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**Louisiana Chapter- American Academy of Pediatrics**

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**2013 Louisiana Legislative Session**

***Tentative Committee Meetings- Week 5 (5/6-10/13)***

*Below are the committee meeting schedules for these and other bills of interest:*

**Tuesday, May 7, 2013**

**Health & Welfare**

**9:00 AM Committee Room 5**

[HB 251](#), Talbot *Oppose*

Requires DHH to institute Medicaid cost containment measures to the extent allowed by federal regulations

**Education**

**9:00 AM Committee Room 1**

[HB 598](#), Barrow

Provides relative to performance-based scores and letter grades assigned to public schools and school districts

[SB 117](#), Appel

Provides for the creation of the Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force

[SB 130](#), Appel

Creates the Early Childhood Care and Education Network and the Tiered Kindergarten Readiness Improvement System

**Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

**Health & Welfare**

**9:00 AM Committee Room 5**

[HB 233](#) , Smith

Provides that eligibility standards for the La. Medicaid program shall conform to those established by the Affordable Care Act and requires reporting of program outcomes

[HB 429](#) , Hollis

Provides relative to prohibiting mandatory participation in a health care system

[HB 449](#) , Burrell

Provides for a time-limited expansion of Medicaid eligibility standards in La. to conform such standards to those provided in the Affordable Care Act until Dec. 31, 2016

[HCR 4](#) , Norton

Directs the secretary of DHH to expand eligibility standards for the La. Medicaid program to conform to those established in the Affordable Care Act

[HCR 8](#) , Edwards

Amends administrative rules to provide that La. Medicaid eligibility standards conform to those established in the Affordable Care Act

#### **House & Governmental Affairs**

**9:30 AM Committee Room 2**

[HB 592](#) , Thibaut *Oppose*

Provides for the adequacy, accessibility, and quality of health care services offered by a health insurance issuer in its health benefit plan networks

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#### ***Week 4 Action Recap (4/29 – 5/3/13)***

Below is a summary of some of the highlights from week 4 at the Capitol

##### *Balance Billing and Insurance Legislation:*

[HB228](#) and [HB342](#) to prohibit balance billing were voluntarily deferred in House Insurance Committee. The bills will not likely be heard again this session, although it is Chairman Cromer's discretion to reschedule them.

[HB150](#) relative to recognition of assignment of health benefits was voluntarily deferred in House Insurance Committee. The risk of a balance billing prohibition amendment to the bill was too great, so we requested that the author defer the bill.

##### *Bayou Health Legislation:*

[HB392](#) and [HB393](#) to provide measures of administrative simplification for Bayou Health passed out of the House Committee on Health and Welfare without opposition from committee members. The only cards in opposition read during the committee meeting was from the Bayou Health plans and the Governor's office. These bills are companion bills to [SB185](#) which also passed out of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

A BIG Thank You to Dr. Chris Leumas, LA AAP At-Large Member for being present during the committee meeting for testimony. Below is an excerpt from a story about the committee meeting quoting Dr. Leumas

Panel forwards health efficiency bill (<http://www.wafb.com/story/22136197/legislative-session-medicare-red-tape#.UYHcAKH6G6Y.email>)

At the Capitol, a bill that is designed to remove some of the paperwork connected to providing care to the thousands of Medicaid patients passed through the House Health and Welfare Committee without opposition. That is music to the ears of Dr. Chris Leumas who is a partner at North Oaks. "If you only have 20 percent its easy to say, 'I don't need this headache anymore,' and so they'll just give it up," said Dr. Leumas. "Eventually, if they made it hard enough, we could back down to not taking care of it at all, but that's not fair to our population." A population that Leumas believes deserves timely healthcare just like those on private insurance.

#### *Scope of Practice Legislation:*

Representative [Frank Hoffmann](#) announced that he will not be moving [HB527](#) forward this session. This bill is relative to the practice and regulation of optometry. We are monitoring [SB189](#) by Senator [David Heitmeier](#) which is a placeholder optometrist bill on the Senate side.

[HB569](#) by Representative [Terry Brown](#) voluntarily deferred his bill in committee this week after opponents to the bill testified. This bill would have allowed physical therapists to treat individuals without a prescription from a physician. He stated he will not bring the bill back this session.

#### *Medicaid Expansion*

[SB125](#) by Senator [Karen Carter Peterson](#) to expand Medicaid moved out of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare by a 4-3 vote with amendments by Senator [Ben Nevers](#) to create a structure similar to the Arkansas Medicaid model.

**Click here** to download the full Week 4 Action Recap as a pdf

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To view an updated of all bills the LA AAP is tracking as well as view by category, click on the links in the Advocacy & Legislation box on the home page ([www.laaap.org](http://www.laaap.org))

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## **LA Medicaid**

### ***Attestation Forms- Deadline Approaching Soon***

You need to complete and submit your physician attestation form by **May 15, 2013**, to have effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup> for retro-active payment for increased reimbursement rates. If you do not complete the forms by this date, your effective date for payments will be the date that your form is processed.

DHH has posted the list of all Designated Physicians Forms (Attestations) RECEIVED BY PRISM AS OF MARCH 18, 2013 AND VALIDATED BY DHH. If your name is listed, your Designated Physician form has been received and is on file with the Molina Medicaid Provider Enrollment. No further action on your part is necessary to receive the enhanced reimbursement for specified primary care services rendered by designated physicians during calendar years 2013 and 2014. Your effective date for the enhanced reimbursement will be established as January 1, 2013.

To see if your name is on the list, go to:

[http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent\\_policy/ACA\\_PCP\\_Designated\\_Physician\\_Form\\_Validated\\_Listing\\_040813.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent_policy/ACA_PCP_Designated_Physician_Form_Validated_Listing_040813.pdf)

If you have not submitted your Designated Physician Form, you can download it at:

[http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider\\_Enrollment/existingenrollments.htm](http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/existingenrollments.htm)

You will need to download and complete the Medicaid Primary Care Services Designated Physician form and mail it to:

Molina Medicaid Solutions, Provider Enrollment Unit P.O. Box 80159 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0159

Note on Effective Date: Your effective date for enhanced reimbursement is based on the date your complete and correct Designated Physician form is received by Medicaid's Provider Enrollment vendor. If your complete and correct form is received by May 15, 2013, you will receive enhanced reimbursement for eligible services rendered on or after January 1, 2013. If your complete and correct form is received after May 15, 2013, you will receive enhanced reimbursement for eligible services rendered on or after the date the form is received.

In previous guidance, March 31, 2013 was the deadline for form receipt to receive the enhanced reimbursement for eligible services rendered on or after January 1, 2013. The deadline has been extended 45 days due to the recent changes.

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### ***Provider Enrollment Update***

A Provider Enrollment Update (4/19/13) has been published on the LA Medicaid Website (<http://www.lamedicaid.com>).

To all Medicaid Providers: Please note the following updates addressing Frequently Asked Questions received by the Provider Enrollment Department.

- Effective March 25, 2013, Molina Medicaid Solutions resumed Provider Enrollment operations. Provider Enrollment applications, file update forms, criteria, processes and policies, as performed by Molina prior to February 14, 2013, remain unchanged.
- Current Medicaid providers do not have to re-enroll at this time unless otherwise directed.
- All enrollment documents, including new applications and file updates, previously submitted through PRISM must be resubmitted to Molina using the forms located at [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com). This is particularly important if your file was changed through PRISM, as there is no audit trail for the addition or change to the record that is available for review.

Exception:

If your provider name and NPI are included in the "Designated Physician Forms By PRISM as of March 18, 2013 and Validated by DHH" list, your provider attestation form is on file with Molina Medicaid Provider Enrollment. No further action on your part is necessary to receive the enhanced reimbursement for specified primary care services rendered by designated physicians during calendar years 2013 and 2014.

If your provider name and NPI are not included in the list, you must submit a new attestation form. This is time sensitive.

- Documents submitted to Molina after March 22, 2013, are being processed in the order they are received.

Please contact the Provider Enrollment Department at (225) 216-6370 if you have additional questions or concerns. Thank you for your patience during the transition of Medicaid Provider Enrollment functions. The Department of Health and Hospitals appreciates your continued support of the Medicaid member population.

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## **Bayou Health**

### ***Informational Bulletins***

Updated: [Informational Bulletin 12-18](#) - Billing for Behavioral Health Services for Bayou Health Members.

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

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## ***Provider Calls***

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#

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## **ICYMI: Pediatricians can access newborn screening results online**

Pediatricians can access newborn screening results online for most hospitals. Those hospitals that use the OPH lab can access results online.

There are six hospitals that use a different lab to run their tests and therefore are not available through this system. Pediatricians will need to go through the hospitals where the babies are born to obtain those results. The specific hospitals are:

- Woman's Hospital
- Baton Rouge General
- Schumpert
- St. Francis Cabrini
- Glenwood
- Willis Knighton

[Click here](#) to view instructions on how to register | [Click here](#) to download the registration form

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## **Upcoming Events**

***Academic Distinguished Series: Safe Children, Safe Classrooms, Safe Schools | 5/7/13 | Baton Rouge, La***

Safe Children, Safe Classrooms, Safe Schools: Making Safety a Priority in Early Childhood Environments

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Registration: 4:00 - 4:30pm

Program: 4:30 - 6:00pm

Holiday Inn Baton Rouge - South  
9940 Airline Highway  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Distinguished Speaker: Sonayia Shepherd, Ph.D.  
Keynote Speaker, Safe Havens International  
International Safety Expert

A popular and animated keynote speaker at major professional conferences, Sonayia N. Shepherd (Sony), Ph.D. has authored and co-authored sixteen books on school safety and emergency management. With an extensive background, including serving as a full time school safety practitioner in the nation's largest state government school safety center, Sony has worked directly with hundreds of public and private schools across the nation and has provided crisis response

and recovery support following many school crisis situations and major disasters around the world, including Hurricane Katrina, Tsunami in Indonesia, Haiti, and outbreaks in Africa and Asia.

Sony has also appeared on Good Morning America, The Today Show, CNN, FOX, and 20/20. Graduating from high school at the age of 16, she has earned her graduate degree in Clinical Psychology and earned her undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Spanish from Phillips University. She also has a Ph.D. in Public Administration & Emergency Response Policy.

Information on EBRPSS CLUs, Social Worker CEUs, and Child Care Clock Hours available for this event will follow soon.

To register: <https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/13962/213017594/7a32efde74/13249162/5341834/40939146/?v=a&v=a>

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### ***Road to ICD-10 | 5/14/13 | Baton Rouge, La***

One of the biggest changes in Healthcare Administration is just down the road. Prepare yourself and your practice by attending this informative and practical workshop. You will walk away with valuable tools to help you navigate the transition. Covered topics will include:

- Where to begin?
- Understanding the vendor impact
- What needs to change?
- Clinical documentation impact
- ICD-10 timeline & benchmarks
- Training plans for staff and providers
- Introduction to coding
- And much more

Details:

Oak Lodge Reception Center  
2834 S Sherwood Forest Blvd E-1, Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
May 14, 2013  
Registration: 8:00 a.m.  
Program: 8:30—12:30

Workshop Presenter:

Shelley Garrett has more than 20 years of healthcare experience. Her experience includes working directly for the Medicare program, in single and multi-specialty physician offices and hospital settings, serving as a compliance officer, consultant, and instructor. She has served as the Director of Socioeconomic and Member Advocacy for an international medical specialty society. She has established and instructed a national certification program, has written numerous articles and program manuals on coding, billing, compliance, and governmental regulation and served as the staff liaison to both the AMA CPT Editorial and Relative Value Update Committees.

In addition to being a Certified Professional Coder (CPC) for the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) she is also a Certified Medical Coder (CMC), Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM), and a Certified Medical Insurance Specialist (CMIS)

***R.S.V.P by May 10th to:***  
***Travis Telhiard***  
[travis@brurologygroup.com](mailto:travis@brurologygroup.com)  
***(225) 769-9424***

**BRMGMA Members: Free**  
**Non-Members: \$50.00**

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***LA AAP Advocacy Day / 5/16/13 / Baton Rouge, La***

The Louisiana Chapter of AAP will host its Second Annual Advocacy Day on Thursday, May 16, 2013. Details follow.

When: May 16, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM

Where: Louisiana Municipal Association Building  
700 north 10th st., First Floor Conference Room #2  
Baton Rouge, La 70802

A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

This seminar is designed to introduce participants to the legislative process and the tools necessary to successfully and effectively advocate for the specialty of pediatrics.

Topics Include:

2013 legislative Session Overview  
The Legislative Process  
Importance of Grassroots Involvement in Healthcare Policy  
How to Make a Difference & Be Effective When Lobbying

To register, go to [www.advocacy2013.eventbrite.com](http://www.advocacy2013.eventbrite.com)

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***Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series / 6/1/13 / New Orleans, La***

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series: Update on Neurologic and Psychiatric Topics in Pediatrics

June 1, 2013

Registration 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Conference 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Presented by:  
Tulane University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics  
and the Center for Continuing Education  
Tulane University Health Sciences Center

Location  
Ralph's on the Park  
900 City Park Avenue  
New Orleans, LA

Topics will include:

Concussion Management in the Student Athlete  
Suicide Screening in Primary Care

Update on Seizure Management in Pediatrics  
LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) Issues for Pediatric Care Provider.

This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

Registration Fee is \$35

Online registration is open at <http://tulane.edu/cce/>