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Please refer to the following information and resources as we all work together to help stop the spread of measles during this multi-state outbreak.

Resources about Measles for Parents and Patients

- Measles Vaccine Information: <http://www.vaccineinformation.org>
- [Measles: Questions and Answers](#)
- [Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Are Serious Diseases...Make Sure Your Child Is Protected \[Spanish-language version\]](#)
- [MMR Vaccine Does Not Cause Autism](#)
- Personal Testimonies about Measles: 1) [Roald Dahl: A Dangerous Illness](#), 2) [Measles Not Worth the Risk](#), 3) [Open Letter to Parents](#), 4) [The Problem](#), and 5) [Schoolboy, 13, Dies as Measles Makes](#)
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- [Decision to Not Vaccinate My Child](#)
- [Evidence Shows Vaccines Unrelated to Autism](#)
- [Need Help Responding To Vaccine-hesitant Parents? Science-based Materials Are Available From These Respected Organizations](#)
- [Personal Belief Exemptions for Vaccination Put People at Risk](#)
- [Top Ten Reasons to Protect Your Child by Vaccinating \[Spanish-language version\]](#)
- [Vaccine Concerns: MMR](#)

Further information about measles can be found on the CDC's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>.

For submission of specimens to the Louisiana OPH Laboratory please contact Virology at 225-219-5263 for instructions.

To report any suspected cases of measles you may call the DHH- OPH Immunization Program Office during working hours at 504-838-5300 or the Louisiana Epidemiology after hours at 1-800-256-2748.

Visit our registry at:

<https://linksweb.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/linksweb/main.jsp>

Visit our outreach website at

www.shotsfortots.com

ICD 10 Workshops start in March - Register Now

Are you ready for ICD-10 Implementation in October?

MGMA-Louisiana is joining Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA) to offer you several educational opportunities to help you prepare for ICD-10 implementation. LHIMA will offer our members and their staffers the "AHIMA MEMBER" rate for registration. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to learn from AHIMA Certified ICD-10 Trainers at an affordable price.

Sessions are set in Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Ruston and Shreveport. At the bottom of this message you will also see information on webinars.

Face-to-Face Meetings:

- [Lafayette, LA, March 11-13, 2015](#)

- o Three day seminar covering ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS
- o Day 1 covers ICD-10-CM only—This option is **most appropriate for physician coding**
- o Days 2-3 cover ICD-10-PCS only—PCS codes are used for facility coding only

- [Lafayette, LA, March 25, 2015 \(Intermediate to Advanced\)](#)

- o 70% is dedicated to ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding
- o 30% is dedicated to ICD-10-PCS Procedure Coding
- o Targets individuals who have previously undergone some type of ICD-10 training

- [Baton Rouge, LA, March 27, 2015 \(Intermediate to Advanced\)](#)

- o 70% is dedicated to ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding
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- [Ruston, LA, April, 21, 2015 \(Intermediate to Advanced\)](#)

- o 70% is dedicated to ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding
- o 30% is dedicated to ICD-10-PCS Procedure Coding
- o Targets individuals who have previously undergone some type of ICD-10 training

- [Shreveport, LA, May 5, 2015 \(Intermediate to Advanced\)](#)

- o 70% is dedicated to ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding
- o 30% is dedicated to ICD-10-PCS Procedure Coding
- o Targets individuals who have previously undergone some type of ICD-10 training

[Recorded Webinars \(available on demand\):](#)

- Webinar Series (All)
- Webinar #1: Preparing for a RAC Audit in ICD-10
- Webinar #2: CDI & HIM: Bridging the Gap for ICD-10
- Webinar #3: Introduction to ICD-10-CM/PCS for Patient Financial Services
- Webinar #4: Advanced ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding for OB/Pregnancy
- Webinar #5: ICD-10 Awareness for Managers
- Webinar #6: Advanced Cardiac Coding with ICD-10-CM/PCS

Attend the 2015 Legislative Conference: Scholarships Available

The AAP's 2015 Legislative Conference is taking place in Washington, DC, April 12-14. This three-day, interactive advocacy conference will allow you to learn about the current federal landscape impacting children and pediatricians, network with more than 100 other advocates from across the country, and hear firsthand from leading experts about child health priorities.

During the Legislative Conference, participants will:

- Attend skills-building workshops in negotiation, social media and crafting effective messages
- Hear firsthand from distinguished guest speakers, such as members of Congress, White House officials and federal agency leaders
- Participate in meetings with congressional staff on Capitol Hill to urge elected officials to put children first in their federal policymaking
- Learn about federal policy priorities impacting children and pediatricians
- Earn a maximum of 19.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]

Scholarships: There are a limited number of scholarships to cover the cost of registration for the conference. If you are interested in applying, please fill out an [application](#) and submit it to LegislativeConference@aap.org by noon ET on Friday, Feb. 27. Please click [here](#) to download the application.

If you experience difficulty downloading the scholarship application, please email Devin Miller in the AAP DC Office at dmiller@aap.org.

Visit www.aap.org/legcon to download the [conference brochure](#), learn more about the conference and to [sign up](#) today.

We hope to see you in Washington this spring!

AAP invites members to comment on 2015 ALF resolutions

For the first time, AAP members can review and share comments on resolutions being presented at the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF).

Until now, the opportunity to comment on resolutions in advance of the ALF was limited to AAP leadership and staff attending the invitation-only meeting. The ALF is scheduled for March 12-15.

Please share comments on any of the resolutions. An important aim of the ALF is to incorporate diverse perspectives in the discussion and debate of leading pediatric issues. Comments are important to the AAP leadership and representatives of each member's district, chapter, committee, council and section who will attend the meeting and vote on resolutions.

All comments will be compiled and shared with reference committee members. They will be posted online by March 11 so ALF attendees can view the report. No comments will be accepted after March 4.

To share a comment on a resolution, click this link:

<http://www.aap.org/en-us/my-aap/leadershipprograms/alf/Pages/alf-submit-comment.aspx>

MOC statement from the AAP and ABP

From: Errol R. Alden, MD, FAAP
Executive Director/ CEO
American Academy of Pediatrics

David G. Nichols, MD, MBA, FAAP
President and CEO
American Board of Pediatrics

Dear Pediatrician,

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) are aware of the recent decisions by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) to modify ABIM's Maintenance of Certification program. Both our organizations are committed to a profession of pediatrics that has access to the quality continuing education and professional standards commensurate with our obligation to provide children with the best care.

The suspended MOC program of the ABIM had different characteristics than that of the ABP, including a patient satisfaction component. Although still early in implementation, and not without controversy, the MOC program for pediatricians has shown that ongoing learning, assessment, and quality improvement programs for pediatricians can be beneficial. As an MOC portfolio provider, the AAP has worked closely with many pediatricians across the country on activities that make a meaningful difference for patient care and pediatrician learning.

The ABIM's announcement has raised questions about the status of the ABP's MOC program. As the certifying board for pediatricians, the ABP is working continually to make all parts of MOC relevant and useful to pediatricians. In the coming weeks, the ABP with the input of the AAP, will be examining the ABIM decision based on the data and in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. As always, we welcome comment and feedback so that we can reach the common goal of a profession of lifelong learning.

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

Bayou Health posted a new Informational Bulletin for providers- Informational Bulletin 15-3, "[Covered and Non-Covered Inpatient Hospital Day](#)"

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.

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.

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: Salsa Mac with Colby Jack

Go beyond basic mac and cheese by adding tomato, bell pepper, onion, and Colby Jack cheese.

Ease: Moderate

Yield: 6 servings

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Source: Recipe created by Elizabeth Ward, M.S., R.D. and mother of three

Ingredients:

1 cup uncooked elbow macaroni

1 medium tomato

1/2 medium green bell pepper

1/2 small onion,

1 tablespoon butter

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

Fresh ground black pepper

1 1/4 cups 1% lowfat milk

8 ounces lowfat Colby Jack* cheese, shredded



Directions:

Cook macaroni according to package directions. Meanwhile, dice tomato, green bell pepper and onion.

Drain cooked macaroni and add with tomato and green bell pepper. Reserve.

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium saucepan, saute diced onion in butter until translucent. Stir in flour and black pepper. Add milk.

Cook until slightly thickened and bubbly. Add cheese and stir until melted. Add macaroni/vegetable mixture to cheese sauce and coat evenly.

Transfer to a 9-inch pie plate. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until bubbly. Cool for about 10 minutes before serving.

*Can be substituted for lowfat Cheddar cheese.

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
Room 5

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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