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LA Medicaid- CNSI (PRISM) Contract Cancelled- Update

On Friday, March 22, 2013, you received a member alert informing you that the Chapter received word that the contract between with CNSI had been cancelled. The member alert is below in case you missed it on Friday. Today, DHH has posted a memo on www.lamedicaid.com (**ATTENTION PROVIDER ENROLLMENT OPERATIONS 3/25/13**) indicating that effective March 25, 2013, Molina Medicaid Solutions will resume all operations related to provider enrollment applications, inquiries and requests. Further direction will be posted on <http://www.lamedicaid.com> as it becomes available.

There is no mention of the ACA Physician Attestation on the posted Memo. The Louisiana Chapter will continue to push DHH for answers and send them to our membership as soon as they are available. Be watching you inbox for updates.

Member Alert: CNSI Contract Cancelled (3/22/13)

Late yesterday the announcement that the contract between the state and CNSI was made. CNSI was granted the new MMIS contract last year. They are the group responsible for the PRISM system that you are probably familiar with. Although the claims processing portion of the contract has not begun yet, there are several systems PRISM

has already put in place and began. The Louisiana Chapter is working diligently to find out the Department's plans moving forward and will be working to ensure that providers are not penalized.

The issues the Chapter has identified as immediate concerns and are seeking guidance are listed below. If you have additional concerns, please email (ashley.politz@laaap.org) or call (225) 379-7923.

Issues:

- 1) ACA Provider Attestation for Increased Payments
- 2) Provider Re-Enrollment
- 3) New Provider Enrollment

LA AAP reached out to DHH staff today. Their response was that they are "working on revisions to the ACA processes and procedures and we should have something out on that early part of next week. We will also be announcing the number for Provider Enrollment issues (new enrollments, changes). Provider re-enrollment through PRISM system has been suspended and we are drafting communication to providers relative to that."

Bayou Health

As Bayou Health approaches its First Anniversary of implementation, the Chapter wants your feedback. Over the next few weeks, the Chapter will be developing a survey with feedback and will be asking members to submit their most interesting story of their experience with Bayou Health. Be watching your inbox soon for more details.

Informational Bulletins

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

Provider Calls

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#

This has been a helpful venue for providers and hospitals to explore solutions to their concerns or specific issues they are experiencing. On the calls, DHH has consistently reminded participants to use the **online complaint form** (<https://bhsfweb.dhh.louisiana.gov/BayouHealthComplaints>) The form will require the entry of contact information, the nature of the complaint, if you have dealt with the plan on the issue, the history of those dealings, and other information. Participants are strongly encouraged to follow the Provider Issue Escalation and Resolution format outlined in **Informational Bulletin 12-27** (http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Informational_Bulletins/IB12-27.pdf)

NCCI Edit- Use of -25 Modifier Update

At this time, the Chapter has been able to verify with DHH, Community Health Solutions, LaCare, Louisiana Healthcare Connections and United Health Care that they will NOT be requiring the -25 modifier when used with the preventative E&M codes.

currently, Amerigroup is the only Bayou Health plan that has not indicated that they have deactivated the requirement. The Chapter will continue to work with them to try and get the modifier requirement deactivated. Until they agree and have systems in place to do so, you should use the -25 modifier as required in the NCCI edit announcement.

2013 Louisiana Legislative Session

The 2013 Louisiana Legislative Session will begin on Monday, April 8, 2013 and will adjourn no later than 6:00 pm on June 6, 2013. You can view all the pre-filed bills at <http://www.legis.la.gov>. If you believe the LA AAP should take a position on any piece of legislation, please send your comments to ashley.politz@laaap.org.

If you are interested in helping the Chapter develop its talking points on legislation, positions and communication with legislators, consider being part of the LA AAP Legislative Committee . Most business of this committee will be conducted via conference call and emails. If you are interested, please send an email to: ashley.politz@laaap.org

Southeast Dairy Council Recipe- Apple Yogurt Smoothie

Smoothies make for a great breakfast, lunch on the go, or snack. A blender is an open canvas waiting for your nutrient rich creativity to drop in and take a spin. This smoothie packs nine essential vitamins and minerals such as calcium, potassium and vitamin D not to mention enough protein to keep you full for hours.

Ease: Easy

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

Yield: 2 servings

Ingredients:

2 cups low-fat vanilla yogurt

1 granny smith apple, cored, peeled and diced

1/2 cup orange juice

1/2 cup ice

2 tablespoons honey

Directions:

Mix all ingredients in a blender or food processor until smooth and pour into tall glasses. Garnish with sliced almonds, julienne mint and 1/2 teaspoon of honey, if desired.

Nutrition Information:

Calories: 330

Total Fat: 3 g



Saturated Fat: 2 g
Cholesterol: 10 mg
Sodium: 160 mg
Calcium: 45% Daily Value
Protein: 13 g
Carbohydrates: 66 g
Dietary Fiber: 1 g
For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Job Opening Announcements

St. Francisville practice is seeking: (1) Medical providers interested and available regarding a locum tenens position for their office in April and extending beyond that and (2) A pediatrician interested in becoming a full time or part time provider.

For more information and details, contact D.A.Schneider, Office/Business Manager, at (804) 304-4103.

Dermatology Office Manager in Lafayette

Bring your passion, vision and expertise to a role where you can really make a difference! Growing dermatology practice seeks a motivated, energetic office manager for a full time position in the River Ranch area. Qualified candidates must have experience in medical office management, including supervision of personnel, Medicare rules/regulations, coding, billing, and insurance contracts/claims. Candidate must possess strong billing, communication and computer skills and exhibit an eagerness to learn and grow with the practice. Practice offers comprehensive benefits and an excellent work environment. Compensation will be dependent on candidate experience and skill set.

Submit resume to dermasurgerycenter@mac.com. Confidentiality assured.

Upcoming Events

Pediatric Jambalaya X | 4/27/13 | Lafayette, La

Annually the Woman's Foundation, Inc. and Acadiana Pediatric Society jointly sponsor a Spring CME activity. The "Pediatric Jambalaya X" is a mixture of health care topics which will enhance your pediatric practice.

The Acadiana Pediatric Society is a group of pediatricians from the Acadiana region of Louisiana. Their purpose is to network and discuss educational advancement and issues affecting Louisiana's children.

The Woman's Foundation, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to promoting the total well-being of women and their families. The Foundation provides continuing medical educational offerings for Louisiana physicians in the area of diseases and medical conditions affecting women and their families. Based on community and statewide needs, the Foundation strives to secure exceptionally competent professionals, respected in their

fields, to present the most up-to-date information to practicing physicians who seek to acquire advanced skills and knowledge in the field of medicine and increase their professional performance, thereby, improving patient care.

Target Audience:

An integrated educational program for pediatricians, pediatric specialists, and family/general practitioners. Content is appropriate for other health care professionals, including registered nurses.

Conference Overview:

This comprehensive course will address periodic fever, bone & joint infections, risks involved with exposure to animals, pneumonia, foodborne illness, pneumococcal disease, new vaccine recommendations, vaccine safety, and lymphadenopathy.

Pre-registration is requested by Friday, April 19, 2013.

To Register:

Submit online registration at: www.womansfoundation.com

(or)

Mail form and payment to:

Woman's Foundation, Inc.

4630 Ambassador Caffery Parkway • Suite 100

Lafayette, LA 70508

For additional information, contact:

Taryn Daigle or Amy Pool

Phone 337-988-1816 • Fax 337-988-5613

or email: taryn@womansfoundation.com or amy@womansfoundation.com

[Download the online brochure](#) for all the details.

LA AAP Advocacy Day | 5/1/13 | Baton Rouge, La

The Louisiana Chapter of AAP will host its Second Annual Advocacy Day on Thursday, May 16, 2013. Details follow.

When: May 16, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM

Where: Louisiana Municipal Association Building
700 north 10th st., First Floor Conference Room #2
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 in Healthcare Policy
How to Make a Difference & Be Effective When Lobbying

To register, go to www.advocacy2013.eventbrite.com

Pediatric Potpourri on the Bayou | 9/27-29/13 | Lafayette, La

Mark Your Calendar! The Annual Pediatric Potpourri sponsored by the Louisiana AAP Foundation and co-sponsored by Woman's Foundation will be held in Lafayette, LA on Friday, September 27, 2013 through Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Watch your inbox and mailbox for more details.

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2013 Angel Award Nominations Open

In the course of your work providing needed services in your community, you have the opportunity to meet many people working to better the lives of children in your area. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation would like to draw upon your knowledge to help reward those efforts with thousands of dollars in grants to support much-needed projects in your area. We ask you to nominate someone, perhaps one of your own dedicated volunteers, for our Angel Award®. We will recognize outstanding individuals from across the state who go beyond the call of duty to improve the lives of our state's at-risk children.

Celebrating its 19th anniversary, the Angel Award is a statewide recognition program honoring exceptional volunteer efforts on behalf of Louisiana youth. Because making a difference in Louisiana's communities requires time and money, the Angel Award includes a \$20,000 grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation for each honoree's charity. The nomination and selection process also provides statewide publicity and recognition not only for the individuals honored, but for their charitable causes as well.

Since the program's inception in 1995, we have received hundreds of nominations for worthy candidates from people like you and awarded more than \$1.4 million in grants to organizations for such-needed projects. These grants provide additional funding to help further these important efforts to serve Louisiana's children. Angel Award honorees are selected by a panel of past honorees based on their efforts to enhance a child's life – physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually. The volunteer efforts may be through churches, schools, civic organizations or individual effort.

To submit a nomination electronically, visit the Angel Award page at www.bcbsla.com/angelaward.

Nomination packets are also available by calling toll-free 1-888-219-BLUE (1-888-219-2583) or emailing Angel.Award@bcbsla.com. Supplemental information in support of the nomination, including testimonial letters, brochures, news articles, photos and videos, is encouraged but cannot be returned. Please note that the nomination deadline is April 5, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration, and please help us honor and further the important efforts of those who give selflessly to children. We are proud to support these men and women who strengthen their communities. If you nominate someone for the Angel Award, a deserving advocate for children from your area could be chosen as an honoree, and you will have played a large part in aiding a worthy local effort.

Sincerely,
The Angel Award
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation
P.O. Box 98022 | Baton Rouge, LA 70898
5525 Reitz Avenue | Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Phone: 1-888-219-2583
Fax: 225-298-3175

The Leonard P Rome CATCH Visiting Professorships Call for Proposals is now open!

Applications are due Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm Central Time.

The purpose of the Leonard P. Rome Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Visiting Professorships is to promote advocacy for children and advance the field of community pediatrics. This program is implemented through a partnership between CATCH and the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI). The program provides up to 8 accredited pediatric residency programs with up to \$4,500 each to fund a 2- or 3-day educational program focusing on community pediatrics, building partnerships, resident education, and faculty development. The Visiting Professorship must occur between September 1, 2013 and May 15, 2014.

For more information, visit <http://www2.aap.org/compeds/cpti/opportunities.htm#rome>