



# PROGRESS NOTES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS (See pages 6-7 for details on all events)

LA AAP Advocacy Day | 6/5/2014 | Baton Rouge, La

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series | 6/7/2014 | New Orleans, La

2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri | 8/22-24/2014 | Baton Rouge, La



## 2014 Legislative Session

The Chapter has created a webpage ([www.laaap.org/2014session](http://www.laaap.org/2014session)) with several quick links to assist in finding the information you are looking for. There you will find a link to find your legislators, committee rosters, and bill search tools. Weekly updates from the Session will be posted in the “Advocacy & Legislation” box on the homepage ([www.laaap.org](http://www.laaap.org))

Throughout the session, the Louisiana Chapter will keep you abreast of what is happening with bills we will be watching. You may also receive requests to reach out to your legislator when a bill is of particular interest.

### Week 9 Action Summary

To see a full list of actions taken on bills being tracked by the LA AAP, go to:

<http://laaap.org/images/2014LegislativeSession/Week9Report.pdf>

This was another very busy week for both the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees. The chapter has sent out several action alerts over the last few weeks. Thank you to everyone who took the time to reach out to the legislators on the committees. It is vital that they hear from providers. Next week will be another busy week on the healthcare front. Several bills were passed out of committees this week and will likely be heard on the full floor in their chambers. This is another point during the process to make a difference. Please read the Call to Actions that follow and take a few minutes to act.

#### *House Floor action:*

**HB 1065**, Representative Pope’s optometrist bill, was heard on the House Floor and passed by a vote of 66 yeas and 30 nays. There were a number of amendments offered during the discussion but each was either rejected or withdrawn. The bill now goes to the Senate committee for debate and consideration.

**HB 1**, the state’s budget bill, was debated on the House Floor on Thursday, May 8, 2014. The state budget bill was passed off the House Floor by a vote of 65-34. There was an amendment by Representative Walt Leger, III which restored funding and reversed the planned implementation of a triage rate for non-emergency use of emergency rooms and to reverse the planned implementation of a reimbursement rate for sub-acute care. This amendment passed without objection.

#### *House Committee on Insurance:*

**HB 711**, by Representative Hunter Greene which would have required health plans to collect a co-insurance and deductibles was discussed during committee but was voluntarily deferred.

#### *Senate Health and Welfare Committee action:*

**SB 497**, Senator Heitmeier’s balanced billing bill, was deferred in committee and was not heard for the fourth time. It is expected to be on next week’s agenda as well. There are several other balanced billing pieces of legislation that have not be scheduled yet.

**SB 754** by Senator Moreno passed favorably out of committee with no objections. This bill allows first responders to carry naloxone.

*Senate Floor action*

**SB 600**, Senator Mills' vaccine bill, **was amended on the House Floor**. The amendment requires that "At the time that a pharmacist administers an immunization or vaccine under the provisions of this Section, the pharmacist shall also inform the individual that the administration of an immunization or vaccine under this Section is not to be construed as being in lieu of an annual checkup with the individual's primary care or family physician." With this amendment, the bill passed favorably off the Senate Floor by a vote of 23 yeas and 13 nays. The bill now goes to the house committee for debate and consideration.

*Thank you to everyone who has written or called their Senator and committee members. Your voice makes a difference. The Chapter will continue to keep you up to date as this bill moves through the process.*

**Week 10 Committee Schedule (as of May 8, 2014)**

**Monday, May 12, 2014**

Senate Finance 9:30 AM Committee Room A-B

**HB437** , Simon Requires prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget of requests for proposals and contracts over a specific dollar amount (\$100 Million)

**Tuesday, May 13, 2014**

House Education 9:00 AM Committee Room 1

**HB 369** , Smith Provides relative to sex education instruction in public schools (*Support*)

**HB 393** , Smith Authorizes a Dept. of Education survey of students regarding risk behaviors (*Support*)

House Health & Welfare 9:00 AM Committee Room 5

**HB 275** , Greene Provides with respect to the subpoenaing of prescription monitoring information (*Oppose*)

**SB 258** , Johns Provides relative to the Sanitary Code (*Oppose*)

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

House Health & Welfare 10:00 AM Committee Room 5

**SB 309** , Broome Provides for screening of pregnant women for HIV and syphilis in the third trimester of pregnancy

**SCR 62** , Mills Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a Medicaid service the Tdap vaccine to pregnant women and to provide a cost analysis to the legislature for providing this Medicaid service. (*Support*)

### Informational Bulletins

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

### Bayou Health Provider Survey

We need your input!

The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is seeking input on providers participation in the Bayou Health Program, challenges, successes and recommendations.

**WHY NOW?** There are two legislative instruments filed this session which would protect the enhanced primary care case management model within Bayou Health. Those will be likely be scheduled for committee in the next few weeks. Additionally, the Department of Health and Hospitals has stated its intention to put out a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for the program in the coming months.

Your responses will help the LAAAP develop it's comments and recommendations on the legislative instruments and the RFP language.

Your specific responses will be kept confidential. Please complete the survey ASAP. We ask that you complete the survey no later than May 9.

To take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BHSatisfaction>

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**The Louisiana Chapter wishes all of it members and the mothers they care for a very Happy Mother's Day.**

## SUIDA Recipe - Bow Tie Pasta Salad

### Bow Tie Pasta Salad

Pasta salad is a dish that can be as individual as the cook themselves, a light summer pasta dish is sure to compliment any meal. Adding low fat cheddar cheese infuses nine essential vitamins and minerals into this picnic and potluck favorite. Make it sparkle with fresh and tasty mix-ins and add dietary fiber by choosing whole wheat pasta.

Ease: Moderate  
Prep time: 15 min  
Cook time: 15 min  
Yield: 8 servings



#### Ingredients:

1 (8-ounce) box bow tie or other shaped pasta  
1/3 cup light mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish  
1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper, or to taste  
1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, or to taste  
4 ounces reduced-sodium baked ham or smoked turkey, diced  
8 ounces reduced-fat Cheddar cheese  
1/2 medium red pepper, finely chopped  
2 scallions, green and white parts, minced  
1/8 teaspoon paprika

#### Directions:

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain. Immediately rinse with cold water, drain well.

Meanwhile, whisk together the mayonnaise, vinegar, relish, white pepper and pepper sauce in a small bowl; set aside in the refrigerator to chill.

Combine the cooled pasta, ham, cheese, red pepper and scallions in a large bowl. Stir in the mayonnaise mixture just before serving. Garnish with paprika.

For more information and recipes visit [www.southeastdairy.org](http://www.southeastdairy.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series | 6/7/14 | New Orleans, La

#### Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series—Care of the Newborn June 7, 2014

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:*

Update on Infant Formula Choices  
Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease in Newborns  
Update on Newborn State Screening  
Post-Partum Depression

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

Registration Fee is \$35

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

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### LA AAP Advocacy Day | 6/5/14 | Baton Rouge, La

Date: June 5, 2014  
Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 pm  
Location: TBD  
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  
And Healthcare Policy**
- **How the Pediatrician Can Make a Difference and  
Be Effective When Lobbying**



*Pre-registration deadline: Friday, May 30, 2014*

To register, go to <http://www.laapadvocacy2014.eventbrite.com>

A limited number of scholarships to assist with travel costs are available. Please contact Ashley Politz ([ashley.politz@laaap.org](mailto:ashley.politz@laaap.org) or 225.379.7923) for more information.

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## 2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri | 8/22-24/14 | Baton Rouge, La

**Date:** August 22-24, 2014

**Location:** Embassy Suites (4914 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge)



For all the details: [www.laaap.org/2014potpourri](http://www.laaap.org/2014potpourri)

### 2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri Is Gearing up!

The 2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri has gone mobile using [Guidebook!](#)

We strongly encourage you to download our mobile guide to enhance your experience at 2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri. You'll be able to plan your day with a personalized schedule and browse exhibitors, maps and general conference info.

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