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MONTHLY PAYER REPORTS AVAILABLE



The following payer reports are now available on the SFTP.

Access all reports on the SFTP: | https://fts.nemours.org/

HIGHMARK COMMERCIAL

REPORTING

Claims through:
09/26/2026
Internal data: 10/26/2026

TARGETS

2026 Targets in use

AMERIHEALTH

REPORTING

Claims through:
08/31/2026
Internal data: 09/22/2026

TARGETS

2026 targets now available; targets decreased slightly compared with 2025.

AETNA

REPORTING

Claims through:
09/30/2026
Internal data: 10/22/2026

TARGETS

2026 Targets in use

NEW! MINI SCORES: Now available for all three payers. The new Mini Scores tab brings key fields from the SCORES tab into a more concise streamlined view.

NEW! IMMUNIZATION REPORT ENHANCEMENTS

The **Detail Sheet now includes three new columns (V, W, X)** to help practices identify and address immunization gaps.
For patients not compliant with an immunization measure, the new columns show:

- Total doses needed to reach compliance
- Number of vaccine types needed
- Summary of immunizations still needed

TIP: Use **DOB** + **columns V, W and X** to help identify patients approaching the **2nd- and 13th-month birthday cutoffs** for immunization measures.

Questions? Reach out to your KidWell team if you have any questions or need support.

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KidWell Resource:

Community Health Education (CHE) Team

EDUCATION. RESOURCES. STRONGER COMMUNITIES.



Happy *October!*

As the school year settles into a routine, the CHE team is bringing fresh resources, practical education, and meaningful support to our community partners.

- EDUCATION
- SUPPORT
- STRONGER COMMUNITIES

What's New with CHE

AI

NEW CURRICULUM

AI Literacy & Teen Well-Being

A new curriculum designed to help youth build digital literacy skills, explore healthy technology habits, and support overall well-being in today's AI-driven world.

- Engaging and age-appropriate
- Supports mental health & wellness
- Ready to use in your practice or community setting

100+
HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED

Personal Hygiene: Education + Action

Through Ashley's Community Funding Project, a pilot school received personal hygiene supplies and has distributed more than 100 hygiene kits since the school year began.



Want to see more?

Explore our Children & Adolescent and Parent/Caregiver Program Offerings for additional presentations and resources. We offer even more programs! Contact the CHE team to discuss your community's needs.

Request a Presentation

Scan the QR code to submit a CHE request.

Your Trusted source for practice updates & clinical resources

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CUTTING EDGE

Keeping Practices Sharp With the Latest In Surgery

Nemours–Jefferson ACHD Program

Specialized Lifelong Care for Congenital Heart Disease

Our Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD) program brings together congential and adult cardiovascular expertise to provide comprehensive, individualized surgical care for adolescents and adults with congenital heart disease — with **no age barrier.**

CONDITIONS TREATED

We welcome referrals for patients with complex congenital heart conditions, including:
Complex congenital aortic roots | Genetic/Familial/ Hereditary/Connective tissue aortic diseases | Complex congenital valve repairs and replacement | Ross procedure | Complex aortic reconstructions | Intracardiac repairs | Anomalous coronary surgery | Hybrid/transcatheter procedures | Pregnancy counseling

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE

We bring together ACHD cardiology, advanced imaging, EP, structural cardiology, cardiac catheterization, a dedicated ACHD surgeon, and other specialists to develop a coordinated treatment strategy tailored to each patient's anatomy, physiology, and long-term goals.

GROWING PATIENT POPULATION

More people are living with congenital heart disease than ever before. We are investing in this future to help manage this growing population of patients.

TRANSITION SUPPORT

We will support transitioning patients (>12 years) from pediatric cardiology care to ACHD care, providing lifelong, collaborative management.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Nemours and Jefferson are in programmatic alignment for the management of ACHD patients. We aim to regionalize ACHD care in the Mid-Atlantic, with approximately 7.5 million people in the Philadelphia CSA in our catchment.

TEAM-BASED APPROACH

Our growing multidisciplinary team includes 2 ACHD cardiologists, a dedicated ACHD surgeon, and EP, imaging, cath, and structural and procedural support. We also have a social support expert, APP, team RN, and a program manager to help facilitate care and program growth, including plans for ACHA accreditation and ACHD fellowship programs in the next 5 years.



TRUSTED EXPERTISE

7.5M
people in the Philadelphia CSA in our catchment.

NO
age barrier in our program.

Questions or Referrals?

You are to contact
Email:
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Call:
844.411.ACHD

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FLU CORNER

YOUR MONTHLY FLU CHECK-IN

Healthy Kids. Stronger Communities.



THIS MONTH'S FOCUS
RSV immunization updates and available products.

FLU REPORT HIGHLIGHT
KidWell community flu report shows a strong start!

WHAT TO DO
Review updates, share with your team, and continue offering recommended vaccines.

RSV IMMUNIZATION UPDATES

2nd Season Updated Recommendations from AAP

- **Children born preterm at less than 32 weeks gestation,** regardless of the need for medication/ other support.
- **Children with hemodynamically significant congenital heart disease**
- **Children with anatomic pulmonary abnormalities or neuromuscular disorders** that put them at risk for severe RSV disease.
- **Children with Down syndrome or other chromosomal differences** placing them at higher risk of severe RSV disease

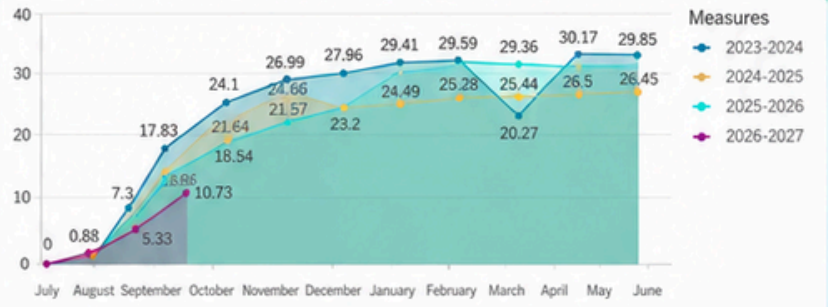
AVAILABLE PRODUCTS

Abrysvo	Beyfortus (Nirsevimab)	Enflonsia (Clesrovimab)
• Vaccine for pregnant women • Given at 32–36 weeks gestation	• Monoclonal Antibody • Weight based dosing • **1st and 2nd Season**	• Monoclonal Antibody • NOT Weight based • **1st Season ONLY**

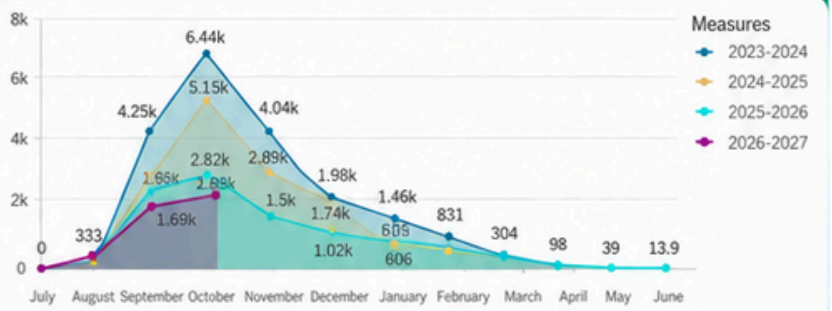
KidWell COMMUNITY FLU REPORT

Below is the vaccination rate and count for the **KidWell** Community Practices. So far, we have **more shots earlier than last year** which is **a huge win!** Due to the delay in claims, not all October vaccines are accounted for, so we anticipate that the October count and rate will be larger in a few weeks.

Vaccination Rate – All Practices



Count of vaccines given – All Practices



SAY IT THIS WAY
FRONT DESK | MA | PROVIDER

THIS MONTH'S CONVERSATION TIPS (FLU & RSV)

"The flu vaccine is the best way to protect your child and the people around them. We recommend it for everyone 6 months and older."

"Your baby may be eligible for an RSV immunization. Let's talk about the options that are available."

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Please contact Danielle Burns with questions about RSV immunization eligibility, products, or updated recommendations.

danielle.burns@nemours.org

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Let's Check In!

Stronger Practices. Healthier Kids.

As we head into the final months of the year, the KidWell team is looking forward to connecting with our practices! **Two important touchpoints are coming up** to help you understand where your practice stands and identify opportunities to finish the year strong.

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER

VIRTUAL Q3 PERFORMANCE TOUCHPOINT

A quick snapshot of where you are today.

During your virtual touch base, we'll review your current payer scorecards and performance, discuss what we're seeing in the data, and highlight areas that may benefit from additional focus.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Scorecard & payer performance review
- Current gaps and opportunities
- Workflow discussion
- Areas to focus on before year-end

Watch for scheduling communication for your **October–November virtual touch base.**

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

IN-PERSON YEAR-END PRACTICE VISIT

Let's close out the year together.

During **November** and Dece**mber**, the KidWell team will visit your practice **in person** for a more comprehensive look at your year-end performance.

Together, we'll review your scorecard, progress and opportunities, talk through what worked well this year, and discuss areas of focus as we look ahead.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- In-person visit with the KidWell team
- Year-end scorecard review
- Progress & performance discussion
- Opportunities and next steps

Watch for scheduling communication for your **November–December in-person visit.**

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR INBOX!

You'll receive separate communications to coordinate both:

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER
Virtual Q3 Performance Touchpoint

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER
In-Person Year-End Practice Visit

We look forward to connecting with you!

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Conference Spotlight

A Multistep Approach towards Reducing Avoidable Emergency Department Utilization

Children's Hospital Association Fall AHLC Conference
October 8, 2026 | Chicago, IL



KIDWELL AT AHLC

The KidWell Network team presented "A Multistep Approach towards Reducing Avoidable Emergency Department Utilization" at the Children's Hospital Association (CHA) Fall Accountable Health Learning Collaborative (AHLC) Conference in Chicago.

Our presentation highlighted four key initiatives aimed at reducing avoidable pediatric ED use across the KidWell Network:

1. Case management
2. Community practice utilization reviews
3. Influenza vaccination
4. Standardized gastrostomy tube ordering

We shared implementation lessons, early results, and the importance of strong primary care connections, family education, and collaboration among providers and payors.



Pictured: Members of the KidWell Network team who presented at the CHA Fall AHLC Conference. Also in attendance were **Chris Morris**, AVP, Payor Relations & Clinically Integrated Network, and **Alex Koster**, Senior Director, System Special Projects.

WHY IT MATTERS

Attending and presenting at the AHLC conference supports our network and partners by:

Learning from Peer Networks
Connect with other accountable care organizations and pediatric networks to exchange best practices, innovative solutions, and lessons learned.

Building Strategic Relationships
Establish connections with healthcare leaders, clinical networks, and organizations facing similar challenges, creating opportunities for future collaboration.

Professional Development
Provide team members with opportunities to expand their knowledge, develop leadership skills, and stay informed about emerging approaches to accountable care.

Sharing KidWell's Successes
Presenting our multistep approach to reducing avoidable ED utilization positions KidWell as an active contributor to national conversations about pediatric healthcare improvement.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PRESENTERS!

We are proud of our KidWell team members who represented our network and shared our work on a national stage.

Mandy Brady, BSN, RN, MBA, CPN, CRCR, ACM-RN
Case Manager, UM Manager
Nemours Children's Health

David Cruz, MHSA, CPHQ
Executive Director, KidWell Network
Nemours Children's Health

Dr. Maria Petrini, MD, FAAP
Medical Director, KidWell Network
Nemours Children's Health

Asya Richardson
Practice Transformation Specialist, KidWell Network
Nemours Children's Health

Nicole Schwegler, MSN, RN, CCM, CPN
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KidWell Annual Dinner

A Night of Partnership, Progress and Purpose

Event Recap | October 2026

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the KidWell Annual Dinner! It was a wonderful evening to celebrate our shared commitment to improving the health and well-being of children and families across our network.

We are grateful to our community practices, clinical staff, partners, and colleagues for your ongoing collaboration, support, and passion for the work we do. Your dedication continues to make a meaningful difference for the children and families we serve.

AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE

The KidWell Annual Dinner brought together our network of practices, providers, care coordinators, community partners, and leadership for a night of connection, appreciation, and shared purpose. The evening highlighted our collective progress, strengthened relationships, and renewed our commitment to advancing equitable, high-quality care for every child.

STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS | **SHARED PROGRESS** | **CONTINUED PURPOSE** | **BRIGHTER FUTURES**









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KidWell Annual Dinner

Photo Highlights

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Moments from the Evening























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More Reasons TO CELEBRATE!



KidWell Physicians Named Delaware's Top Doctors

We are proud to celebrate four outstanding KidWell physicians who have been recognized in Delaware Today's 2026 Top Doctors list.

This well-deserved honor reflects their dedication, expertise, and commitment to the health and well-being of the children and families we serve.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KIDWELL PHYSICIANS

Dr. Stacey Fox
Beacon Pediatrics

Dr. Nancy Gideon
Beacon Pediatrics

Dr. Vibha Sanwal
Pediatrics: Primary Care

Dr. Anthony W. Gannon
Pediatrics: Endocrinology

ADDITIONAL CONGRATULATIONS

We also congratulate the **54 additional Nemours Children's Health** physicians recognized in Delaware Today's 2026 Top Doctors list.

VIEW THE FULL 2026 TOP DOCTORS LIST →

Source: Delaware Today | October 1, 2026

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Lunchtime Lecture Series (LLS)

Clinical education featuring Nemours specialists and evidence-based updates for community providers.

Q-Connect

A collaborative forum to share best practices, network with peers, and discuss quality improvement initiatives.

DATE & TIME	MEETING	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Q-Connect	Delaware Library system and First Up (PA)	KidWell Team
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2026 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Q- Connect	TBD	KidWell Team
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2027 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LunchTime Lecture	TBD	KidWell Team

Meeting topics and speakers are subject to change.

Join the Conversation

Stay connected and engaged with the KidWell Community

Interested in attending? Contact the KidWell team to request a calendar invitation

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Q-CONNECT

COMMUNITY RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT

Join us for November's **Q-Connect** featuring special guests sharing valuable resources to support children, families, and your practice.

WEDNESDAY
NOV 4, 2026
1:00 – 2:00 PM ET

VIRTUAL
Microsoft Teams

ALL COMMUNITY PRACTICES ARE INVITED!

FEATURED GUESTS

FIRST UP

Kindergarten Readiness & Child Care Resources

Learn about programs and resources that support early learning, family support services, and advocacy for Pennsylvania families.

- **Early learning resources**
  Programs that support high-quality early childhood education
- **Family support resources**
  Services to help families access community-based support
- **Advocacy**
  How communities can support Pennsylvania families

DELAWARE LIBRARY SYSTEM

Kindergarten Readiness, Telehealth Kiosks and More Community Resources

Learn how the Delaware Library System supports kindergarten readiness, offers telehealth kiosks, and provides additional resources for children and families.

- **Kindergarten readiness resources**
  Programs and resources to prepare children and families for school success
- **Telehealth kiosks**
  Information on telehealth kiosks available through Delaware libraries
- **Additional library resources**
  Other services and resources to support children and families

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PA AND DE PRACTICES
This Q-Connect will highlight helpful resources for both Pennsylvania and Delaware practices.

SEE YOU THERE!

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Additional Resources

Week In Review – October 26, 2026

Key updates, resources and opportunities to support your practice.

MEASLES 2026

NATIONWIDE (CDC, 10/15/26)

4,588 Confirmed Cases | **47** Jurisdictions

- 43 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 4,404 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 18 cases reported among international visitors
- Vaccination status:
  - Unvaccinated/Unknown: **96%**
  - One MMR dose: **2%**
  - Two MMR doses: **2%**
- **Deaths: 6*** (subject to change)

Cases & Hospitalizations by Age (Nationwide)

Age	Cases	Hosp.
Under 5	766 (17%)	119 (15%)
5–19 years	1,914 (42%)	91 (5%)
20+ years	1,881 (41%)	268 (14%)
Unknown	27 (1%)	1 (4%)

RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

WEEK 41

Influenza (U.S.)

- Specimens tested: 51,490
- Positive specimens: 5.7%
- Influenza A: 97.9%
- Influenza B: 2.1%

Respiratory Illness Activity in Delaware (Wastewater)

- COVID-19: Moderate
- Influenza: Very Low
- RSV: Very Low

Delaware Measles Outbreak

25 Confirmed Cases (Kent County)

- Adults 20+: 13
- Adolescents 10–19 years: 3
- Children 0–9 years: 9

Read More

- Delaware Declares a Measles Outbreak
- DPH Measles Information Page

IN THE NEWS

- PA's measles outbreak is the largest in decades in the U.S. (AP)
- U.S. measles cases hit 4,588; more than twice last year's total (CIDRAP)
- A novel mRNA cancer vaccine helps reduce the chances of melanoma patients' tumors returning (AP)
- Kids more likely to be vaccinated against HPV if doctors offer shots at earlier ages (CIDRAP)
- Tens of thousands of U.S. newborns could be exposed to hepatitis B at home (CIDRAP)

FROM THE CDC

RECENT UPDATES

- **FluView:** Pediatric deaths reported, total 195 (week 37)
- **HAN:** 9/10/26 – Nationwide increase in reported human rabies exposures
- **MMWR** (Vol. 75, No. 41): Nontuberculous mycobacteria infections after cosmetic surgery procedures in Mexico – U.S., April–September 2025
- **Outbreak List:** Salmonella – Raw Oysters (October)
- **Pertussis (CDC Stacks):** YTD 11,567 cases | Delaware: 13
- **Emerging Infectious Disease (EID):** November 2026 – Measles and Other Respiratory Infections
- **ACIP Meeting:** None
- **COCA Call:** None scheduled

GLOBAL & TRAVEL UPDATES

FROM WHO & CDC

WHO Disease Outbreaks (Selected)

- Oct 10: Pneumonia of Undetermined Etiology – Russian Federation
- Oct 15: MERS-CoV – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Oct 23: Ebola (Bundibugyo Virus)
  - **DRC:** 9,704 cases, 4,687 deaths (CFR 48.3%)
  - **Kenya:** 9 cases, 1 death (all contacts of 1 traveller from DRC)
  - **Nigeria:** 1 imported case

CDC Travel Notices

- **Level 4: Avoid All Travel**
  - Ebola (Bundibugyo) – DRC (Ituri and Nord-Kivu Provinces)
- **Level 3: Reconsider Nonessential Travel**
  - Ebola (Bundibugyo) – DRC (Haut-Uele and Tshopo Provinces)
- **Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions**
  - Global Polio | Yellow Fever (Colombia, Ghana) | Ebola (DRC – other provinces), Uganda | Chikungunya (Nicaragua)
- **Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions**
  - Ebola (Kenya) | Hepatitis A (Costa Rica) | Dengue (Global)

For complete details, resources and additional updates, visit the **Immunization Coalition of Delaware**

www.immunizedelaware.org >

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HELP SHAPE THE KIDWELL COMMUNITY!

Your Ideas. Your Colleagues. Our Community.

NOMINATE A STELLAR COLLEAGUE

Know someone who consistenly goes above and beyond for patients, families, or their practice?

Help us celebrate their dedication by nominating them for our **Kudos Corner!**

NOMINATE TODAY

HELP SHAPE THE NEWSLETTER

We're alwasys looking for ideas and feedback to make our newsletter even more valuable to you.

We Welcome:

- **Best practices**
- **Success stories**
- **Community events**
- **Patient education tools**
- **Topics you want to learn more about**
- **Questions you'd like answered**
- **Resources to share**

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

YOUR KIDWELL TEAM IS HERE TO HELP

Wheather you have questions about reportts, quality scorecoards, educational progaramming, upcoming meetings, or any other resources- your KidWell team is here for you!

MEET YOUR KIDWELL TEAM

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We want to hear from you!

Send an email to Asya Richardson to submit your nonimation, ideas or newsletter topics.

Thank you FOR BEING PART OF THE KIDWELL NETWORK!

Together, we're improving the health of children, supporting practices, and strengthening our communities.

Have questions or need assistance?
Reach out to your KidWell team - we're here to help!