How To Add New Lines of Services & Businesses To Your Pediatric Practice
Developing New Lines of Services and Businesses

Consider Adding:

- ADHD Support
- Obesity/Nutrition Programs
- Lactation Consulting
- Asthma Education
- Sports Medicine
- Behavioral Health
DEVELOPING NEW SERVICES
Developing New Services

Create ‘Clinics’ within your practice to meet your patients’ needs:

- Asthma clinics
- Nutrition clinics
- Adolescent clinics

- Provides excellent marketing opportunities and helps with scheduling
Developing New Services: Asthma

What others are doing

- Asthma clinics
  - Certified Asthma Educator to assist with treatment, education and management of asthma and asthma related diseases including
  - Medication monitoring and compliance;
  - Asthma control and action plan
  - Spirometry and nebulizer treatments
  - Patient centered goals and objectives related to control of the disease
Sample Asthma Plans

Pick and choose from various resources, and customize to fit your needs!

Asthma Action Plan from Children’s Hospital, St. Louis

Easy for parents to follow, pictures that even the youngest child can recognize.

What others are doing:

- Nutrition clinics
  - On-site nutritional health evaluation by independently contracted counselor
  - Treatment and counseling services for individuals, families and groups
  - Tie in with community based weight ins and ‘weight watcher’ program at the local YMCA
  - Schedule alongside well visits
How about an 8 month visit or a 21 month visit with the nurse to teach proper nutrition habits?

Calculate by forecasting:
• You have three hundred 8 month olds a year
• Nurse payment at $50.00
• Don’t forget the cost of your nurse!

300 x 20 minutes = 100 hours x nurse salary ($25/hr)= $2,500
$15,000 - $2,500 = $12,500 net profit
Example: Nutrition Program

Combatting Pediatric Obesity

• Encourages use of their materials
• Allows co-branding of materials and customization

Let's Go! Toolkits

We've created toolkits for each program area. These toolkits are loaded with information on how to integrate Let's Go!'s evidence-based strategies and the 5-2-1-0 message into specific environments (schools, out-of-school, child care, health care, and workplaces).

If you live within the state of Maine and are interested in ordering hard copies of our toolkits, please contact your local partner. If you are out of Maine, please visit our online store.

Program Toolkits:

• K-5
• Middle and High School
• Out-of-School
• Child Care
• Health Care
• Healthy Workplaces

Bilingual Handouts

Below are individual toolkit pages that are especially helpful as printed handouts. We’ve included both English and Spanish versions:

5-2-1-0 Let’s Go!

Let’s Go! is a nationally recognized childhood obesity prevention program implemented throughout Maine and in a few communities in neighboring states. We partner with schools, child care and out-of-school programs, healthcare practices and community organizations to change environments where children and families live, learn, work and play. We developed 5-2-1-0 as the foundation for change.

5 or more fruits & vegetables
2 hours or less recreational screen time*
1 hour or more of physical activity
0 sugary drinks, more water

*Keep TV/Computer out of the bedroom. No screen time under the age of 2.

Healthy foods at meals, snacks and celebrations make for healthy children.

Learn more healthy tips for your family.
Developing New Services: Adolescents

What others are doing:

- Adolescent clinics
  - Specific hours for teens (certain days & hours)
  - Specified exam rooms for teens that are age appropriate (not ‘kiddie’)
  - Teen education programs playing in waiting room
  - Greater emphasis on teen screens and services

- Adolescent Well Visits including depression and substance abuse screening, may be a new metric coming to Payer plans soon
Parent Education Programs

- Grant Funded: putting educational grants to work to build community
- Sponsored: local businesses, insurance companies, self-funded employers
- Event Charge: parents / community pay to attend
Telemedicine

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

- Yesterday: Big box providers and little coverage for in-network providers
- Today: Payers covering well and sick visits, waiving cost sharing
- Tomorrow: Will Payers continue to pay? Patients want convenience
DEVELOPING NEW BUSINESSES
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Develop Entirely New Business Lines

- Lactation / Breastfeeding Center
- Behavioral / Social Health Center
- Urgent Care / After Hours Clinic

- Bringing services in-house either through direct employee contributions or through sub-contracted professionals, extends your reach in the market.
- These can be developed as extensively as you like, with their own tax ID numbers and ‘brand’, or less extensively as a business within your practice that is financially separate.
Lactation / Breastfeeding Center

• Can reside within your pediatric practice footprint or as a separate area altogether

• Some practices designate 2 exams rooms and design as newborn & nursing rooms

• Schedule consultations alongside the newborn visit and / or the 1 month for patient convenience

• Utilize a trained employee or contract with an independent agent

• Great practice builder and new Moms love the newborn / nursing rooms
EXAMPLE: Even a small practice can be a BF center!

- Add a lazy-e-boy
- Add a Boppy
- Add a baby scale
- Add a mobile
- Newborns get seen by doc, LC sees Mom for BF consult

Becomes the 'newborn / BF room!'
Behavioral Health: What Others Are Doing

- Usually resides within pediatric practice footprint
- Staff it with an employee (if practice population supports it) or contract with an independent agent or lease space to therapist / social worker who is building their practice
- Usually defined hours, practice staff manages schedule and can set up appointments without patient having to arrange separately
- Allows for better care, coordination, access
- Even just start with an ADHD program and a qualified / trained nurse
ADHD Program Tools

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Center for Management of ADHD Health Resources

Videos

Executive Functioning and ADHD
A CHOP psychologist discusses executive functioning in children with ADHD, and provides practical tips for parents.

Helping Teens with ADHD Succeed after High School
This video focuses on the transition to adulthood for teens with ADHD, presented by J. Russell Ramsay, PhD, co-director of the Adult ADHD Treatment and Research Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Helping Your Adolescent With ADHD Succeed
Psychologists from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia discuss ADHD in the context of adolescence, and suggest strategies to help your teen with ADHD.

Helping Your Child with ADHD Succeed at Home
Dr. Stephen L. Soffer, PhD, psychologist in the Center for Management of ADHD at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, discusses interventions and treatment options to help children with ADHD succeed in the home environment.

Helping Your Child With ADHD Succeed at School
CHOP psychologists describe the role of parent-school collaboration in success of students with ADHD, and present practical school- and home-based behavior management strategies.

Helping Your Child With ADHD Succeed Socially
A psychologist from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia discusses the effect of ADHD on peer relationships and ways to help your child improve his social skills and make and keep friends.

Preparation of Your Teen with ADHD for Safe Driving
This video discusses the impact of ADHD on teen behavior as it relates to driving and provides strategies for promoting safe driving in teens with ADHD.

For Parents and Caregivers

How to Increase Success at Home for Children With ADHD
As a parent of a child with ADHD, you will often need to be the manager of the team that helps your child succeed. Find out how you can help.

http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/center-management-adhd/health-resources#.V4BM-o3Hz4g
Developing New Businesses: UC

Urgent Care Center: What Others Are Doing

- Typically is a separate building, or has a separate entrance to main practice
- Staff with existing providers and staff
- Close practice at 5pm, all after hours care provided at the UC
- Network with small practices to be their preferred referral choice when they are closed (by providing excellent follow up and pass back)
- Compete directly with retail-based clinics
- Many Payers offer separate contracts for UC, but note: higher copays for patients is likely!
Developing New Businesses: UC

Partnership vs. Competition

Partner
- Smaller practices have partnered with UCs to serve their patients after hours
  - Promotes better care through collaboration and education
  - Allows for expeditious exchange of information between two parties
  - Helps fill the gap of needing to provide after hour services to patients

Competitor
- Competing with medical home that offers extra hours
- Creating fragmentation of care and higher costs
- Patients go to most convenient point-of-care
- Eroding value of medical homes providing after hours care
Developing New Businesses: UC

Compete

- UCs are now more concerned about medical homes competing with THEIR business
- UC model is about convenience and access, they have added immunizations and are looking to diversify further
- They tout themselves as ‘one stop’; pediatrics must show how networks help to coordinate any additional care needed
- Differentiating on customer service; we must improve customer service within our practices
- Looking to partner with PCPs; do you joint-venture or compete?
Do Your Research Before Undertaking

Ask your patients what they need! You have a captive audience of 100s of patients every week / month coming to your practice – hand them a short survey and ask for their feedback!

Do your market research too:

- Number of annual births (www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/births.htm)
- City demographics (citydata.com – it’s free)
- Distance to competitors (plot via www.easymapmaker.com of similar free software)
- Competitor offerings (check out their websites)
UTILIZING PAYER RESOURCES
“You’re suffering from a serious medical condition called ‘lousy insurance’.”
Aetna has a Behavioral Health program and a step by step checklist to help you integrate this into your practice.

Example Resources

How the program works

You refer patients, as clinically indicated, to the behavioral health clinician.

The clinician sees patients within the primary care setting, using a problem-solution focus.

The clinician communicates regularly with you, providing written reports about patients’ progress and interventions.

Billing guidelines

Behavioral health clinicians (licensed psychologists, either master’s- or PhD-level; licensed social workers, master’s-level minimum; or licensed professional counselors, master’s-level minimum): If you deliver behavioral health services in primary care offices, you may submit claims to us using the following codes:

- **Diagnosis code:** F48.9 (Nonpsychotic mental disorder, unspecified)
- **Procedure code:** 90834 (Psychotherapy with patient — 45 minutes)

You can submit claims using your behavioral health office address and provider ID number/tax ID number. We’ll reimburse you out of the behavioral health benefit, as outlined in your agreement.

90834 = 2.938 RVUs
($106.02 CMS National 2020)
Example Resources

ConditionCare

About the Program

A team of nurses with added support from other health professionals – such as dietitians, pharmacists and health educators – work with members to help them understand their condition(s), their physician’s orders and how to become a better self-manager of their condition. Members are stratified into three different risk levels.

Engagement methods vary by risk level but may include:

- **Education** about their condition through mailings, telephonic outreach, and/or online tools and resources.
- **Round-the-clock phone access** to registered nurses.
- **Guidance and support** from nurse coaches and other health professionals.

**Physician benefits:**

- **Saves time** for the physician and staff by answering patient questions and responding to concerns, freeing up valuable time for the physicians and their staffs.
- **Helps support the physician-patient relationship** by encouraging participants to follow their physician’s treatment plan and recommendations.
- **Provides** the physician with updates and reports on the patient’s progress in the program.

Nurse coaches encourage participants to follow their physician’s plan of care; not to offer separate medical advice. In order to help ensure that our service complements the physician’s instructions, we collaborate with the treating physician to understand the member’s plan of care and educate the member on options for their treatment plan. Providers may receive a quarterly report for patients who are currently enrolled in the program including the member’s current educational goals.
Example Resources

Humana case management and chronic care programs

Overview of programs

Members who choose to enroll in a Humana case management or chronic care program are assigned a care manager who supports them by phone (eligible members also receive home visits). The manager’s goal is to anticipate members’ needs and problems, encourage preventive care and prevent costly interventions through home-safety assessments and evaluations of medical, functional and psychosocial status.

Services may include:

- Facilitating conference calls between the member, the physician and the care manager as needed to clarify treatment plans, medication regimens or other urgent issues.
- Monitoring medication adherence.
- Assessing the member’s daily living activities and cognitive, behavioral and social support.
- Assessing the member’s risk for falls and providing fall-prevention education.
- Connecting members and their families with professionals who can help them address medical, legal, housing, insurance and financial issues facing older adults.
- Helping caregivers access support and respite care.
- Arranging access to transportation.
- Assisting members in obtaining home health and durable medical equipment.
- Referring members to meal-delivery programs and advance directive preparation services.
Patient’s should call you first….but sometimes they don’t. Keep actively engaged with the Nurse Line for continued communication about your patient!
Example Resources

Make Healthy Decisions for the Entire Family with Weigh 2 Be™

Healthy living can start at any age. Learn ways to protect your family's health and help them feel their best.

**Healthy Generation Benefit**

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is an initiative to address the obesity epidemic in young people.

**Fitness Activities**

Use these ideas and programs to keep your children active.

- Get Moving
- Free Classes
- Let's Move!

**Weight Management**

Use these resources to talk about obesity, healthy eating, and healthy body image with your children.

- Feeding Your Child Using Division of Responsibility
- Genetic Influences on Weight
- Evaluating Nutrition and Activity
Always check to see if there are any grants available to help get a new program off the ground.

Example: http://www2.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase/
“The best way to cope with change is to help create it.”
Contact Information

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