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DHH Joins Hospital and Community Leaders to Announce Transition for Health Care Options in Mid City Baton Rouge

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 | Contact: Olivia Watkins; (225) 610-8660

Baton Rouge, La. - Today, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), along with leaders from Baton Rouge General Medical Center (BRG), the Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAAF) and Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center (OLOL), announced plans to collaborate on a new model of health care for Mid City Baton Rouge. The plans will include the expansion of the LSU Health Baton Rouge urgent care clinic on N. Foster Drive and the creation of a temporary clinic location to support the needs of the community at some point following the closure of BRG's Mid City emergency room (ER) and clinical redesign of services. Collaborators agreed to conduct a study of the long-term potential for the campus as a viable healthcare asset in the Mid City Baton Rouge community.

Over the next several months, the BRG and BRAAF will collaborate on a study of the long-term sustainability of the campus. At the same time, the State and OLOL will evaluate the need and scope of a permanent new urgent care facility near the BRG Mid City campus. The State has committed to supporting the construction with Capital Outlay funds, starting with a study of the available facilities near the Mid City campus that would be available for conversion to a permanent site.

DHH will also work closely with the BRG, BRAAF, OLOL and community partners to conduct the necessary community education and outreach surrounding the transition.

"We are pleased to be part of this collaborative effort between the Baton Rouge General, Baton Rouge Area Foundation and other community partners to maintain services in the Mid City area while planning for the long-term sustainability of this health care facility," said DHH Secretary Kathy H. Kliebert. "Health care options must evolve to match the needs of the community and we believe that the changes announced today are part of that evolution."

"We've left no stone unturned as we've sought solutions that would allow us to keep the Mid City ER open," said Baton Rouge General President and CEO Mark Slyter. "Though closing Mid City ER doors, the care and commitment to our Mid City community remains strong. We look forward to continuing to work with the State as well as community providers to utilize our Mid City campus in a manner that preserves our vital community asset."

"We are currently working with the Baton Rouge General and Our Lady of the Lake on the Baton Rouge Health District project," said John Spain, executive vice president of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. "We will continue to work with these partners and other community stakeholders to resolve the challenges of providing health care services to the Mid City community."

As part of the transition plans, Baton Rouge General expressed support for the collaborative plans late yesterday, following their Board's decision to close emergency room operations in Mid City in the next 60 days. The State provided additional funding to BRG as reimbursement for the care provided to the uninsured in the summer of 2014, which allowed additional time for the BRG and community members to ability to craft this long-term plan. In that time, the Mid City ER continued to experience high volumes of uninsured patients and unsustainable levels of financial losses.

Thoughtful internal planning and community meetings regarding the realignment of services at the hospital-and its impact on staff-will take place throughout the coming months. BRG will also focus its efforts on communications with patients and their families, staff, physicians, volunteers, neighbors and friends of the hospital about transition plans, including education about appropriate utilization of and access to care.

BRG has committed to work with BRAAF and other partners to identify an industry consultant to study the long-term potential of the campus for preserving this vital community asset.

The LSU public-private partnerships serve as the primary access point for care for uninsured residents in Louisiana. The new model of care is comprised of the full complement of healthcare services including primary, specialty and surgery services.

In April 2013, the initial LSU Health Baton Rouge Urgent Care Center opened at the North Baton Rouge facility on Airline Highway. Today, that facility sees an average of 120 patients per day. In December 2014, an additional Urgent Care Center was opened in Mid City on North Foster Drive, roughly 1.5 miles from the Baton Rouge General Mid City campus, adding capacity for walk-in patient care.

"Alternatives to the ER for non-emergent healthcare are the right solutions to help address this challenge in communities everywhere. Since opening more than two years ago, the LSU Health Baton Rouge Urgent Care Center has cared for thousands of Baton Rouge residents with and without insurance, and our recent expansion on Foster Drive is gaining patients as well," said Our Lady of the Lake CEO Scott Wester. "These clinics allow us to see patients quickly as well as link individuals to primary care if they do not have those established relationships. We will do everything we can to ensure people have access to the best health care."

The LSU Health Baton Rouge clinics operated by Our Lady of Lake have resulted in shorter wait times and more services available for uninsured residents.

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 <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov>. For up-to-date health information, news and emergency updates, follow DHH's [Twitter](#) account and [Facebook](#).



FREE Vaccine Posters and Materials Featuring Ivy + Bean Measles & Rubella Initiative & American Academy of Pediatrics

Over 300 children die from measles globally every day and 100,000 children are born with congenital rubella syndrome each year. In 2012, the AAP became a member of the Measles & Rubella Initiative (M&RI). The M&RI is a global partnership committed to ensuring that no child dies from measles or is born with congenital rubella syndrome. The founding partners of this Initiative are the American Red Cross, United Nations Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and World Health Organization. The Initiative supports vaccination campaigns worldwide and continues to lead the efforts in global measles and rubella elimination. Having the AAP as a partner has not only helped to raise the profile of the M&RI but has provided the partnership with a perspective of pediatric leaders.

The Campaign

The AAP has collaborated with the M&RI along with other stakeholders to launch an education campaign that emphasizes the value of childhood immunization generally and measles vaccination more specifically. The campaign features beloved children's book characters Ivy + Bean as they discover why getting vaccinated is so important! The Ivy + Bean vs. The Measles campaign is made possible with the support of the AAP, Chronicle Books, and the M&RI. The AAP will make available posters and other educational tools for pediatricians to use in office while other partners such as the American Red Cross will use materials during a fundraising campaign with their chapters.

The [Materials](#) Posters, activity cards, stickers, and temporary tattoos are available for a limited time to AAP members. The double-sided posters are great for exam and waiting rooms. The remaining materials are ideal for children in the waiting room and those who deserve a prize after visiting their favorite pediatrician!

How Pediatricians Can Use the Materials

We recommend using the materials in your office or where you see patients. Allow children to work on the activity cards while waiting to see you or offer them as a take-home activity. Use the tattoos and stickers as prizes for children after receiving their own vaccines. Hang the posters so parents and children can read through the scenes and learn about Ivy + Bean's adventures in vaccinations.

To order your resources, visit:

<http://www2.aap.org/international/immunization/IvyAndBean/>

For more information or for questions, please email us

GlobalVaccines@aap.org

State Extension of the ACA Medicaid Payment Increase Update

Source: AAP Federal Affairs Dept.

The AAP and partnering physician organizations have continued our strong push for an extension of the 2013-2014 Medicaid payment increase, urging swift passage in the last Congress and reintroduction in the current Congress of the *Ensuring Access to Primary Care for Women and Children Act* (S 2694) to extend federal funding of Medicaid payment equity for 2 more years. While the 113th Congress adjourned January 2 without passing this legislation, the 114th Congress could act to extend Medicaid payment equity as part of a Medicare payment provision this year, in a Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding expansion, or many other legislative packages.

The President has just released his [budget proposal for the 2016 federal fiscal year](#), and it includes \$6.3 billion to extend Medicaid payment equity through 2016. The AAP will work with the President and Congress to support an extension of this critical federal funding.

Pediatrician and state AAP chapter activities to support this federal extension have been enormously helpful and we thank you for all you have done in this effort. If you have not acted already, it is not too late! Log on to federaladvocacy.aap.org to urge Congress to continue this much needed increase in Medicaid payment.

State Medicaid programs are no longer receiving targeted federal support for the increased payments—should Congress pass a federal extension, the increased payments could be resumed retroactively. States may be making payments for services rendered in 2014 into the new year at increased rates, but services rendered in 2015 will likely be paid at your state's existing Medicaid rate.

Medicaid/ Bayou Health

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Edits for Latuda®, Saphris®, and Fanapt® for Louisiana Medicaid Legacy/Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program

Effective February 4, 2015, the Louisiana Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Program in collaboration with the Louisiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board has established edits for Latuda® (Lurasidone), Fanapt® (Iloperidone), and Saphris® (Asenapine) for recipients less than 18 years old.

Recipients 16 or 17 years old

Pharmacy claims for Latuda® (Lurasidone), Fanapt® (Iloperidone), and Saphris® (Asenapine) for recipients 16 or 17 years old when the dose exceeds the maximum recommended dose noted below will deny at Point of Sale (POS) with:

NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR Reject Error) mapped to EOB code 325 (Exceeds Max Daily Dose MD Fax Override Form to 866-797-2329)

Medication: Max Dose for 16 or 17 years old

Latuda® (Lurasidone): 80 mg

Fanapt® (Iloperidone): 16 mg

Saphris® (Asenapine): 10 mg

Overrides will be addressed using an Override Request Form (Rx PA16) and through contact with staff at the Prior Authorization Unit housed at University of Louisiana (ULM).

Recipients 15 years old or less

All pharmacy claims for any strength of Latuda® (Lurasidone), Fanapt® (Iloperidone), and Saphris® (Asenapine) will deny for recipients 15 years old or less at Point of Sale (POS) with:

NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR Reject Error) mapped to EOB code 325 (Exceeds Max Daily Dose MD Fax Override Form to (866-797-2329)

Overrides will be addressed using an Override Request Form (Rx PA16) and through contact with staff at the Prior Authorization Unit housed at University of Louisiana (ULM).

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.

New Timely Filing Guidelines 2/2/15

New Timely Filing Guidelines

Effective February 1, 2015: Claims with a date of service and/or date of discharge through January 31, 2015 will follow the 365 day timely filing guidelines. Claims with a date of service and/or date of discharge of February 1, 2015 or later will follow the new timely filing guidelines. http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Billing_Information/Provider_Memo_Timely_Filing.pdf

The guidelines do not reference third party liability claims (TPL), although the Request for Proposals which is incorporated into the Bayou Health plans' contracts states:

17.2.5 Timely Filing Guidelines

17.2.5.1 Medicaid-only claims must be filed within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of service.

17.2.5.2 The MCO shall not deny provider claims on the basis of untimely filing in situations regarding coordination of services or subrogation, in which case the provider is pursuing payment from a third party. In situations of third party benefits, the timeframes for filing a claim shall begin on the date that the third party completes resolution of the claim.

17.2.5.3 The MCO must deny any claim not initially submitted to the MCO by the one hundred and eightieth (180) calendar day from the date of service, unless DHH, the MCO or its sub-contractors created the error. If a provider files erroneously with another MCO or with DHHs FI, but produces documentation verifying that the initial filing of the claim occurred timely, within the one hundred and eighty (180) calendar day period, the MCO shall process the provider's claim and not deny for failure to meet timely filing guidelines. The MCO shall not deny claims solely for failure to meet timely filing guidelines due to error by DHH or its subcontractors.

17.2.5.4 For purposes of MCO reporting on payment to providers, an adjustment to a paid claim shall not be counted as a claim and electronic claims shall be treated as identical to paper based claims.

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 Informational Bulletins for Providers

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

**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.

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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.

DHH is posting notes from each of the week's call. The link to access the page is: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1462> Below are links to each of the documents posted thus far:

[January 14, 2015](#)
[January 21, 2015](#)
[January 28, 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](#)

SUDIA Recipe: Spicy Shrimp and Cheddar Spinach Salad

This easy one-dish meal features spicy shrimp served over wilted spinach along with sweet corn and cheese cubes.

Ease: Moderate
Yield: 4 servings
Preparation time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes
Source: Recipe created by Cabot Creamery

Ingredients

12 medium raw shrimp
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon salt



1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
2 tablespoons water
4 cups fresh spinach, stems removed
2 green onions, trimmed and sliced diagonally
1 teaspoon vegetable or canola oil
salt and black pepper to taste
1/4 cup sweet yellow frozen corn, thawed
4 ounces Cabot 50% Light Jalapeno Cheddar cheese, cubed
2 tablespoons snipped fresh chives

Directions

Preheat oven to 450°. Halve shrimp lengthwise and spread in single layer in shallow baking pan. Combine chili powder and salt and sprinkle evenly over shrimp. (Shrimp may be prepared to this point up to 3 hours ahead and refrigerated, covered.) Drizzle shrimp with lime juice and roast in middle of oven until just cooked through, about 5 minutes. In large non-stick skillet, bring water to simmer over medium heat; add spinach and cook, stirring, until slightly wilted, about 20 seconds. Remove from heat and immediately stir in green onions and oil until well combined. Season with salt and pepper. Divide spinach among 4 plates, mounding it in center, and surround with smaller mounds of shrimp, corn and cheese. Sprinkle all over with chives.

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Upcoming Events

FREE CEU Webinar: Beyond the Sports Drink: Effective Rehydration Options for the Athlete
Presenter: Christopher R. Mohr, PhD, RD

Thursday, February 19 at 11 a.m. CST/12 p.m. EST.
Register [here](#) by February 17

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.

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.

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