE YOUR CHILD’S MEDICAL COVERAGE!

Medicaid Unwinding: After the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE), state Medicaid offices resumed normal operations. Individuals who were no longer eligible or didn’t complete paperwork lost Medicaid coverage. To ensure Medicaid members did not lose healthcare coverage during the pandemic, ineligible members were not unenrolled during that time. Beginning February 2023, Ohio resumed normal Medicaid eligibility requirements.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

Keep your name, address, and phone number up to date so you receive all communication from Medicaid. Be sure to notify your plan of any changes! And, complete any renewal forms, if received.

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Discover Quality Improvement at OHIO AAP!

HPV
Program Goals & Objectives: To ensure all eligible 9–16-year-olds receive the HPV vaccine at every opportunity and that providers feel confident in their vaccine strategy to discuss and improve rates of vaccination.
Practices Enrolled: 24 practices registered from 5 states.

Asthma
Program Goals & Objectives: Provide children and adolescents with the opportunity to reach their fullest potential by keeping their asthma well controlled by implementing optimal asthma care practices.
Practices Enrolled: 10 practices

CARE2
Program Goals & Objectives: Promote interconception care by identifying maternal risk through assessments at well-child visits and providing treatment and/or referrals to help moms improve health between pregnancies.
Practices Enrolled: 16 practices

First Ohio AAP project designed specifically to serve patients being seen in family medicine or internal medicine practices, utilizing the connection to healthcare providers for the birthing parent.

Seek
Program Goals & Objectives: Provide children with the opportunity to reach their fullest potential by eliminating intentional and unintentional injuries and psychosocial risks. Improve clinician screening and education of injury and social determinant risks during well care visits.
Practices Enrolled: 8 practices

Ohio AAP will be capturing additional data including caregiver feedback and offering expanded resources for families in Spanish.

Store It Safe
Program Goals & Objectives: Decrease youth suicide by increasing depression screening, suicidality screening, and promoting appropriate intervention, referral and safe in-home storage of lethal means.
Practices Enrolled: 15 practices

Ohio AAP is gathering post-appointment feedback from caregivers to assess intent to change based on the information received during the well visit.

Healthy Mom, Healthy Family
Program Goals & Objectives: Promote interconception care by identifying maternal risk through assessments at well-child visits and providing treatment and/or referrals to help moms improve health between pregnancies.
Practices Enrolled: 17 practices

HMH has focused on academic output over the last year, leading to 3 posters, an oral presentation, inclusion in the AMCHP innovations Database, and a nearly complete manuscript.

Ohio AAP partnered with the Colorado and Arkansas AAP Chapters to help with practice recruitment.
Upcoming Events and Education

JANUARY 18, 2024
Lead Practice Coaching Recruitment
Webinar

JANUARY 24, 2024
Screening for Maternal Depression at the Well Child Visit
Webinar

JANUARY 31, 2024
Navigating Difficult Weight Related Conversations
Webinar

APRIL 19, 2024
Spring Meeting
Ohio University Dublin Integrated Education Center