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LA Medicaid- Check Write Schedule for July through December 2013

LA Medicaid has posted the Check Write Schedule for July - December 2013. You can view by going to:
http://lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent_policy/Medicaid_Checkwrite_Calendar_2013_July-Dec.pdf

DHH Announces Plans to Address Final FY 2014 Budget Reductions

To access the press release directly, go to: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2830>

DHH Announces Plan to Address Final FY 2014 Budget Reductions
Reductions align operating expenses to budget

Friday, June 21, 2013 | Contact: Media & Communications: Phone: 225.342.1532, E-mail: dhinfo@la.gov

Today, the Louisiana Division of Administration and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals outlined a plan to address funding reductions included by the Legislature in the state's final operating budget for fiscal year 2014, which begins July 1. Without these actions, DHH projects that it would face an approximately \$25.9 million state general fund shortfall at current operating levels.

The reduction plan was constructed to protect critical services by identifying administrative and programmatic efficiencies. Reductions are spread across department administration and program offices, local governing entities such as Human Service Districts, and the Louisiana Medicaid program.

DHH Secretary Kathy Kliebert said, “We are focused on managing our budget and resources as effectively as possible to support the needs of Louisiana residents across the state. Coupled with these reductions, DHH continues to carefully monitor utilization levels across its programs and make adjustments where necessary to protect critical services provided to our most vulnerable residents.”

The reductions are outlined below by office:

Office of Aging and Adult Services (\$948,895 SGF; \$1,165,756 Total 13 TO, 5 Non-TO). OAAS will achieve savings through reduction, elimination or renegotiation of certain professional service contracts. The office will also eliminate 18 positions, including a Deputy Assistant Secretary position whose responsibilities have been consolidated with another position in the Department.

OAAS will achieve savings through further realignment and reduction of regional administrative staff and Adult Protect Services (APS) positions. APS investigators will continue to investigate allegations of abuse or neglect in institutional facilities and in community settings. Complaints about specific licensed providers will now be investigated by DHH Health Standards staff. OAAS will also capture savings through the Medicaid payments budget as the Department implements utilization controls.

Office of Behavioral Health (\$2,965,130 SGF; \$2,965,130 Total 0 TO). OBH will achieve savings through additional self-generated revenue and a recalculation of the administrative cost component of its contract with the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP) Statewide Managing Organization (SMO), with no impact to service delivery. Other savings identified by OBH include a higher use of generic prescription drugs at its facilities and a postponement of certain equipment acquisitions and maintenance.

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (\$137,414 SGF; \$370,988 Total 6 TO). OCDD savings will be achieved through the elimination of six vacancies. Other savings will be captured through the Medicaid payments budget as the Department implements utilization controls.

Office of Public Health (\$1,036,087 SGF; \$1,036,087 Total 0 TO). OPH will generate savings by leveraging other available funds for vital records contracts, realigning staff functions in the molluscan shellfish and immunization programs, and reducing certain Children’s Special Health Services contracts with no impact to services. OPH will also reduce contract positions for the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program, which will have a minimal impact to the outcomes of the program. Children and families enrolled in the Medicaid Bayou Health program may be eligible for case management services through their health plans.

Office of the Secretary (\$1,244,727 SGF; \$1,244,727 Total 15 TO). The Office of the Secretary will achieve these savings through the elimination of various vacant positions, some of which will come from the Health Standards Division.

Medicaid Administration (\$1,191,675 SGF; \$2,383,350 Total 10 TO). Medicaid will achieve savings through the reduction of contract funding related to the now delayed implementation of a new Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and the elimination of vacant positions.

Medicaid Provider Payments (\$14,400,000 SGF; \$38,600,000 Total). Medicaid will achieve these savings through several strategies, which include:

1. Effective July 1, 2013, DHH will reduce Medicaid dental provider rates by three percent. This will bring Louisiana's dental reimbursement rates closer in line to other state Medicaid programs. Louisiana's rates will still be higher than neighboring states' rates for the majority of dental services.
2. DHH will make adjustments to the Upper Payment Limit (UPL) and LINCCA programs.
3. DHH will implement heightened utilization controls for high-cost programs provided through federal waivers. No individuals currently receiving services will be impacted.

Developmental Disabilities Council (\$3,548 SGF; \$3,548 Total 0 TO). The Developmental Disabilities council will reduce contracts that provide information and referral services, peer-to-peer support, and education and training. This overall reduction will be made across contracts with nine agencies, thus reducing the overall impact on one single contract.

Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) (\$50,302 SGF; \$50,302 Total 0 TO). LERN will not execute a professional services contract for a part time position related to the planned merger with the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) that did not occur in the recent legislative session.

Human Service Districts and Authorities (\$3,915,161 SGF; \$3,915,161 Total 13 Non-TO). The districts operate within their own governance and executive leadership, with the implementation strategy for reductions determined locally. Districts and authorities have targeted reductions in an effort to maintain critical services and minimize the impact on individuals they serve. Each will achieve savings through various techniques such as supply and travel reductions, staff reductions, delays of planned service expansions, contract reductions, attrition savings and increased ability to bill third-party payer sources.

Bayou Health

Informational Bulletins

All bulletins: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1198/n/311>

Provider Calls Continuation

In last's weeks Progress Notes, we reported that the provider calls were going to cease at the end of June. Due to the tremendous response from the healthcare community urging DHH to continue the calls, the Department has agreed to continue the weekly calls. The beginning of each call will begin with announcements from the Department and then will allow for time to address systemic issues with Bayou Health.

The weekly provider call hosted by DHH takes place every Wednesday at noon. Any provider is welcome to call in, and pre-registration is not required.
The call in number is 1-888-278-0296
Access code is 6556479#

AAP Pediatric Workforce Survey- Coming Soon

The AAP Committee on Pediatric Workforce (COPW) is conducting an online survey of pediatricians who are members of the Chapter. The results will provide important workforce information and data that we can use in our state advocacy efforts and for Chapter planning. It will also enable the AAP, at the national level, to better advocate for our needs. We strongly encourage your participation! Please be on the lookout for an email with your link within the next month (You may need to check your SPAM folder, too!). If you have questions, please feel free to contact COPW member Christopher Harris (christopher.harris@cshs.org). Thank you in advance for your time.

LA AAP Officer Elections

It is time to elect officers for the FY14- FY15 years. Please take a few minutes to vote through SurveyMonkey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9DKWMJ3> If you are anyone you know is interested in being considered for an officer position, please send an email with that information to ashley.politz@laaap.org

All LA AAP Members will receive a separate email with this link as well. Along with election information, the Chapter has included a few questions for feedback.

Officers to be voted on:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

At-Large Members (2)

Nominate Colleagues Now For LA AAP Awards

LA AAP is seeking nominations for the Chapter's Annual Awards that will also be given at the annual meeting in September. See below for the descriptions, requirements, deadline and how to submit your nominations.

Annual Awards

Please submit your nomination for the annual awards by July 19th to ashley.politz@laaap.org. Include the name of the nominee and why you think they should be the award winner along with your contact information.

David W. Van Gelder distinguished Service Award—This award is to recognize and honor those rare and dedicated individuals who have contributed substantially to the advancement of the Chapter.

Charles M Vanchiere Award—This award is given to recognize special efforts to improve the health of children in Louisiana by increasing their access to needed health care.

Elizabeth E. Cassinelli Award—This award is given in recognition of special efforts relevant to women's careers in pediatrics—at academic institutions, as basic scientist or clinicians, and in the private sector.

Outstanding Pediatric Society—This award recognizes the president of the regional society for the society's outstanding programs or accomplishments.

SUIDA Recipe- Chinese Chicken Salad

Chinese chicken salad is a salad influenced from common Chinese-themed ingredients. Though many variations exist, we took all the great flavor of a traditional crunchy Chinese Chicken Salad and loaded it with garden-fresh ingredients and nutrient rich cheese. Perfect for summer lunch boxes or a fast and fun dinner option.



Ingredients:

- 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges
- 1 (3-ounce) package chicken-flavored ramen noodle soup mix
- 1 (6-ounce) package chopped cooked chicken (or about 1 chicken breast)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons light soy sauce
- 1(10-ounce) bag romaine salad greens, rinsed
- 1 (4-ounce) package shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese (about 1 cup)

Directions:

Drain mandarin oranges, reserving 2 tablespoons of juice into a small bowl (discard remaining juice); set oranges aside. Remove seasoning packet from noodles; break noodles apart and set aside.

Whisk together half of seasoning packet, reserved orange juice, oil, vinegar, sugar and soy sauce. Toss with salad greens, chicken and reserved oranges. Top with broken noodles and cheese.

Nutrition Information:

- Calories 290
- Fat 13g (Sat Fat 4g)
- Chol 40mg
- Sodium 350mg
- Carb 21g
- Fiber 2g
- Protein 20g
- Calcium 200mg

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Upcoming Events

Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians' Annual Assembly / August 1-4, 2013 / New Orleans, La

The 66th Annual Assembly & Exhibition
August 1-4, 2013 at the Hotel Monteleone
New Orleans, LA

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians invite you to join us at the 2013 Scientific Assembly, August 1-4, in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hotel Monteleone. This year's Assembly is undergoing changes with some exciting new additions and we want you to be a part of it!

Features of this year's conference include:

- High quality education sessions targeted towards the hottest topics in the specialty
- A full day of Practice Management sessions on Saturday (NEW!)
- An opportunity to hear important updates regarding the ABFM Maintenance of Certification (MC-FP) Part II requirements
- A Welcome Reception on Thursday evening where you can enjoy a taste of Louisiana enjoying a delicious dinner buffet and a chance to mingle with colleagues while listening to the dueling pianos at Pat O's on the River!
- An exhibition hall featuring vendors and products to assist you in your practice
- And more!

With more evening activities at this year's conference there are ample opportunities for you to expand your network of colleagues, and share your best practices with one another in an effort to continue to advance family medicine in Louisiana. Discover new ideas, refresh your skills and walk away with valuable knowledge you can put into practice immediately. For information and to register, go to: <http://www.lafp.org/content/cme-a-events/66th-annual-assembly-a-exhibition>

Registration:

Registration fee covers CME offerings, syllabus, daily continental breakfasts and coffee breaks, as well as one complimentary ticket to the Social Events.

Program Objectives & Information:

This activity is designed for the specialty of family medicine, but may also be of educational interest to the specialties of internal medicine, pediatrics and other primary care fields. It is designed to introduce providers to the latest information, techniques and technology applicable to office-based patient care through didactic lectures and interactive discussions. Upon completion of this program, participants should have a working and applicable comprehension of these topics. Specific objectives for each topic will be included in the participant syllabus.

Accreditation:

Application for CME credit has been filed and being reviewed for Prescribed Credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending. AAFP Prescribed Credit is accepted by the American Medical Association (AMA) as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. When applying for the AMA PRA, prescribed credit earned must be reported as prescribed credit, not as Category 1.

Syllabus & Materials:

The LAFP has received numerous requests to Go Green and we are excited to make it happen. Not only will this environmentally friendly initiative save on natural resources, the LAFP will save a significant amount in printing costs. By Going Green, we will NOT be providing a complimentary printed syllabus. We will be offering our program syllabus & conference materials online. Registered participants will receive an email with a web link approximately one week prior to the conference. The email will include a username and a password that will enable you to download, save and/or print your preferred program materials and course handouts. These online materials will be available for 90 days after the program. We highly recommend that you download your conference materials in advance as sometimes Internet speed can be slow in large meeting rooms. We appreciate your support as we go green this Spring.

The General Session Lecture Hall will offer complimentary wireless internet service. Please keep in mind, often times in large conference centers, WiFi access can be slow or intermittent when large groups access the internet at once. For this reason, we highly recommend that you download your conference materials in advance of the event.

ADA Compliance:

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians is fully committed to the principle of equal educational opportunities for all individuals and does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristics protected by federal or state law. If you require any of the auxiliary aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in this conference, please contact Jammie Olsen at 225.923.3313 no later than ten business days before for the start of this conference.

Refunds (less a \$100 administrative fee) will be made upon receipt of a written request until Monday, July 1, 2013. Tickets to any social events and workshops cannot be refunded unless they are resold.

Exhibitors and Sponsors:

Exhibit booth applications are now being received- send your application in today! Early bird discount fee is now in affect- take advantage while you can. We have sponsorships for every budget, including donated items for the daily drawings and live auction.

Contact Jammie Olsen mailto:jolsen@lafp.org with any questions, we will gladly work with you to meet your marketing needs whatever the budget is. You may find all sponsorship levels outlined in the 2013 meeting prospectus as well as the exhibitor application.

2013 LMGMA Annual Meeting / 8/21-23/13 / New Orleans, La

The 2013 LMGMA meeting will be held at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orelans August 21-13, 2013. To view all of the details include the sessions, overviews, and register, go to: <http://www.lmgma.org/annual-conference>

Academic Distinction Fund Distinguished Speaker Series / 9/9/13 / Baton Rouge, La

Academic Distinction Fund - Distinguished Speaker Series

Mind in the Making: Executive Functions- How Parents and Teachers Can Help a Child Succeed

Date: Monday, September 9, 2013

Times: Registration- 4:00 - 4:30pm

Program- 4:30 - 6:00pm

Location: Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel (7000 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810)

Distinguished Speaker:

Ellen Galinsky

President and Co-Founder of Families and Work Institute

Author of *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs*

In her highly acclaimed book, *Mind in the Making*, Ellen Galinsky identifies seven life skills that are essential to success—in school, the workforce and in life:

1. Focus and Self Control
2. Perspective Taking
3. Communicating
4. Making Connections
5. Critical Thinking
6. Taking on Challenges
7. Self-Directed Engaged Learning

In her presentation, Ellen will use an interactive approach that is based on research-based principles of adult learning. Participants will be engaged in direct experiences that help them think about their own learning in relation to the seven essential skills. They will see videos of researchers “in action” sharing studies on the same topic, and they will be able to apply what they have learned to their own lives.

Professional Credits will be offered.

EBRPSS CLU's

Child Care Provider clock hours

Social Work CEU's

Counselor contact hours

For more information and to register, go to: www.adfbr.org

ADF's Distinguished Speaker Series provides critical information on the latest early childhood development research and best practices. Launched in 2011 as the first series of its kind, Distinguished Speaker Series expanded in 2012 and continues in 2013 to provide free community education in East Baton Rouge Parish. Research-based presentations engage nationally-recognized scholars to address what it takes for pre-kindergarten children to be successful in kindergarten and first grade, regardless of their socio-economic and racial backgrounds.

We encourage you to share news of this event with your communication links, colleagues and networks. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the presentation.

If you have any questions, please contact ADF at info@adfbr.org or call 225.922.4560.

Pediatric Potpourri on the Bayou / 9/27-29/13 / Lafayette, La

Mark Your Calendar! The Annual Pediatric Potpourri sponsored by the Louisiana AAP Foundation and co-sponsored by Woman's Foundation will be held in Lafayette, LA on Friday, September 27, 2013 through Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Watch your inbox and mailbox for more details.