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2015 Pediatric Potpourri | 8/21-23/15 | New Orleans

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**FREE CEU Webinar
Beyond the Sports Drink: Effective Rehydration Options for the Athlete
With Chris Mohr, PhD, RD**

Join us for a free webinar, **Thursday, February 19 at 11 a.m. CST/ Noon EST**, that will review why hydration is a vital component of any sports nutrition training plan and discuss science-based recommendations for hydrating before, during and after exercise.

Webinar Objectives:

- Explain why hydration is a vital component of any sports nutrition training plan.
- List the nutrition and performance-based differences between various types of hydration beverages.
- Provide science-based recommendations for hydrating before, during and after exercise.
- Discuss recent research and recommendations for replenishing muscles with milk.
- Compare and contrast the different types of commercial hydration beverages and how they compare with milk.

When: Thursday, February 19 at 11 a.m. CST/12 p.m. EST.

Presenter: Christopher R. Mohr, PhD, RD

Christopher R. Mohr, PhD, RD began his nutrition "education" as an overweight kid who had to lose 20 pounds to make weight for football. This is when his interest in nutrition grew. He followed this passion to college, where he ultimately earned a BS and MS in nutrition, became a registered dietitian and earned a PhD in exercise physiology. Now an internationally known nutrition expert, he has presented around the world from Thailand to Iceland, Singapore to Turkey and many countries in between. As a nutrition consultant, he works with a variety of food and supplement companies and is a sought after expert who works with a variety of media outlets to help translate nutrition research into results.

Register [here](#) by February 17.

Medicaid/ Bayou Health

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MCO Medicaid Pharmacy Billing Notice to Medicaid Pharmacy Providers

Starting February 1, 2015, pharmacy benefits for Louisiana Medicaid and LaCHIP recipients enrolled in the Medicaid Managed Care Health Plans will be managed and reimbursed through the five Bayou Health plans. Below is information on the plans that may assist you in processing claims for your Medicaid Managed Care patients.

You may also call the DHH Pharmacy Hotline (800-437-9101) and Molina POS Helpdesk (800-648-0790) for assistance on determining Medicaid eligibility and Health Plan information for your patients.

New Plans:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana – PBM CVS Health

General Questions: 855-242-0802
Claims/Billing Issues: 855-364-2977
BIN: 610591
PCN: ADV
Group: RX8834

United Healthcare Community Plan – PBM OptumRx

General Questions: 866-675-1607
Claims/Billing Issues: 866-328-3108
BIN: 610494
PCN: 9999
Group: ACULA

Existing Plans:

Amerigroup RealSolutions – PBM Express Scripts

General Questions: 800-454-3730
Claims/Billing Issues: 844-367-6111
BIN: 003858
PCN: MA
Group: WKLA

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana – PBM PerformRx

General Questions: 888-922-0007
Claims/Billing Issues: 800-684-5502
BIN: 600428
PCN: 06030000
Group: n/a

Louisiana Healthcare Connections – PBM USScripts

General Questions: 866-595-8133
Claims/Billing Issues: 877-690-9330
BIN: 008019.
PCN: n/a
Group: n/a

Legacy:

Molina Medicaid Solutions

Billing Issues: 800-648-0790
BIN: 610551
PCN: LOUIPROD
Group: n/a

Bayou Health Posted Two Informational Bulletins for Providers
Informational Bulletins cover a variety of topics related to Bayou Health, and all are available at www.MakingMedicaidBetter.com

[Bayou Health Informational Bulletin 15-1, "Elective Deliveries"](#)

DHH Invites Health Leaders to Participate in Upcoming Behavioral Health Services Integration
Health Leaders Will Work with DHH to Ensure a Smooth Transition
Contact: John Ford; (225) 342-9010; jpford@la.gov

Baton Rouge, La. - The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) sent invitations to state health leaders and stakeholders last week requesting their input on the process of integrating Medicaid recipients' behavioral health services into the Bayou Health plans.

In November, DHH announced its plan to transition specialized behavioral health services from the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP) and improve those services by fully-integrating planning, treatment and care coordination with physical healthcare through the recipients' Bayou Health plans.

Meetings for the advisory group, which will include directors and key members of various health and advocacy organizations, are scheduled for Jan. 30, Feb. 20 and March 20 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 118 of the Bienville Building in downtown Baton Rouge. The public is welcome to attend and observe the meetings.

Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, DHH's Assistant Secretary and Medical Director for the Office of Behavioral Health, is looking forward to working with the health community during the transition.

"We are committed to improving health outcomes across Louisiana, and we encourage our health leaders to participate in that process," Dunham said. "Involving the community in the transition will help ensure our plan is successful."

DHH anticipates full integration of these services into Bayou Health by Dec. 1, 2015.

The advisory group members will be selected from psychological, social work, licensed professional counselor, pharmacy, state board of medical examiner and psychiatric organizations. Please visit the [Behavioral Health Advisory Council webpage](#) for a full list of advisory group members.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals strives to protect and promote health statewide and to ensure access to medical, preventive and rehabilitative services for all state citizens. To learn more about DHH, visit www.dhh.louisiana.gov. For up-to-date health information, news and emergency updates, follow DHH's Twitter account and [Facebook](#).

Bayou Health Teleconference for Providers

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) will continue its weekly teleconference for providers interested in learning more about [Bayou Health's managed care organizations \(MCO\)](#), however participation will be limited to the first 250 callers.

The teleconference will take place from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday 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.

DHH will take steps to allow more callers to participate in future teleconferences. A summary of each teleconference will be made available on the Health Care Provider page at www.MakingMedicaidbetter.com.

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

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](#)

SUDIA Recipe: Scrambled Egg and Mozzarella Breakfast Pizza

Offer pizza for breakfast by topping an English muffin with pizza sauce and cheesy scrambled eggs.

Ease: Moderate
Yield: 2 servings
Preparation time: 4 minutes
Cook Time: 9 minutes
Source: 3-A-Day of Dairy

Ingredients

1 whole wheat English muffin
2 mushrooms, sliced
2 green onions, finely chopped
4 tablespoons diced green or red bell pepper
1/2 cup egg substitute
1/4 teaspoon pepper,
oregano or Italian seasoning, dash
4 teaspoons pizza sauce
1/2 cup shredded low-moisture, part-skim Mozzarella cheese



Direction

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Split English muffin in half and toast; set aside.

Heat a small non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, green onions and bell pepper. Cook, stirring continuously for two (2) minutes, or until vegetables are softened.

Stir egg substitute, pepper and oregano into vegetable mixture. Cook, stirring continuously until egg substitute is set, about two (2) minutes.

Spread two (2) teaspoons of pizza sauce onto each English muffin half. Spoon a quarter of the egg mixture over pizza sauce and top with a quarter of the cheese.

Spoon the remaining egg mixture and cheese evenly on top of the muffins. Place the muffins on a baking sheet and bake* for five (5) minutes, or until cheese is melted.

*Or, bake in a toaster oven at 350°F for five (5) minutes.

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.

Olugbenga A. Akingbola MD, FAAP
Samira Lyn Brown MD, FAAP

Happy February Birthdays



"Today you are You,
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
who is Youer than
You." - Dr. Seuss



2/1 Jessica Simone Butler
2/2 Jane Everist MD, FAAP
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2/2 Carmen S Payne MD, FAAP
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Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget February 20, 2015

9:00 am
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Pediatric Jambalaya XII

Saturday, April 25, 2015
Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise (LITE)
Lafayette, Louisiana

2015 Pediatric Potpourri

Aug 21-23, 2015
New Orleans Sheraton, 500 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA

More details coming soon!

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