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AAP Releases New Statement and Policy on Tobacco Control

The AAP Section on Tobacco Control is proud to announce the release of [three new tobacco control policy statements and one technical report](#).

A lot has changed in the world of tobacco control since the Academy last published a policy statement on the subject- Use of tobacco and nicotine products other than cigarettes, such as hookahs, little cigars, and e-cigarettes is on the rise. The role of the promotion of tobacco products, including cigarette use in the movies and other media, in increasing tobacco product use among youth is now much better understood. The benefits to children's health of clean air legislation, including smoking bans in bars, workplaces, restaurants, and other buildings, have been clearly documented. The harm to children and adolescents of involuntary smoke exposure in vehicles, multi-unit housing and from outdoor smoking in public areas is more well-recognized.

On the policy side, *Tobacco 21* legislation, which raises the age of sale of tobacco products to 21 years has grown in popularity since the last AAP policy statement. While this has been mostly seen on the local level through grassroots initiatives, Hawaii became the first state to pass this legislation, and it will take effect next year. Other states are currently debating similar measures, and national legislation was recently introduced in both houses of Congress.

Electronic nicotine delivery systems, or e-cigarettes, have exploded in popularity, and thus we have devoted an entire policy statement to these devices. This statement provides an overview of the current science and discusses how e-cigarettes pose a threat to child health, and do not just release "harmless water vapor". If you are familiar with the topic, I'm sure you can imagine how difficult it was to finalize our report since new articles are being published every day! We were approved to fast-track this statement in response to a growing concern from these products and continued requests from our members for concrete guidance, and you can be sure that we will update the statement when needed, and keep the Academy membership informed of important new research and developments in this area.

One thing that has not changed since the last Academy statement- tobacco remains a pediatric disease that we all play a role in combating. Later this week, the Section is hosting a webinar (information below) to outline the major findings in the policy statement as well as what the Academy is working on related to those topics. Please share this information with your colleagues, and register for the webinar, if you are available. This webinar is open to anyone, regardless of Academy membership. Please note that [talking points are available for AAP members](#), and should be used in any conversations with media about these statements. The [AAP Richmond Center](#) is currently offering funding and training opportunities to help solidify tobacco control efforts at your institution. Feel free to [contact Section staff](#) with any questions.

Best,

Karen Wilson, MD, MPH, FAAP
AAP Section on Tobacco Control Chair

DHH Identifies Internal Solutions for Mid-Year Deficit to Ensure Access to Care for Louisiana Residents

Internal solutions address \$186.2 million shortfall while ensuring access to care and preventing provider rate cuts

Baton Rouge, La. – The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) today announced solutions to address a \$186.1 million state general fund mid-year deficit. The internal solutions identified by DHH prevent provider rate cuts, program eliminations and ensure access to care for thousands of Louisiana residents.

“Our first priority is always ensuring access to care for Louisiana residents enrolled in Medicaid, those served by waivers and others served by our various public health programs across the state,” said DHH Secretary Kathy Kliebert. “By identifying internal solutions to address our mid-year deficit, we ensure access to care without passing the burden on to providers or hospitals and without additional funding from the State.”

At the end of each fiscal quarter, DHH evaluates program costs to determine if it has the needed level of funding for the remainder of the year. If a deficit is identified, DHH looks for additional funding and at program changes that will fix the shortfall. This fiscal year, the deficit is \$186.1 million in state general fund dollars; including federal match, the total deficit is \$516.1 million. The DHH Medicaid shortfall is the result of:

- increased enrollment in Bayou Health, the Medicaid dental program and the statewide expansion of the Coordinated System of Care;
- an increase in the cost of the Medicare Part B program mandated by the federal government; and
- a lack of funding for continuing waiver slots past funding for the first year.

DHH is solving the Medicaid shortfall using several internal solutions, including:

- the carryforward and excess authority of \$128.1 million from both state mental health hospitals and the LSU hospitals from previous years that were not anticipated in the 2016 fiscal year;
- improved DHH collection practices and increased enrollment that resulted in an increase of \$53.5 million in provider fees paid to DHH by the Bayou Health plans, nursing homes, intermediate care facilities and pharmacy provider fees;
- freezing new waiver slots, except for pending offers and those that are needed to transition individuals out of institutional care or for emergency circumstances to prevent recipients from entering a 24-hour facility; and
- reducing the cost of the Hospital Service District program by \$4.5 million as a result of the privatization of West Jefferson Medical Center.

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](#).

AAP Election

From:
Anthony D Johnson. MD FAAP
AAP District VII Chair
Member AAP Board

Voting has started for our new President-elect and a new District VII member on the National Nominating Committee. I just voted! You should have received or will receive an e-mail with a link to the candidate information and ballot. It takes less than a minute to vote!

Please exercise your right to vote, as we choose new leaders in our AAP. Your voice is needed!

AAP National Committees - 2016 Chairperson Appointments

The AAP Board of Directors is soliciting nominations to fill the following vacancies for Chairperson positions for AAP National Committees for terms beginning July 1, 2016:

- **Committee on Federal Government Affairs**
- **Committee on Federal Government Affairs/Access to Care Subcommittee**
- **Committee on Medical Liability and Risk Management**
- **Committee on Native American Child Health**
- **Committee on Pediatric AIDS**
- **Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine**
- **Committee on Pediatric Research**
- **Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine**
- **Committee on State Government Affairs**

Application materials (factsheet, biographical summary and nomination/self-nomination forms) for these positions are available on the [AAP Member Center](#), in addition to statements of needs and requirements (www.aap.org/leader).

Committee Chairpersons are appointed annually and may be re-appointed up to four years. Committee chairperson appointments are made on the basis of knowledge, expertise, and the documented needs of the committee. Within this context, Academy membership demographics such as professional activity, gender, ethnicity, and geographical distribution will be considered, as well as chapter activity.

The deadline for nominations for 2016 positions is **Friday November 27, 2015 (midnight CST)**. Nominees must submit a letter of nomination, a [factsheet](#) and a [biographical summary](#) to their Chapter President and the AAP by **e-mail** (nominations@aap.org) or by **fax** 847/434-8000 (ATTN: 2016 AAP National Committee Chairperson Nominations).

All nomination materials must be submitted by **November 27, 2015 (midnight CST)**. The AAP Board of Directors will meet in **January 2016** to review nominations and make final appointments.

Thank you for your review and contribution to the nominations process of AAP National Committees for the 2016 term. Please email any questions to nominations@aap.org.

Invitation to HHS & ED Nov. 5th Public Meeting on Health and Wellness Promotion in Early Childhood Settings

The next Early Learning Interagency Policy Board (IPB) meeting is scheduled for **November 5, 2015 from 9:30am – 11:00am ET**, and will include a public input session for a new HHS/ED policy statement on health promotion in early learning. Previously, HHS and ED have released policy statements on [Expulsion and Suspension Policies in Early Childhood Settings](#) and [Inclusion of Children with Disabilities](#) in based on public comments received.

Maximizing the health and developmental potential of our Nation's children is a priority for HHS and ED. Research shows that children in poor health do not do as well in school as their healthier peers. They are more likely to drop out of school, more likely to earn lower wages, and more likely to be in poor health as adults. Effective health promotion and disease prevention is best achieved starting early in life.

As a result, HHS and ED plan to release a joint federal policy statement on *Health and Wellness Promotion in*

Early Childhood Settings. As we develop the policy statement, we would value your input on the following questions:

1. What are the key messages that we should communicate in a federal policy statement on children's health and wellness promotion? How are these messages similar or different when addressing the health, early childhood, and education communities?
2. What are barriers to implementing effective health and wellness promotion and disease prevention strategies in early childhood programs?
3. What are the most effective child health and wellness promotion and disease prevention strategies that you have implemented at the local or state levels?
4. How can the federal government uniquely support effective health and wellness promotion for expectant families and children, birth through school entry, at the state and local levels?
5. How can we ensure school principals, early childhood program directors, LEA administrators, and other leaders promote and systematically embed health and wellness promotion at the local level? How can we ensure that public health systems and primary health care providers connect to and support early childhood programs at the local level?
6. How can a federal statement on children's health and wellness be most helpful in supporting the work that you do?

The input session will be led by:

- Linda Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development for the Administration for Children and Families at HHS
- Libby Doggett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Early Learning for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at ED and
- Michael Lu, Associate Administrator, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration

When: Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 9:30am – 11:00am ET

Where: U.S. Department of Education
LBJ Building Barnard Auditorium
400 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Note: *This event will air on the EDstream network for those who are outside of the ED Network. **To request reasonable accommodations (prior notification of at least three business days is required), please contact Jacquelyn.Borman@ed.gov.***

To access the event, go to: <http://edstream.ed.gov/webcast/Play/06c6b28b912a4ca0bda7eb64147e34431d>

All speakers and attendees

- Please send RSVP by October 29, 2015 by sending an email to: Jacquelyn.Borman@ed.gov
- Include name, title and organization, e-mail and phone contact.
- Indicate if you are requesting to speak at the meeting or only attending.
- Speakers will be ranked in order of RSVP received, as time permits, and will be notified ahead of time if they will be speaking.
- For security purposes, all speakers and attendees are reminded to bring a photo ID and a business card. Please allow ample time to go through security.

The format for the Public Meeting will be as follows:

- Speakers will be given 3 minutes to address the group. Time will be strictly enforced.
- Speakers are to limit their comments to what they would recommend go into a joint health and wellness policy statement, starting with addressing any of the questions listed above.
- In addition, all individuals and organizations are strongly encouraged to submit input in electronic form (including from those speaking) by Friday, November 6, 2015, at 5:00 pm ET to:

Jacquelyn.Borman@ed.gov

Pediatric Office Staff Salary Survey

Data on pediatric-specific office staff salaries has been very limited. National surveys of all practices have been unreliable since they include surgery, specialty care, and Internal medicine that rely on Medicare reimbursement to meet their overhead. To provide this important benchmark information for AAP members and their practice managers, the AAP Pediatric Practice Managers Alliance (PPMA) has partnered with Pediatric Management Institute (PMI) to develop such a resource tool.

This nationwide survey tool focuses solely on the office staff, NO provider/physician salaries will be included. All reported results are blinded, prohibiting individual practices from being identified.

Please visit <http://pediatricmanagementinstitute.com/aap-ppma-pmi-salary-survey/> (password 99213) by **November 30, 2015** to share your input. Participants will also receive an emailed copy of the results. The more pediatric practice input, the more valuable these survey results will be! *Please share this link to your Chapter members as well as pediatric practice manager colleagues.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elisha Ferguson at eferguson@aap.org.

Medicaid/ Bayou Health

Medicaid Behavioral Health Integration "Roadshow" meetings across the state

Medicaid will be holding provider information sessions on Behavioral Health Integration around the State in October and November; click [here](#) for the list of the sessions and to register. Behavioral Health Integration in this context refers to behavioral health being covered under the Bayou Health Plans.

Link to 10/27/15 [Presentation](#) DHH Information Session on the Integration of Behavioral Health. You can also find it on MakingMedicaidBetter.com website, under Provider Resources.

DHH to Host Provider Calls for Behavioral Health Integration

Beginning Dec. 1, 2015, Louisiana Medicaid is changing the way members get behavioral health services (mental illness and substance use treatment). All Medicaid members will get their behavioral health services through a Bayou Health Plan. If they are not already enrolled in Bayou Health, they will be enrolled in a Plan before Dec. 1, 2015 to get medical behavioral health services. DHH's current contract with Magellan will end on Nov. 30, 2015.

To prepare providers for this change, Louisiana Medicaid and the Office of Behavioral Health will host a series of weekly calls for providers, to listen to comments and concerns that you may have and answer any questions. Beginning Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 and until further notice, the following call schedule will be in place:

- **Monday** - Local Governing Entities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers and Intensive Outpatient Substance Use Providers
- **Tuesday** - Rehabilitation Providers, Multi-Systemic Therapy Providers, Functional Family Therapy Providers, Homebuilders Providers, Assertive Community Treatment Providers, Psychiatrists and Licensed Mental Health Practitioners

• **Wednesday** - Inpatient Hospitals, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, Therapeutic Group Homes and Residential Substance Use Treatment Facilities

All calls will take place from noon to 1pm. The call-in information is as follows:

- Call-in #: 1-888-636-3807
- Access Code: 1133472

Please note that this call is being hosted by the Department, so specific questions, pertaining to a specific Health Plan may not be answered. Although there will be representatives from the managed care organizations on the line, we ask that you keep all questions Department related.

We welcome all provider types to participate on any of the days, but DHH's staff will give priority to questions from the designated provider type for that call, and will have staff who work in that provider area on the line to assist.

If any provider is unable to ask a question during the call, we encourage them to submit their questions to integratedhealthcare@la.gov or bayouhealth@la.gov. The Bayou Health Provider Relations unit has released some "Talking Points" for behavioral health providers. That document can be accessed by clicking here. [Informational Bulletins](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and other pertinent information can be accessed at any time by visiting www.makingmedicaidbetter.com.

For news specifically pertaining to the integration, you can click on the "Behavioral Health" tab on www.makingmedicaidbetter.com. To automatically receive updates and releases from the Department regarding the integration, click [here](#) and subscribe to the "Integrated Health Care" newsletter.

Bayou Health Informational Bulletins for Providers

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

[Informational Bulletin 15-18](#), "Authorization of Specialized Behavioral Health Services Effective Dec. 1, 2015" has been released.

Health Plan Advisories

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



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Please join us in welcoming our newest members to the LA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. There is strength in numbers and we are so glad you have chosen to add your voice to the more than 700 Louisiana Chapter members who are speaking out on behalf of the Children of Louisiana and the profession of Pediatrics.

**Emily Bordelon Martin, MD, FAAP
Lauren Williams**

SUDIA Recipe: Pumpkin Pancakes

Add extra flavor and nutrients to your breakfast pancakes by stirring canned pumpkin into the batter.

Ease: Moderate

Yield: 4 servings

Preparation Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Source: Recipe Source: Recipe created by Elizabeth Ward on behalf of 3-A-Day of Dairy.

Ingredients

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup 1% low-fat milk

2 tablespoons melted butter

1/2 cup canned pumpkin

2 1/2 cups low-fat vanilla yogurt



Directions

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder and cinnamon in a large mixing bowl.

In a medium mixing bowl, combine milk, butter, egg, pumpkin, and 1/2 cup yogurt, mixing well.

Add wet ingredients to flour mixture and stir until just moist. Do not overmix. Batter may be lumpy. For thinner batter, add milk.

Lightly coat a griddle or skillet with cooking spray and heat on medium. Using a quarter-cup measure, pour batter onto hot griddle.

Cook until bubbles begin to burst, then flip pancakes and cook until golden.

Serve warm topped with remaining yogurt. Top with maple syrup if desired.

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Upcoming Events

Prematurity Prevention Summit 2015

Putting Louisiana Moms and Babies First through Care and Quality Improvement

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Pennington Biomedical Research Center
Conference Center 8:00am - 4:00pm

This conference will examine ways to improve perinatal outcomes and enhance prematurity prevention efforts in Louisiana by sharing National and Statewide best practices for designing and implementing collaborative quality improvement initiatives. This conference is designed to bring together a multidisciplinary group of medical and health professionals, including: obstetricians, physicians, pediatricians, midwives, nurses, neonatologists, maternal fetal medicine, public and private health insurers, public health practitioners, healthcare policy makers, birthing hospitals, maternal and child health community-based organizations and other interested parties.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and registration.

Confirmed Speakers:



Elliot Main, M.D.
Maternal & Fetal Medicine
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Sutter Pacific Medical Foundation
California Pacific Medical Center
California Maternal Quality Care
Collaborative



Michael P. Marcotte, M.D.
Director of Quality and Safety for
Women's Service
Medical Director for Helping Opiate
Addicted Pregnant Women Evolve
TriHealth Cincinnati, Ohio
Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative



Annual International Conference on ADHD

November 12-14, 2015
Hyatt Regency New Orleans
601 Loyola Avenue New Orleans, LA 70113

The CHADD Annual International Conference is the major research, practice and public information conference dedicated to ADHD. Conference sessions will focus on providing current science-based information and the impact of this information on treatments for individuals with ADHD. The conference will bring together researchers, clinicians, educators, adults, parents, and others who are seeking more in-depth materials.



Click [Here](#) for more information and registration details

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Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series *Updates on Pediatric Nutrition and GI* Saturday, December 12, 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 Tulane University Center for Continuing Education

Location

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

Topics are scheduled to include:

Updates on Food Allergies
Obesity
Dealing with Food Aversion and Refusal
Use of Donor Milk for Newborns

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

Registration Fee is \$35
Online registration is open at <http://tulane.edu/cce/>



Red River Potpourri

August 19-21, 2016
Shreveport Convention Center
Shreveport, LA

Registration details will be forthcoming
www.womansfoundation.com
Call us for more information 337.988.1816

Red River Potpourri is presented by The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics



Opportunities and Job Announcements

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician Opportunity

Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital operates the only 24/7 pediatric emergency room in the region and is looking for additional PEM trained physicians to join their team. Candidates must be board eligible or board certified in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. The position joins 4 other fellowship trained PEM physicians, as well as seasoned emergency room BC pediatricians and Emergency Medicine physicians with an interest in Pediatrics. It also entails supervision of pediatric and emergency medicine residents and medical students in our newly renovated 20 bed pediatric emergency room.

LOL Children's Hospital is currently a 100 bed "hospital within a hospital"; however, there are definitive plans to open a free standing children's hospital in 2018, giving our physicians a chance be part of its development from the ground up! Our Pediatric Emergency Room physicians benefit from 60 pediatric specialists in 20 subspecialties, a 14 bed PICU with 4 BC Pediatric Intensivists delivering 24/7 on-site care, flexible 9 hour shifts, double coverage (except early morning), competitive salaries, and excellent benefits.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email your CV to Kathy Prejean, Physician Recruiter: kathryn.prejean@lolrhc.com

Child Neurologist Opportunity

Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital has an excellent opportunity for a BC/BE Child Neurologist. LOL Children's Hospital is currently a 100 bed "hospital within a hospital"; however, there are definitive plans to open a free standing children's hospital in 2018, giving our physicians a chance be part of its development from the ground up! We provide extensive opportunities for professional development, as well as competitive salaries and excellent benefits. Additional features of this opportunity include:

- 7 Board Certified Pediatric Hospitalists
- 14 bed PICU with 4 Board certified Pediatric Intensivists delivering 24 hour on-site care
- 20 bed Pediatric Emergency Department (Level 2 Trauma Center)
- Pediatric Development and Therapy Center
- Pediatric and Psychiatric Residency Programs
- Largest affiliate clinic of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

- 60 pediatric specialists in 20 subspecialties available for consult
- Largest certified Child Life Specialist team in Louisiana
- Tort Reform State

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email your CV to Kathy Prejean, Physician Recruiter: kathryn.prejean@ololrhc.com