



PROGRESS NOTES

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*** Note: there will not be an publication of Progress Notes next week due to Thanksgiving*

UPCOMING EVENTS (See page 6 for details on all events)

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series | 12/14/13 | New Orleans, La



The Louisiana Chapter wishes you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!

ACA Medicaid Payment Increase Update and New Survey

Source: AAP State Government Affairs

Medicaid Pay Increase Update and Survey -- ACTION REQUESTED

Earlier this fall, the AAP and the AMA surveyed state AAP chapters and state medical societies respectively to determine the status of state implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) 2013-2014 Medicaid payment increase. We learned that 40 states have indicated they are now paying at the ACA increased payment rates for 2013 in at least Medicaid fee-for-service care. However, there have been reports of sporadic increases in payment in some states and even no increases in payment in some areas, particularly in Medicaid managed care plans.

The Academy is now asking AAP chapter leaders and pediatric councils to disseminate within chapters and councils this short [November 2013 ACA Medicaid Payment Increase Survey](#), which seeks additional information about persistent implementation issues and seeks feedback on the positive aspects of the increase.

Having specific data on the positive impact of the Medicaid payment increase will help the AAP advocate for its extension past 2014. The Academy will utilize data detailing implementation problems in our ongoing advocacy with national Medicaid managed care plans and the federal government.

Consultation and Assistance

The Academy will continue to provide resources to help chapters guide successful implementation of the ACA 2013-2014 Medicaid payment increase. AAP chapters and pediatric councils are encouraged to contact the Division of State Government Affairs for consultation or additional assistance on this issue. Please contact Dan Walter at dwalter@aap.org or 847-434-4086 or Wendy Chill at wchill@aap.org or 847-434-7797.

Bayou Health/ Medicaid

Deadline Extended for ACA Enhanced Reimbursement for Primary Care Services

DHH has extended the deadline to submit a Medicaid Primary Care Services Designated Physician form and receive an effective date for enhanced reimbursement retrospective to January 1, 2013. In previous guidance, the deadline was June 28, 2013. The final deadline is now December 31, 2013. If your complete and correct form is received after December 31, 2013, you will receive enhanced reimbursement for eligible services rendered on or after the date the form is received.

[Click here to view the notice.](#)

Affordable Care Act Enhanced Reimbursement of Primary Care Services Informational Bulletin

[Click here to view the informational bulletin.](#)

Open Enrollment Reminder about Provider Steerage

Open enrollment for Bayou Health will soon begin in GSA-A. As a reminder, there are very specific rules on what providers can and cannot do with regards to information about health plans they are or are not participating in. As a reminder, DHH's informational Bulletin 12-31 (issued on 11/9/12) contains the guidelines providers are expected to follow. You can find the bulletin at: http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Informational_Bulletins/IB12-31.pdf Below is text from the bulletin.

All health care providers delivering services to Louisiana Medicaid and LaCHIP recipients enrolled in Bayou Health plans are welcome to inform their patients of the Bayou Health plans they have chosen to participate with, but Bayou Health has strict prohibitions against patient steering, which all providers must observe.

- Providers may inform their patients of all Health Plans in which they participate, and can inform patients of the benefits, services and specialty care services offered through the Health Plans in which they participate
- **Providers are not allowed to disclose on some of the Health Plans in which they participate.** Disclosure of Health Plan participate must be all or nothing.
- Providers can display signage, provided by the Health Plan, at their location indicating which Health Plans are

accepted there, but must include all Health Plans in which they participate in this signage.

- If a provider participates in only one Bayou Health Plan, the provider can display signage for only one Health Plan and can tell a patient that is the only Health Plan accepted by that provider.
- Providers **MAY NOT RECOMMEND** one Health Plan over another Health Plan, **MAY NOT OFFER** patients incentives for selecting one Health Plan over another, or **MAY NOT ASSIST IN ANY WAY (faxing, using the office phone, computer in office, etc.)** the patient in deciding to select a specific Health Plan. Some assistance from providers was allowed through CommunityCARE participation but this program no longer exists and the above requirements **must strictly be observed.**
- Patients who need assistance with their Health Plan services should call the Member Services Hotline for the Plan in which they are enrolled, and those who wish to learn more about the different Health Plans should contact the Bayou Health Enrollment Broker at 1-855-BAYOU-4U to receive assistance in making a Health Plan decision.
- Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** is a provider allowed to change a member's Health Plan for him/her, or request a Health Plan reassignment on a member's behalf. **Members who wish to change Health Plans for cause must make this request to Medicaid themselves through the Bayou Health Enrollment Broker.**

These prohibitions against patient steering apply to participation in the Prepaid and Shared Savings Health Plans as well as the legacy Medicaid program.

Informational Bulletins

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

Provider Calls

The beginning of each call will begin with announcements from the Department and then will allow for time to address systemic issues with Bayou Health.

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#

LSMS Medicaid Committee – Volunteers Needed

The LSMS is looking for members who would like to participate in an informal committee to discuss issues concerning the Medicaid program with a primary focus on Bayou Health. As many of our members are aware, the Louisiana Medicaid program has undergone a dramatic transformation from a fee-for-service based model to a managed care model, which is administered by five different health plans. In an effort to stay ahead of current and potential issues and to develop and present real solutions to the Department of Health and Hospitals concerning this program, the LSMS is putting together a group of interested members who would be willing to dedicate a small amount of time to assist the society in analyzing some of the issues we have identified as well as alert the LSMS to issues which you might be experiencing in your particular practices. Ideally the LSMS would like to have volunteers which represent the physician community both geographically and by specialty. We anticipate a majority of communication occurring through the use of email and the possibility of an occasional conference call and do not anticipate participation requiring any travel. If you would like to participate, please email LSMS Vice President of Legal Affairs, Greg Waddell, at greg@lsms.org

Resources on Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine and Princeton Meningococcal Disease Outbreak *Source: Ruben Tapia, DHH, Immunization Program*

Princeton University has been experiencing an outbreak of meningococcal disease since spring 2013. All seven of the cases were caused by meningococcal bacteria known as serogroup B ("strain" B). Working with CDC and the New Jersey Department of Health, the University has decided to make arrangements to provide their students access to a

serogroup B meningococcal vaccine as soon as possible. FDA will allow the use of the vaccine at Princeton University under an Investigational New Drug application. The outbreak and plans for a vaccination effort have received media attention and we understand partners may have and/or be receiving questions. Please be aware that you can get information from [the University](#), the [New Jersey Department of Health](#) and [CDC](#). CDC will continue to update and add to the questions and answers on the CDC webpage as needed.

Happy December Birthdays!

12/1	Abbey Anne Lewis-Gallien, MD, FAAP Clifton Michael Vaughan, MD, FAAP	12/20	Robert Eldred Drumm, MD, FAAP Diego Arturo Lara Lyle Stephenson, MD
12/2	Emily Harrison, MD	12/22	Samantha Clark Gulino, MD, FAAP Mitchell Ira Rubin, MD, FAAP
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SUIDA Recipe – Microwave Yellow Squash Casserole

If you can work a microwave you can wow your family! Tender squash, gooey cheese and crunchy crackers make this a memorable side dish or a hearty main course. This is a great dish that can be made with low-fat ingredients and is still just as good! Pair with bright green broccoli or lean meat for a complete dinner in less than an hour.

Microwave Yellow Squash Casserole

Ease: Easy

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 24 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients:

Cooking spray

2 tablespoons water

1/2 medium onion, chopped

4 medium yellow squash, sliced (about

2 1/2 pounds)

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 large eggs

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 cup plain fat-free yogurt

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese

1/2 cup crushed round crackers

Directions:

Spray a medium glass casserole dish with cooking spray.

Mix water and onion in a large glass bowl. Cover bowl tightly with plastic wrap, folding back a small edge of wrap.

Microwave at HIGH 2 minutes.

Uncover, stir in squash and salt, and recover with plastic wrap, folding back a small edge again. Microwave at HIGH 10 minutes or until squash is tender (do not drain).

Beat eggs, flour and pepper together in a large bowl; add yogurt and mayonnaise. Mix until smooth. Mix with squash and spoon into casserole dish. Cover with plastic wrap, folding back a small edge.

Microwave at HIGH 10 minutes or until casserole is not runny. Remove wrap, top with cheese and crackers, and microwave 2 minutes or until cheese melts. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes.

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Direct link to recipe if needed:

<http://www.southeastdairy.org/recipes/microwave-yellow-squash-casserole/>



Upcoming Events

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series | 12/14/13 | New Orleans, La

**Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series
Update on Pediatric Nutritional and Infectious Disease Topics
December 14, 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:
Update on Food Allergies
Diagnosis and Treatment of Otitis Media & Sinusitis
Update on Obesity / Metabolic Syndrome
Managing Parental Immunization Refusal

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

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

- 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

