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CDC HAN Alert Regarding Treatment of Patients with Influenza
Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Emergency Operations Center (DHH EOC)
01/09/2015

This is a message from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Emergency Operations Center (DHH EOC). To remain current on newly released information regarding influenza activity across the United States, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm?mobile=nocontent> .

Widespread influenza activity is being reported in most U.S. states, with influenza A (H3N2) viruses being the most common. H3N2-predominant flu seasons have been associated with more hospitalizations and deaths in older adults and young children. In addition, approximately two-thirds of H3N2 viruses that have been tested at CDC are antigenically or genetically different from the H3N2 vaccine virus. This difference suggests that vaccine effectiveness may be reduced this season. High hospitalization rates are being observed; similar to what was seen during the 2012-2013 influenza season. Hospitalization rates are especially high among adults 65 years and older. In this context, the use of influenza antiviral drugs as an adjunct to vaccination becomes even more

important than usual in protecting people from influenza. Antiviral medications are effective in treating influenza and reducing complications. Antivirals are available and recommended, but evidence from the current and previous influenza seasons suggests that they are severely underutilized.

The CDC has released, "CDC Health Update Regarding Treatment of Patients with Influenza with Antiviral Medications" available at <http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00375.asp> . This health update will provide 1) a summary of influenza antiviral drug treatment recommendations, 2) an update about approved treatment drugs and supply this season, and 3) background information for patients regarding anti-influenza treatment.

For general information about Influenza (flu), visit the DHH Fight the Flu website at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/8/n/80> .

2015 Louisiana Lead Poisoning Prevention-Lead Free Mardi Gras Educational and Awareness Bookmark
Source: Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
Program Announcement, January 6, 2015

Today is the official beginning of the 2015 Carnival Season! Let us work together to keep our families safe by using simple steps to prevent childhood exposure to lead this Carnival Season! As Mardi Gras is a time for family fun in Louisiana, one beloved Mardi Gras activity is attending parades throughout the Carnival season. Some beads and throws may contain lead and there may be lead in the soil along the parade routes. Precautionary measures should be taken to reduce lead exposure for children along parade routes.

These precautionary measures can be taken to prevent childhood lead exposure during Carnival Season:

- While attending parades or other activities, use hand wipes. Wipe children's hands before they eat and after picking up beads on the ground.
- Wash and rinse any beads picked up from the streets or along parade routes before allowing children to play with them.
- At home, promptly change any clothing that may have been exposed to dirt along the parade route.

2015 Lead Free Mardi Gras Educational Bookmark Distribution Launching Events

Announcement and Schedule of Events:

Launching Event 1:

- Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015
- Location: Benson Tower Lobby Area
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. — Distribution of the inaugural 2015 Lead Free Mardi Gras Bookmarks, Mardi Gras candy, water, fruit, and lead prevention educational resources

Launching Event 2:

- January 12 -January 30, 2015
- Distribution of the Lead Free Mardi Gras Bookmarks-Bookmarks will be distributed statewide to public and private partners, child serving agencies, parent groups and the general public free of charge

Please join LHHCLPPP for an action-packed day dedicated to raising awareness, educating and advocating for lead poisoning prevention. The 2015 Louisiana Lead Poisoning Prevention -Lead Free Mardi Gras- Educational and Awareness message is to Take Safe and Precautionary Measures for Children During the Mardi Gras Season! Please help us by passing this message to all of your partners and interested parties!

Click [here](#) for the 2015 Lead Free Mardi Gras Educational and Awareness Bookmark.

If you have any questions regarding the, 2015 Lead Free Mardi Gras Educational and Awareness Bookmark and would like to place an order to receive some bookmarks, please contact Trina Evans Williams, State Program Coordinator of the Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 504-568-8259 or e-mail Trina.Evans@la.gov

Medicaid/ Bayou Health

DHH to Host Bayou Health Teleconference for Providers

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) will host a weekly teleconference for providers interested in learning more about [Bayou Health's managed care organizations \(MCO\)](#) to become effective on Feb. 1.

The teleconference will take place from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 14 until further notice. DHH staff will provide updates on the upcoming changes to the Bayou Health Program. Staff and representatives from each MCO will be available to answer your questions.

To participate in the teleconference, dial 1-888-278-0296. When prompted, enter access code 2833686.

Providers may also email their questions to bayouhealth@la.gov

Bayou Health Transparency Report - January 2015

Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Source <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2086>

To view report click

here <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/2013Act212/2013BayouHealthTransparencyReport.pdf>

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Clinical Pre-Authorization Requirement for ADHD Medications for Recipients Less Than 48 Months Old for La. Medicaid Pharmacy Program

Source: State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

To: All Louisiana Medicaid Providers

From: J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Clinical Pre-authorization Requirement for ADI-ID Medications for Recipients Less Than 48 Months Old for La. Medicaid Pharmacy Program

Effective January 21, 2015, the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program in collaboration with the Louisiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board has established clinical pre-authorization criteria for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medications for recipients less than 48 months old.

Claims for ADHD medications for recipients less than 48 months old will be reimbursed at Point of Sale (POS) when the prescriber has obtained an approved clinical pre-authorization. Prescribers must complete the Behavioral Health Worksheet in full and fax to 866-797-2329. See complete instructions following this document or refer to www.lamedicaid.com.

Pharmacy claims for these medications will deny at POS with:

NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR Reject Error) mapped to EOB code 066 (Clinical Pre-Authorization Required)

Override provisions should be addressed through the Clinical Pre-Authorization process.

Compliance associated with program policy will be verified through our Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Compliance Audit Program.

Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about the contents of this memo, you may contact the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 437-9101 or refer to www.lamedicaid.com.

MCJ/MBW/ESF

cc: Bayou Health Plans

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ADHD Medication Clinical Pre-Authorization Requirements For Legacy Medicaid and Shared Health Plan Recipients Younger than 48 Months of Age

All prescriptions for ADHD medications for recipients younger than 48 months of age enrolled in Legacy Medicaid and Shared Health plans require clinical pre-authorization. Prescribing providers must complete the Behavioral Medication Therapy Clinical Pre-Authorization form and fax to LA Medicaid Rx PA Operations at the University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Pharmacy at 866-797-2329. Prescribing providers will be notified by fax or mail of the outcomes of clinical pre-authorization requests.

Clonidine and Guanfacine

The pharmacy claim will bypass the clinical pre-authorization requirement at point-of-sale for clonidine IR (tablet), clonidine (transdennal), and guanfacine IR with at least one of the following diagnosis codes:

Diagnosis Code Description

401.00 - 405.99 Hypertensive disease

745 -747.9 Hypertension in congenital heart disease

Medical Reconsideration

Medical Reconsideration of a denied clinical pre-authorization decision may be requested by the prescribing practitioner. Reconsideration requires completion of the Request for Reconsideration form available at www.lamedicaid.com. The form must be completed in full and signed by the prescribing practitioner. Signature stamps and proxy signatures are not acceptable. The completed form must be faxed from the prescribing practitioner to the LA Medicaid R.x PA Operations at the University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Pharmacy at 318-812-2940.

To view and download the form, go to the online posting of this notice

at: http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Pharmacy/ADHD_Pre-auth_provider_memo.pdf

Medicaid Check Write Schedule Jan. - June 2015

Click [here](#) for link to the Medicaid Check Write Schedule for January through June 2015

Bayou Health Providers: Verify Provider Registry Information

When selecting a Bayou Health Plan among Louisiana's five managed care organizations (MCOs), Bayou Health enrollees rely on the accuracy of the information contained in the Bayou Health provider registry and the MCO online directories. Medicaid needs your assistance in ensuring your information is accurate and up-to-date, to be certain your patients have the latest information about your practice when making this important decision.

Links to the five MCO provider directories as well as a link to the Bayou Health provider search tool can be found below.

To verify your information, click on the links and search for your practice. Please search for your name among those MCOs that you are not contracted with and notify us if you appear as part of their network. The inclusion of non-contracted providers in an MCO directory is strictly prohibited and can lead to linkage issues for members.

If your contact information is incorrect, please contact the plan directly to update your information. If you appear in the MCO's provider search but are NOT contracted with the MCO, please notify the Department by contacting Mark Perry at mark.perry@la.gov or Jode Burkett at jode.burkett@la.gov as soon as possible.

[Aetna Better Health](#)

[Amerigroup](#)

[AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana](#)

[Louisiana Healthcare Connections](#)

[UnitedHealthcare Community Plan](#)

[Bayou Health Provider Search](#)

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH™) Grant Opportunity

Call for Proposals-Submissions due January 30, 2015

The CATCH Program is seeking grant applications for innovative community-based projects to improve access to health services for children who are most likely to experience barriers. Eligible initiatives reach out to the community at large. Chapter officers are eligible to apply.

Up to \$10,000 will be awarded to pediatricians and fellowship trainees and \$2,000 to pediatric residents to work collaboratively with local community partners to ensure that all children have access to medical homes or access to specific health services not otherwise available.

Applications available November 3 for Planning Grants, Implementation Grants, and Resident Grants. Learn more at <http://www2.aap.org/catch/funding.htm>.

Examples of Recent Topics

Bullying Prevention

Children of Incarcerated Parents Health

Continuity of Care for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

Gun Violence

Immunizations

LGBTQ Youth

Military Children's Health

Refugee/Immigrant Health

Teenage Pregnancy & Parenting

Youth in Group Homes Health

To see what others are doing with their CATCH grants, visit the Community Pediatrics grants database at <http://www2.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase>. You can search by several categories, including health topic and AAP grant program

SUDIA Recipe: Two-Cheese Mediterranean Stuffed Chicken

Fill chicken breasts with a mixture of mozzarella, Parmesan cheese, tomatoes and spinach for an impressive, but easy chicken entrée.

Ease: Advanced
Yield: 4 servings
Preparation time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 40 minutes
Source: Recipe courtesy of 3-A-Day of Dairy

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup diced tomatoes
1 tsp minced garlic
1 6 oz. bag baby spinach
1 cup part-skim shredded Mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
4 boneless, skinless medium chicken breast halves (approx. 1.5 lbs)
2 tsp Italian seasoning blend
1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth



Directions

Heat oil over medium heat in a nonstick skillet. Add onion and cook, stirring until onions are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes and garlic.
Add spinach, cover and cook for about 3 minutes until spinach is soft. Remove from heat. Let mixture cool slightly; stir in Mozzarella and Parmesan.
Heat oven to 375°. Beginning in the center of the thicker end of the breast, insert a small knife horizontally, stopping about 1 inch from opposite end.
Open incision to create a 1-inch-wide pocket and pack 1/4 of the filling mixture into each breast.
Season chicken with Italian seasoning blend and place in 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Pour broth over chicken. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 40 minutes; keep warm until served.

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org



Please join us in welcoming our newest members to the LA Chapter - AAP. There is strength in numbers and we are so glad you have chosen to add your voice to the more than 700 Louisiana Chapter members who are speaking out on behalf of the Children of Louisiana and the profession of Pediatrics.

Virginia Homza Carter MD, FAAP
Alicia Kober MD, FAAP
Gayatri Mirani MD, FAAP
Jessica Roybal MD, FAAP

Happy Birthday!

- 1/1 Tiffany P Chevalier, MD, FAAP
Samir Sayem El-Dahr, MD, FAAP
Theodorus Johannes Mulder, MD, FAAP
- 1/2 Alejandro Leon, MD, FAAP
Carlos M Vides Jr., MD, FAAP
- 1/3 Natalie McConnell, MD, FAAP
Gordon Frederick Wadge
- 1/4 Cara Gradney Fontenot, MD
Lutfat Abiodun Kashimawo, MD, MB, ChB, FAAP
Rajesh Kumar Sharma, MD, FAAP
- 1/5 Primaljit Gill, MD, FAAP
- 1/6 Carissa Lynn Armstrong, MD
Rufus Lester Hixon III, MD, FAAP
George E Lawrence Jr., MD, FAAP
Charly Phan, MD
- 1/8 Vincent Robert Adolph, MD, FAAP
Sami Labib Bahna, MD, DrPH, FAAP
Yolanda Yu, DO
- 1/9 Floyd A Buras Jr., MD, FAAP
- 1/10 Ruthanne R Gallagher, MD, FAAP
Jed Kinnick, MD
Kimiyo Harris Williams, MD, FAAP
- 1/11 Marissa Attis, MD
Dawn Rube Vick, MD, FAAP
John Kevin Wilkes
- 1/12 Nicole A Jones, MD, FAAP
- 1/13 Suzette Kingston, MD, FAAP
- 1/15 Susan Jane Berry, MD, FAAP
Aman Chauhan, MD
Virginia M. Quinones Rivero, MD, FAAP
- 1/16 Deborah M. Decker, MD, FAAP
- 1/17 Gaurav Nayyar, MBBS
Oscar Shoenfelt
- 1/19 Gabriella Bluett-Mills, MD
Patrick Johnson, MD
- 1/21 Dana A Fakouri, MD, FAAP
Elizabeth Marston, MD
John E. Williams, MD, FAAP
- 1/22 Justin John Farge, MD
Keith M Perrin, MD, FAAP
- 1/24 Cynthia Petrus Bimle, MD
Isaac Aruoture Odudu, MD, FAAP
Henry M Peltier, MD, FAAP
Margaret Ellen Renneisen
- 1/25 Marlene Marie Broussard, MD, FAAP
Paul Remedios, MD
- 1/26 Brian Thomas Stout, MD, FAAP
- 1/27 Julia Ann McDonald, MD, FAAP
Oliver Mollere, MD
Christy G. Mumphrey, MD, FAAP
Thu Vu, MD, FAAP
Karen Renee Williams, MD, FAAP
- 1/28 Steven Nelken Bienvenu, MD, FAAP
Rebecca Anne Propper, MD



Kenshata Mignon Watkins, MD
1/29 Cecily Poree-Turner, MD, FAAP
1/31 Bridgett Foreman, MD

Upcoming Events

LAPEN'S 8th Annual Summit for Parenting Educators

Adverse Childhood Experiences: Parenting Education is Key

Wednesday, January 21, 2015, West Baton Rouge Conference Center in Port Allen, LA



9:00am - 3:30pm

A full day of presentations, networking, exhibits, and more!

Register now! Early bird rates end 12/31/14

Speakers:

Dr. Robert Anda, co-Principal Investigator with the ACE Study

Dr. Anda has conducted research in a variety of areas including disease surveillance, behavioral health, mental health and disease, cardiovascular disease, and childhood determinants of health. After spending 20 years as a research medical officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, he is now a Senior Scientific Consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. He played the principal role in the design of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study and serves as its Co-Principal Investigator. Findings from the ACE Study have been presented at Congressional Briefings and numerous conferences around the world. The ACE Study is being replicated in numerous countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) and is now being used to assess the childhood origins of health and social problems in more than 18 U.S. states.

Dr. Stewart Gordon, Community Health Solutions Louisiana

Dr. Stewart Gordon joined CHS-LA in January 2012 as Chief Medical Officer. Prior to joining CHS-LA, Dr. Gordon was a practicing pediatrician for eighteen years at Earl K. Long (EKL) Medical Center. His pediatric practice was largely focused on providing services to the Medicaid and uninsured population. He was involved in medical student and pediatric resident education throughout his tenure at EKL. Dr. Gordon's areas of interest include early brain development / early childhood, child advocacy / children's public policy, juvenile justice reform, prevention of child abuse and neglect and prevention and treatment of childhood obesity.

Register: <http://lapensummit2015.eventbrite.com>

Registration RATES:

\$40 through December 31, 2014

\$50 After January 1st, Registration Closes January 15th

Registration includes lunch!

Continuing education credit applications are in progress.

To view the flyer, [click here](#)

Questions? Call Lenell Young 225-218-5657 or lajen@selahec.org

Job Announcement

Children's International Medical Group is seeking two pediatric hospitalist to be based in Covington and Slidell. Both positions offer a great lifestyle with one week on & one week off with no set shifts in the hospital. (on call as needed) If you would like to learn more about CIMG's hospitalist program, please send a CV to zach.allen@cimgpeds.com