



# PROGRESS NOTES

May 22, 2014

## In this edition:

### 2014 Legislative Session

- Week 11 Action Summary
- Week 12 Committee Schedule
- LA AAP Joins in Asking Governor for Veto Pgs. 2-3

### Bayou Health/ Medicaid

- Informational Bulletins
- Department Takes Next Steps in Seeking Federal Approval for Public-Private Partnerships
- Standard Pharmacy Prior Authorization Form for Prepaid Health Plans Revised Pg. 3-5

### SUIDA Recipe – Lemon Greek Yogurt Cheesecake Bars with Berry Swirl

Pg. 5

### Upcoming Events

Pgs. 6-7

## Stay Connected with YOUR Chapter



P.O. Box 64629  
Baton Rouge, LA  
70896



(225) 379-7923



[ashley.politz@laaap.org](mailto:ashley.politz@laaap.org)



[www.laaap.org](http://www.laaap.org)



[@MyLaaap](https://twitter.com/MyLaaap)



[www.facebook.com/LouisianaAAP](https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaAAP)



The LA AAP Chapter Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2014, in honor of Memorial Day.

Thank you to all those who have and who are serving our country.

## 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 11 Action Summary

For a complete list of actions taken on bills LA AAP is tracking, go to:

<http://laaap.org/images/2014LegislativeSession/Week11Report.pdf>

#### **HB 1256**, Harrison

Transfers the Department of Children and Family Services as a state agency to the Department of Health and Hospitals and Hospitals **Was deferred and was not advanced out of committee.**

#### **HB 1215**, Johnson

Provides relative to collaborative practice agreements between advanced practice registered nurses and physicians **Was scheduled to be heard in Senate Health and Welfare Committee but committee time expired so the committee did not hear discussion. It is expected to be heard next week. LA AAP is joining the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians and the Louisiana State Medical Society in opposing this bill.**

#### **HB 168**, Hoffmann

Prohibits outdoor smoking within 25 feet of certain exterior locations of state office buildings

May 19, 2014	Senate	Reported without Bureau amendments
May 19, 2014	Senate	Passed to 3rd reading
May 21, 2014	Senate	Finally passed by vote of 31 to 6

#### **HB 1065**, Pope

Provides relative to the practice of optometry and the regulation of such profession

May 19, 2014	Senate	Reported without Bureau amendments
May 19, 2014	Senate	Passed to 3rd reading
May 21, 2014	Senate	Finally passed by vote of 25 to 12

**Thank you to everyone who has worked so diligently to oppose this bill especially Dr. Bradley Black, Dr. George Ellis and Dr. Pamela Williams. The bill now goes to the Governor for consideration. LA AAP has joined several organizations in writing a letter asking the Governor to veto this measure.**

#### **SB 309**, Broome

Provides for screening of pregnant women for HIV and syphilis in the third trimester of pregnancy

May 19, 2014	House	Passed to 3rd reading
May 22, 2014	House	Scheduled for Floor Debate on 5/28/2014

#### **SB 258**, Johns

Provides relative to the Sanitary Code

May 22, 2014	House	Scheduled for Floor Debate on 5/28/2014
--------------	-------	---

#### **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.

May 19, 2014	House	Finally passed by vote of 95 to 0
--------------	-------	-----------------------------------

## Week 12 Committee Schedule

Public testimony on HB 1 is scheduled for Friday, May 23. A vote is expected on May 28.

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 Committee Room 5 9:00 a.m.

to view the agenda: [http://house.louisiana.gov/Agendas\\_2014/May\\_2014/0528\\_14\\_HW.pdf](http://house.louisiana.gov/Agendas_2014/May_2014/0528_14_HW.pdf)

### LA AAP Joins in Asking Governor for Veto

*Below is the text of a letter that the LA AAP has joined urging the Governor to veto HB 1065 and protect medicine.*

The Honorable Bobby Jindal  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 94004  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Dear Governor Jindal,

The undersigned organizations representing physicians across the state and the country are writing to express our serious concerns over House Bill 1065 by Representative Rogers Pope, and respectfully request that you veto the bill.

#### *Put Patients First!*

HB 1065 gives optometrists open-ended authority to perform almost any surgical procedure. Many people believe that expanding the scope of practice of non-physicians equates to increasing patient's access to care. Sadly, increasing access to inadequately trained providers only fosters a two-tiered system of care that threatens overall patient safety. Furthermore, some patients may be under the false impression that they are receiving care from a physician, which increases the likelihood that they suffer unnecessary complications instead of seeking an accurate diagnosis by an expertly trained physician.

Our patients deserve the best care - not just "good enough" care. This bill authorizes optometrists to perform procedures using multiple methods and instruments including scalpels, lasers, needles, ultrasound, ionizing radiation and by burning and freezing tissue. Optometrists do **not** have the training to perform these procedures or manage the complications that can arise with these procedures.

In closing, we urge you to veto HB 1065 to ensure patient safety and protect the good health of the citizens of our state. Your thoughtful consideration of this issue is appreciated.

**Bayou Health/ Medicaid**

#### Informational Bulletins

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

## Department Takes Next Steps in Seeking Federal Approval for Public-Private Partnerships

*An emergency rule was filed today; new state plan amendments will be submitted Friday  
Tuesday, May 20, 2014 | Contact: Olivia Watkins; (225) 610-8660*

**Baton Rouge, La.** - Today, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals initiated a process that will allow the State to submit a new state plan amendment for the public-private partnerships to the federal government on Friday. DHH submitted an emergency rule for the reimbursement of Louisiana Low-Income Academic Hospitals to the Division of Administration's Office of State Register. The rule is the first step in submitting a new state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that will replace the state plan amendments CMS disapproved earlier this month. DHH has had several discussions with CMS since the initial state plan amendments were rejected on May 2, 2014 and believes that the new state plan amendment will address CMS's concerns and will meet the requirements for approval.

DHH Secretary Kathy H. Kliebert said, "Our discussions with CMS officials over the last few weeks have been incredibly helpful in crafting this new emergency rule and a new state plan amendment. CMS affirmed that the partnerships are a workable model to serve Louisiana's uninsured and low-income residents. I am hopeful that the new state plan amendment we will submit Friday will satisfy the federal government's requests for a sound reimbursement methodology and ensure the sustainability of these critical reforms."

The public-private partnership hospitals are sustaining and improving access to safety net care across Louisiana. Specifically, the partnerships are resulting in increased urgent care and emergency room access, upgraded trauma centers, increased hospital capacity, reduced MRI and CT appointment wait times, expanded specialty care access, reduced wait times for prescription drugs, and improved graduate medical education programs.

The first step in submitting a new state plan amendment to CMS is the publication of a public notice through the State's administrative rulemaking process in the Louisiana State Register and public process notice in newspapers across the state. Previously, DHH had an active emergency rule for the public-private partnerships that designated specific reimbursement methodologies for each partner hospital. The new emergency rules clearly outline the reimbursement methodology for hospitals that disproportionately serve Louisiana's low-income residents while maintaining graduate medical residencies at certain levels.

In addition to the administrative rule-making requirements of the state, DHH issued a Public Process Notice that will be published on Friday in Louisiana's eight largest newspapers across the state. After those notices appear on Friday, the Department will submit the new state plan amendment to CMS for consideration.

## Standard Pharmacy Prior Authorization Form for Prepaid Health Plans Revised

Source: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2809>

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 | Contact: Bayou Health (225) 342-7878

All Bayou Health Prepaid Plans accept a standard single page [prior authorization form](#) for outpatient

pharmacy services. The purpose of the form is to streamline and simplify the pharmacy prior authorization process for providers who contract with multiple Bayou Health Prepaid Plans. Providers may now expedite PA requests by checking the appropriate box. The standard form is a complement to Plans' existing prior authorization processes, which providers may continue to use. The form also is available on each Prepaid Health Plan's website, along with instructions for its use.

## SUIDA Recipe: Lemon Greek Yogurt Cheesecake Bars with Berry Swirl

### Lemon Greek Yogurt Cheesecake Bars with Berry Swirl

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 45 minutes

Yield: 9 servings

#### Ingredients:

8 graham cracker sheets  
4 tablespoons butter, melted  
2 large eggs  
2 cups  
2% low-fat plain Greek yogurt  
½ cup granulated sugar  
4 ounces reduced fat cream cheese (Neufchatel), softened  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
3 tablespoons lemon juice  
Zest of one lemon  
1 cup sliced strawberries or raspberries  
1 teaspoon granulated sugar



#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a food processor, pulse graham cracker sheets to form crumbs.
3. Add melted butter; pulse to combine and press into the bottom of a greased 8- x 8-inch baking dish.
4. Wipe food processor clean; add eggs and remaining bar ingredients (not berries). Process just until smooth (do not over process).
5. Pour mixture into pan on top of crust.
6. In a medium bowl, combine berries and sugar; cover with a paper towel and microwave for 90 seconds.
7. Pour berry mixture into food processor and process until smooth; let cool.
8. Pour berry mixture into 4-5 lines across filling in pan. Use a knife to swirl into top of filling.
9. Bake at 350 degrees F for 35-40 minutes or until crust starts to pull away from edges of the pan and edges of filling are mostly set (center will still be slightly jiggly).
10. Once cooled, place in refrigerator and chill for 3-4 hours. Cut into bars and serve.

### LA AAP is Social!

Be sure to visit, like us and follow us to keep up with what's going on and share your stories.



[www.facebook.com/LouisianaAAP](http://www.facebook.com/LouisianaAAP)

[www.twitter.com/MyLaaap](http://www.twitter.com/MyLaaap)

follow us on  
**twitter**

## Upcoming Events

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

Date: June 5, 2014

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 pm

Location: Our Lady of the Lake Campus

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.laaapadvocacy2014.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.

### 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/>

## **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.

The app is compatible with iPhones, iPads, iPod Touches and Android devices. Windows Phone 7 and Blackberry users can access the same information via our mobile site at [m.guidebook.com](http://m.guidebook.com).

#### **To get the guide, choose one of the methods below:**

- Download '**Guidebook**' from the Apple App Store or the Android Marketplace
- Visit <http://guidebook.com/getit> from your phone's browser

The guide will be listed under the "Download Guides" section of the application. In the search enter "Potpourri" and select 2014 Red Stick Potpourri

**Lodging information:** Embassy Suites Hotel | 4914 Constitution Ave. | Baton Rouge, LA 70808



A block of rooms is available until August 20, 2014 or until the block is sold out.

Make your reservations early calling (800-EMBASSY) or online using the code "PPP" at

[www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com)

**King and Double room rates are \$109.00 per night. All rooms rates are subject to local sales and occupancy taxes.**

Know of something going on in your region you think others should know about? Is there new research you want to share? Are there things you think your colleagues need to know?  
[Submit an article](#) for the next Progress Notes