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ACIP Guidance for GARDASIL 9

Stacy Hall, RN MSN, Immunization Program Director, Louisiana Office of Public Health

ACIP has new guidance for the use of 9-valent human papillomavirus vaccine (9vHPV) as one of three HPV vaccines that can be used for routine vaccination. GARDASIL 9 vaccine is now available for Vaccine for Children (VFC) providers in Louisiana to order. They will be notified through LINKS later this morning. Providers can use Cervarix, GARDASIL or GARDASIL 9 to start and complete the vaccine series for females and the GARADASIL or GARDASIL 9 for males.

Providers should recommend HPV vaccination and continue to use the HPV vaccine they have on hand. Additional information about GARDASIL 9 vaccine and recommendations for use is available from the

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Use of 9-Valent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine: Updated HPV Vaccination Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6411a3.htm>

Please share this information to encourage HPV vaccination in Louisiana. Additionally there is a free educational seminar with CMEs for physicians to talk with families about HPV vaccination at <http://www.medscape.org/viewarticle/834038>

2015 National Pediatric Disaster Coalition Conference

You are invited to attend the National Pediatric Disaster Coalition Conference (NPDC) November 2-4, 2015 at the Camelback Inn Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. The purpose of the NPDC is to provide medical practitioners; clinical staff; hospital emergency management; other hospital representatives; prehospital providers; educators, school nurses and other school representatives; behavioral health providers; and faith-based organization representatives with tools, training, resources, and information **to improve pediatric disaster preparedness**. Speakers will examine a broad spectrum of pediatric disaster response, resilience, extended care, recovery, and coalition topics as gleaned from surviving Hurricane Sandy, the Boston Marathon bombing, the Joplin tornado, the Sandy Hook shooting, and more. Continuing Education Credits are available, and accommodations are available for access and functional needs populations.

The National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters' Surge Capacity Work Group Report (April 28, 2015) "recommended to ASPR to . . . support convening pediatric health care coalition and preparedness stakeholders annually to assess strategic planning, gap analysis, and mitigation tactics for addressing . . . threats with national implications." In addition, the NACCD states "coalitions will benefit from . . . sharing information, strategies, resources, and challenges, and thus [identifying] many unused and unrecognized tools existing at the local, state, and national levels [to] . . . avoid reinventing the wheel with each response . . ."

Registration has started (early bird registration is \$485, regular registration begins July 1, 2015 at \$585, and late registration begins October 1 at \$685). For additional information, go to npdcconference.org. For questions, contact Deb Roepke at deb.roepke@coyotecrisis.org or 480.861.5722.

LDOE Accountability & Enrollment Proposals Released

The Louisiana Department of Education has released [Proposed Bulletin 140](#) that defines both:

- The Early Childhood Care and Education Accountability System, and
- The Early Childhood Care and Education Coordinated Enrollment System

To see Proposed Bulletin 140 [click here](#).

To see the Overview by LDOE of Bulletin 140, [click here](#).

In the coming days, the Policy Institute for Children will be providing further analysis of Proposed Bulletin 140 and recommendations for changes.

Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Meeting

Proposed Bulletin 140 will be discussed and recommendations adopted at the next Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council on May 27:

Date: May 27, 2015

Time: 9am- 12pm & 1pm-3pm

Location: Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge

This meeting is open to the public and the public can make comments.

For the agenda, [click here](#). (Note: The Agenda also includes revisions to Bulletin 139, the Child Care Assistance Program. To see the proposed revisions, [click here](#).)

BESE Committee Meetings

Proposed Bulletin 140 will be considered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) at their June 16 meeting:

Date: June 16, 2015

Time: TBA

Location: Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge

The agenda will be posted [here](#).

FREE CEU Webinar: Vitamin D-ficient: How Much is Too Much (or Enough)? *An Update on the 'Nutrient of Concern' and its impact on Public Health*

Vitamin D is something everyone needs no matter what your age - but why? Are you getting enough? With so many questions surrounding the "sunshine vitamin," join us on June 2 at 12 p.m. EST for an exciting webinar led by Kathleen Zelman, MPH, RD, LD. Kathleen will dig into facts and set the record straight on the controversies that surround vitamin D recommendations, blood levels, health benefits and supplements.



Date: Tuesday, June 2 at 12 p.m. EST

Don't miss this webinar! [Register today](#).

This webinar, with nationally recognized registered dietitian **Kathleen Zelman, MPH, RD, LD**, will meet the following objectives:

- Explore the scientific evidence of the expanding role of vitamin D and its effects on medical conditions and chronic diseases.
- Identify the controversies surrounding the safe upper limits, toxicity and adequate blood levels of vitamin D.
- Better understand supplementation, fortification and strategies to help consumers meet requirements for this 'nutrient of concern.'



Kathleen Zelman, MPH, RD, LD is director of nutrition for the number one health and wellness website. She has extensive media experience, having served for 12 years as a national spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and appearing in more than a thousand national and local news outlets. Among her professional achievements are sharing the stage with First Lady Michelle Obama at the second anniversary of Let's Move! in 2012, and serving among a select group of speakers at the launch of USDA's My Plate in 2011. Ms. Zelman was also honored with the Academy's prestigious "Media Excellence Award"; the American Society for Nutrition "Nutrition Science Media Award" for outstanding science and nutrition journalism and the Institute of Food Technologists' "Media Award for Excellence in Consumer Journalism."

Don't wait to register. [Register here by May 30](#)



Nominate a Master Pediatrician

The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics will present two awards recognizing "Master Pediatricians" from our state at our annual CME program late this summer. This program, the "2015 Crescent City Pediatric Potpourri", will be held Friday, August 21 through Sunday August 23 in New Orleans. Our Master Pediatrician session, which will be Saturday afternoon, has been very well attended in the past and is a special treat for our students, residents and new pediatric graduates eager to be exposed to some wisdom from a master clinician.

We are asking the membership from the LA Chapter of the AAP for nominations. To be nominated, the pediatrician should best represent "a superb clinician who over many years (at least 30 years of practice) has contributed to the health and welfare of children in Louisiana through direct patient care and child advocacy, while educating and serving as an outstanding role model to students and young physicians." Our previous Louisiana awardees include William Gill, MD; Patrick Unkle, MD; Russell Steele, MD; Robert Hopkins, MD; Roberta Vicari, MD; and Larry Hebert, MD.

Please submit your nominee's name along with a brief letter justifying your choice to Dr. Danny Bronfin. **Deadline for nominations is May 25, 2015.** You can email your nomination to dbronfin@ochsner.org or mail to:

Attn: Daniel Bronfin, MD, FAAP | 1315 Jefferson Hwy. | New Orleans, LA 70121.

If your nominee is chosen, we hope you will be able to attend the conference to provide the introduction and share in the celebration. Thank you very much for your assistance in recognizing world class pediatricians in our state who are our colleagues.

Call for Nominations - Chapter Awards

Deadline: Friday, July 31st

Send to: ashley.politz@laaap.org with subject line of "Chapter Awards Nomination"

Include: name of nominee with a few sentences on why that person is being nominated

Description of awards for 2015:

David W. Van Gelder distinguished Service Award—This award is to recognize and honor those rare and dedicated individuals who have contributed substantially to the advancement of the Chapter.

Dr. David Van Gelder served as AAP President from 1976-77. During his tenure, the Academy finalized a voluntary continuing education and assessment program leading to recertification and energized efforts to develop child health planning at state and local levels. In addition, Dr. Van Gelder oversaw changes that were made within the Academy's internal structure to increase efficiency and enhance services for members. He was a vocal advocate for creating a national immunization policy. Under his presidency, the Academy adopted a statement advocating such a policy.

Previous award winners:

2013	H. Jay Collinsworth, MD, FAAP
2011	Stewart Gordon, MD, FAAP
2009	Michael Judice, MD
2007	Keith Perrin, MD, FAAP
2006	Not Given
2004	Jean Takenaka, MD
2002	John Lewy, MD, FAAP
2000	Louis Trachtman, MD
1998	Gary Peck, MD, FAAP
1996	Bettina C. Hilman, MD
1994	Wallace Dunlap, MD, FAAP
1992	Larry Hebert, MD
1990	David Van Gelder

Charles M Vanchiere Award—This award is given to recognize special efforts to improve the health of children in Louisiana by increasing their access to needed health care.

Dr. Charles M. "Buzzy" Vanchiere was a private pediatrician in Lake Charles, Louisiana, for nearly 30 years, and a tireless advocate for children's services. He pushed the private sector to accept Medicaid patients when the state first allowed them to bill for screening and diagnostic services. He was president of the LA Chapter of AAP at the time that the federal State Child Health Insurance Legislation was enacted and he was a major force in assuring that Louisiana took advantage of this new opportunity to cover children. He served on medical committees in his parish, in the state and for the American Academy of Pediatrics. He organized and led the Pediatric Society of Southwest Louisiana and the LSU Pediatric Alumni Association. He chaired the Pediatric Advisory Committee for Medicaid and was a member of the Blue Cross Physician Executive Committee. He was also active in the "Children's Miracle Network" and received it "Miracle Makers" award in 1995 for outstanding service to that program. Dr. Vanchiere died in the year 2000 at the young age of 60 and the Chapter established this award in his name to honor outstanding child advocates.

Previous award winners:

2013 Not given
2011 Steve Bienvenu, MD, FAAP
2010 Jimmy Guidry, MD
2009 Steven Spedale, MD
2008 J. Ruth Kennedy, Kay Gaudet
2007 Geoffrey Nagle, PhD, MPH, LCSW
2006 William Gill, MD and Joan Wightkin, PhD
2005 Gov. Kathleen Blanco
2004 Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu
2003 Sen. John T. "Tom" Schedler
2002 David Hood*
2000 Rep. Shirley Bowler

Elizabeth E. Cassinelli Award—This award is given in recognition of special efforts relevant to women's careers in pediatrics-at academic institutions, as basic scientist or clinicians, and in the private sector.

Dr. Libby Cassinelli was a general pediatrician who spent her career in Shreveport/Bossier City. She was in private practice, then worked at Barksdale AFB where she practiced until her retirement, and closed her career at the LSU Med School in Shreveport. During her career, she organized the NW LA Pediatric Society, served in every office, and personally arranged up to 4 lectureships annually for the members. She worked in the community for children's services and was well known for her advocacy for women in medicine.

Previous award winners:

2013 Sue Berry, MD, FAAP
2011 Jane El-Dahr, MD, FAAP
2009 Barbara Golden, MD
2007 Henryne A. Loudon, MD
2005 Katherine M. Knight, MD
2003 Carolyn Duncan, MD, FAAP
2000 Bettina Hilman
1998 A. Joanne Gates
1996 Sheila Moore

Outstanding Pediatric Society—This award recognizes the president of the regional society for the society's outstanding programs or accomplishments.

Previous award winners:

2013 Northwestern Pediatric Society
2011 Baton Rouge Pediatric Society
2009 Acadian
2007 Acadiana
2005 Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society
2003 Acadiana
2000 Baton Rouge
1998 Not Given
1996 Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society
1994 Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society

1992 Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society
1990 None

Innovative Outpatient Pediatric Diagnostic Error Quality Improvement Project Now Recruiting

Thousands of children are harmed each year by diagnostic errors. Pediatric clinics nationwide are invited to submit a recruitment application to participate in a first of its kind quality improvement project aimed at reducing pediatric diagnostic errors related to (1) missed elevated blood pressure, (2) missed (select) actionable labs and (3) missed opportunity to diagnose adolescent depression. The AAP Practice Improvement Network (PIN) Reducing Diagnostic Errors in Primary Care Pediatrics, or Project RedDE!, is seeking clinic teams that have 30 well-visit encounters specifically with 11 year olds and above, as well as 30 well-visits with patients 3 years old and older per month. The ability to query your EHR and/or billing system to pull charts for this 2 ½ year project is helpful to team participation. This project is being conducted by the Practice Improvement Network, part of the Quality Improvement Innovation Networks (QUIIN) at the American Academy of Pediatrics and is funded by a grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

We will be conducting a recruitment webinar for Project RedDE! on:

Thursday, May 7 at 1PM Pacific/2PM Mountain/3PM Central/4PM Eastern

Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6743354657066397441>

Also, here is a link to a recorded [35 minute Recruitment Webinar](#) (GoToWebinar)

Please see the article in the April *Chapter Connection* by Dr Joseph Craig on Project RedDE! too.

Contact Liz Rice-Conboy, Program Manager at ericeconboy@aap.org for more information, or follow this link to recruitment information and the application survey www.aap.org/quiin/pinprojects. Interested practices should send their applications by **June 3, 2015**.

[Full Project RedDE! Recruitment Materials](#)

[Practice Application PDF](#) (to review before submission)

[Link to Practice Application](#) (SurveyMonkey)

Quality Forum, DHH Launch Health Care Consumer Survey Survey Gauges Awareness Of Health Information Technology Among Louisiana Residents

BATON ROUGE, LA – (May 4, 2015) – The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) launched a web-based survey today to gauge Louisiana residents' awareness of health information technology (IT) tools and patients' rights to access personal health information.

The survey is a key factor in a collaborative effort of the Quality Forum and DHH to promote awareness and the use of health IT tools such as electronic health records (EHRs) and patient portals to improve health outcomes and health care decision-making for Louisiana residents. The effort also includes a focus on educating the state's residents about their rights to access and have copies of their personal health information.

The 10-question survey takes less than two minutes to complete and will provide a baseline of existing health IT awareness levels among Louisiana residents. The survey can be found at www.lhcqf.org and will remain active throughout the month of May.

"We believe engaging health care consumers through this survey will help make them aware of the importance of personal health information," said DHH Secretary Kathy H. Kliebert. "Louisianans can use that data to make better lifestyle and health care decisions."

"Countless case studies have consistently shown that patients who are actively engaged in their health care have better outcomes, reduced health care costs and greater satisfaction with the health care experience," said Cindy Munn, Quality Forum CEO. "Louisiana is very fortunate to have a strong health IT infrastructure that can assist our state's health care consumers in becoming more engaged in their care. Louisiana's health care providers have long been engaged in the adoption of health IT to improve the quality of care; now we are focused on educating consumers about the availability of these tools and resources and how to use them to improve their health."

According to Nadine Robin, Health IT Program Director for the Quality Forum, Louisiana is among a small number of states to take such a proactive role in educating health care consumers about health IT and patient rights.

"Our state is boldly recognizing that we can achieve truly positive gains in health outcomes by ensuring that Louisiana's residents have access to and are using the tools necessary to become active participants in their health care," Robin said. "We are very excited about this campaign and pleased to partner with DHH in the effort to promote meaningful patient engagement."

About the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum

The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing evidence-based, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana residents. Its focus areas include quality measurement and analytics, clinical quality improvement, the patient-centered medical home/care coordination model, outreach/education and health information technology (IT). With regard to health IT, the Quality Forum serves as the State-Designated Entity for the planning, development and administration of the state's health information exchange. For more information, visit www.lhcqf.org.

Medicaid/ Bayou Health

Changes in Point of Sale (POS) Response for Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program

Source: J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director

Effective April 27, 2015, the FFS Point of Sale (POS) response for pharmacy claim reimbursement will be itemized as follows:

NCPDP Field 506-F6	Response Ingredient cost paid only
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507-F7 Dispensing fee including provider fee
509-F9 Total amount paid

Previously the dispensing fee and the provider fee was included in the NCPDP field 506-F6 (ingredient cost paid) with the ingredient cost.

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, send a fax to (225) 342-1980, or refer to www.lamedicaid.com.

New Contracting in the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership

In November 2014, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) announced a plan to integrate specialty behavioral health care services into its existing Medicaid managed care system called Bayou Health. **This integration is scheduled for December 1, 2015.**

In light of the transition, **Magellan will continue to contract and credential new providers through May 31, 2015.** After May 31, 2015, **new** providers will be directed to the Bayou Health plans. Magellan will continue to re-credential existing network providers. This deadline applies only to new providers. **If you are a provider interested in joining the LBHP network, we need to hear from you very soon!**

Important Points for Interested Providers

New provider *Credentialing Applications* for the LBHP network will be accepted through May 31, 2015

- A potential provider will need to ensure they are certified through OBH **before** credentialing with Magellan for LBHP provider network consideration
- Only a **complete *Credentialing Application*** can be considered (must be complete in its entirety and include all necessary documentation)
- Visit www.MagellanofLouisiana.com to learn more about us and the LBHP
- Visit [Become a Provider](#) for step-by-step instructions and contacts for contracting and credentialing

Today, Magellan continues managing the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership, a responsibility we will continue until the state's scheduled integration on December 1, 2015.

Bayou Health Informational Bulletins for Providers

Informational Bulletins cover a variety of topics related to Bayou Health, and all are available [here](#).

Health Plan Advisories

Health Plan Advisories are available at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1734>

Bayou Health Teleconference for Providers

Bayou Health will host a provider call every other week. All calls will take place from noon to 1 p.m. The bi-weekly schedule through May is noted below. Bayou Health may use interim weeks to host topic-specific calls, as needed. Any changes to the schedule or additional calls will be announced on the [provider portal](#) at www.makingmedicaidbetter.com and will be shared with the Bayou Health newsletter e-mail list. To sign up for this list, click [here](#).

Upcoming Bayou Health Provider Calls

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Future meetings to be determined.

As with previous calls, to participate in the teleconference, dial 1-888-278-0296. When prompted, enter access code 2833686.

We will continue to monitor the need and usefulness of provider calls as one of the many communication channels with DHH and the Bayou Health MCOs. The frequency and topics will depend on the needs of the program and providers participating in the Bayou Health Program.

We encourage providers to contact the MCOs directly for direction and issue resolution. Contacts are available in [Informational Bulletin 12-27](#). As always, you can submit any unresolved issues or suggestions 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>

SUDIA Recipe: Alford Grape Salad

Create a refreshing chilled fruit salad filled with grapes, pecans and whipped topping.

Ease: Easy

Yield: 6-8

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

Source: Alford Family Recipe

Ingredients

8 ounces sour cream

8 ounces frozen whipped topping (such as Cool Whip)

1 cup sifted powdered sugar

4 cups grapes, cut in half



Directions

Mix together sour cream, whipped topping and powdered sugar. Stir in grapes. Place in 13x9-inch dish.

Sprinkle brown sugar and place pecans on top. Cover and chill. Best if made day before and refrigerated overnight.

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Upcoming Events



2015 Crescent City Potpourri

Date: August 21-23, 2015

Location: New Orleans Sheraton
500 Canal St.
New Orleans, LA

REGISTER NOW

Hotel Information: A specific block of rooms are available for this conference until the block is SOLD or until Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Please make your reservations early!

Room rates per night are:

- Single & Double = \$129
- Triple = \$154

Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-627-7033 and using group name "Pediatric Potpourri 2015" or by following this link:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1502261391&key=26A325BD>

Rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 13% plus \$3 Occupancy Tax per room per night, as well as Statutory Act 410 Tourism Support Assessment of 1.75% for each room rate, per room per night., or the following automatic or mandatory charges (e.g., resort charges): . No automatic or mandatory charges are tips, gratuities, or services charges for employees, unless otherwise expressly stated.

Early Departure Fee: An early departure fee of one night's room and tax will apply if a Customer attendee checks out prior to the confirmed checkout date.

Cancellation Policy: An individual reservation can be cancelled without a penalty as long as it is cancelled before 72 hours prior to arrival. If the cancellation occurs within 72 hours, one nights room and tax will be charged to credit card holding the reservation.

Potpourri Agenda:

Friday:

11:30 – 12:30 P.M. Registration/Box Lunch

12:30 – 12:45 Welcome/Opening Remarks/Introductions

12:45 – 5:15 Presentations

5:30 Social and Poster Presentations

Saturday:

7:15 – 8:00 A.M. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome/Announcements/Introductions

8:15 – 12:15 P.M. Presentations

12:15 – 1:30 LA AAP Business Lunch and Awards

1:30 – 5:00 Presentations

Sunday:

7:15 – 8:00 A.M. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome/Announcements/Introductions

8:15 – 1:00 P.M. Presentations

General Registration Information:

REFUND POLICY - refunds of any activity fees will be made if cancellations are made prior to Monday, August 17, 2015. Absolutely no request for refunds will be honored after this date. No-shows are not eligible for a refund.

REGISTRATION - all participants of the conference must register with the registration desk at the conference prior to all events. Name badges will be provided and will be required for admittance to all activities.

PARKING – parking is available at the Sheraton New Orleans. Below are the rates:
\$12.00 + tax for daily parking
\$30.00 + tax for overnight parking

DRESS ATTIRE - business casual - consider layered clothing as heating and cooling conditions may vary.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - All pre-registrations for this conference must be received at Woman's Foundation office no later than August 20, 2015. Onsite registration will be available each day.

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series

Updates for Well Child Visits

June 13, 2015

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:

Vaccine Update and Dealing with Immunization Refusal

School Failure

Updates on Acne and Eczema

Dealing with the Aggressive Child and Bullying

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

Registration Fee is \$35

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