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Louisiana Chapter- American Academy of Pediatrics

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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

Committees of Interest:

House Appropriations	Senate Finance
House Education	Senate Education
House Health & Welfare	Senate Health and Welfare
House Insurance	Senate Insurance

Tracked Bills:

There were 668 House bills pre-filed and 235 Senate bills pre-filed along with 11 concurrent resolutions. The Louisiana Chapter of AAP has initially flagged 61 bills to track. This does not include all of the discussion around Gov. Jindal's tax reform plan. The Chapter will be closely monitoring the discussion around taxes and will keep you abreast of changes that may affect your practice.

Click on each category to view the bills in each that category along with their tentative committee referrals.

- [ALL Bills](#)
- [Education](#)
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All committee meetings are streamed via live video through the legislative website. To watch a committee meeting live:

- Go to: www.legis.state.la.us
- The homepage will list all committees meeting that day. There will be a tv icon next to the committee name. Click on the icon. The live stream will begin once the meeting begins.

Week 1- April 8-12, 2013

Tentative committee agendas for tracked bills

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

House Appropriations

9:00 AM Committee Room 5 - Public Testimony regarding HB 1

Senate Health & Welfare

1:00 PM John J. Hainkel, Jr. Room - Medicaid options being pursued by other states: Arkansas Foundation for Medicaid Care; National Conference on State Legislatures; La. Dept. of Health and Hospitals

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

House Appropriations

After Joint Budget Committee Room 5 - Public Testimony regarding HB 1

Thursday, April 11, 2013

House Education

9:00 AM Committee Room 1

HB 635, Williams, P.

Requires local public school boards to adopt policies relative to accommodations for employees to express breast milk

House Health & Welfare

9:00 AM Committee Room 5

HB 177 , Leger- Designates the Institute for Public Health and Justice as the primary research entity and advisor to the legislature on matters related to youth in the criminal justice system and youth with behavioral needs

HB 273 , Lorusso- Provides relative to reports, records, and adjudicatory functions of the La. State Board of Medical Examiners

HB 355 , LeBas- Provides relative to access to state prescription monitoring program information

HB 356 , LeBas- Defines compounded pharmacy-generated product

HB 375 , Hoffmann- Provides for the EarlySteps childhood disability intervention program and authorizes a fee schedule known as cost participation for services of the program

LA Medicaid- CNSI (PRISM) Contract Cancellation Update

On 3/27/13, the LA AAP sent an alert (below) to its members with an update on ACA Attestation for increased reimbursement rates for primary care providers as allowed in the Affordable Care Act. Since the alert, a link to the online form necessary to attest has been posted on the LA Medicaid website. You will need to download and complete the Medicaid Primary Care Services Designated Physician form and mail it to: Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Enrollment Unit P.O. Box 80159 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0159

The form is available online at http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/existingenrollments.htm

On last week's Bayou Health call, DHH staff indicated that it will be posted the names of providers that they have received attestations from. If you believe you have submitted your form, be sure to check the list. If you are not on the list, DHH has not received your form and you will need to resubmit it. As of 4/7/13 the list has not been posted. LA AAP will inform let members know as soon as it posted.

Member Alert: The Department of Health and Hospitals has issued new guidance concerning the procedure, which must be followed in order for primary care providers to receive the enhanced Medicaid rates pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. Due to the cancellation of the CNSI contract last week, DHH is now directing all provider attestation forms to be sent to Molina. Additionally, DHH has extended the deadline for receipt of the form until May 15, 2013. Providers who submit their form prior to this date will be paid the enhanced rates retroactively to January 1, 2013. Complete information may be accessed at www.lamedicaid.com

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. 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.

NCCI -25 Modifier Edit Now Deactivated on All Plans

As of last week, the Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has received word that Amerigroup will be turning off the NCCI edit requiring the use of the -25 modifier. With this addition, all five Bayou Health plans along with legacy Medicaid will no longer require the edits.

Amerigroup anticipated the edit to be deactivated by 4/5. All claims that were impacted by 3/8 (when the edit was turned on by Amerigroup) will be reprocessed. Amerigroup will be reaching out to let physicians know this information as well.

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)

Happy Birthday LA AAP Members

Happy April Birthdays to our members. If your colleague is on the list, reach out and wish them well on their special day!

4/1 Dr. Joseph Anthony Bocchini Jr. (Shreveport), Dr. Scott Herskovitz (Baton Rouge), Dr. Marvin Mata (Alexandria), Dr. Spencer Allen Pruitt (Baton Rouge)

4/2 Dr. Amy Duthu Eagan (Slidell), Dr. Bernard Francis Ferrer (Houma), Dr. Janet Lyn Rossi (New Orleans), Dr. Jennifer LaShay Rumph (Baton Rouge)

4/3 Dr. Lauren Raney (New Orleans), Dr. Kara Michelle Spinks (Shreveport), Dr. Barry Martin Matthews Starr (New Orleans)

4/4 Dr. Aniko Greger (New Orleans)

4/5 Dr. Marilyn Grisham Bivens (Monroe)

4/6 Dr. Jill Michael McCall (Metairie), Dr. James Stier (New Orleans)

4/7 Dr. Sudha Ashok Rao (Shreveport), Dr. Melanie T Yerger (Covington)

4/8 Dr. Colleen Craig Sicard (Shreveport)

4/9 Dr. Michael McAdams Quinn (Plaquemine)

4/10 Dr. Amanda Gayle Brown (New Orleans), Dr. Molly Doose (New Orleans), Dr. Jane M.S. El-Dahr (New Orleans)

4/11 Dr. Greg Burg (New Orleans)

4/12 Dr. Julie M Baham (Covington)

4/13 Dr. George S Ellis Jr. (New Orleans), Dr. Nhung Kim Nguyen (Baton Rouge), Dr. Gary Quinton Peck (New Orleans)

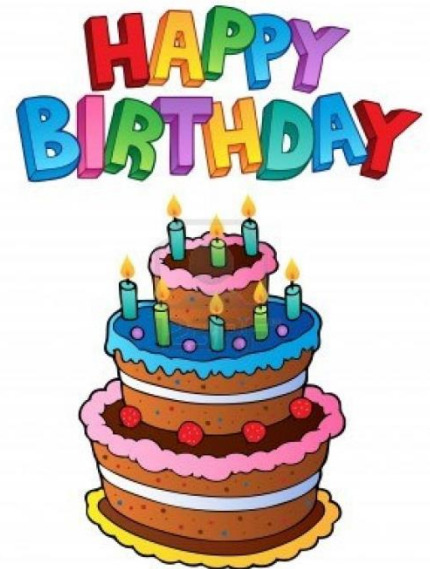
4/14 Dr. Vanessa Germaine Carroll (Kenner), Dr. Harley G Ginsberg (Metairie)

4/15 Dr. Jamie Jackson (New Orleans), Dr. Husam Haidar Sukerek (Many)

4/16 Dr. Douglas Marion Gonzales Jr. (Lafayette)

4/17 Dr. Leslie Bennett Bostick (Baton Rouge), Dr. Fred Douglas Patterson (Baton Rouge), Dr. Elizabeth Tracy Young (Metairie)

4/18 Dr. Gregory J. Gelpi (Baton Rouge), Dr. Stephanie Leigh Mead (Shreveport), Dr. James Ronayne (New Orleans)



4/19 Dr. Patricia M Schneider (Saint Francisville), Dr. Arthur G. Tribou (Baton Rouge), Dr. Tracy Pasqua Wallace (Bossier City)

4/20 Dr. Robert Louis Delarosa (Baton Rouge), Dr. Samara Khalique (New Orleans), Dr. Joseph E. Michalik Jr.(Baton Rouge)

4/21 Dr. Marie Manning Harper (Shreveport), Dr. Monir Tawfik Shalaby (Metairie)

4/22 Dr. Christina Kozycki (New Orleans), Dr. Raj P. Warriar (New Orleans)

4/23 Dr. Danielle Ibelema (New Orleans), Dr. Leonard J. Rolfes (Lafayette)

4/24 Dr. Brandace Hider (Harvey), Dr. Kenneth Wayne Leger (Shreveport), Dr. Renee Failla Reymond (New Orleans)

4/25 Dr. Nabila Malik (New Orleans)

4/27 Dr. Deepa Gali (Shreveport), Dr. Robert Jerome Oertling (Slidell)

4/28 Dr. Dianne Jones Albrecht (Baton Rouge), Dr. Lauren Henderson (New Orleans), Dr. Kunal Sonavane (Shreveport)

4/29 Dr. Stephanie Lynn Bourque (Denver), Dr. Bradford Jennings Smith (Baton Rouge)

4/30 Dr. Saritha Boyapati (Shreveport), Dr. Rodger H Elofson II (Baton Rouge)

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

Tobacco Tax Increase Rally | 4/17/13 | Baton Rouge, La (State Capitol steps)

American Cancer Society will hold a rally to increase the state tobacco tax on the steps of the Louisiana State Capitol on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 from 12:00 noon – 12:30 pm. To register, go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QX2WQPN>

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.

Academic Distinguished Series: Safe Children, Safe Classrooms, Safe Schools | 5/7/13 | Baton Rouge, La

Safe Children, Safe Classrooms, Safe Schools: Making Safety a Priority in Early Childhood Environments

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Registration: 4:00 - 4:30pm

Program: 4:30 - 6:00pm

Holiday Inn Baton Rouge - South
9940 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Distinguished Speaker: Sonayia Shepherd, Ph.D.
Keynote Speaker, Safe Havens International
International Safety Expert

A popular and animated keynote speaker at major professional conferences, Sonayia N. Shepherd (Sony), Ph.D. has authored and co-authored sixteen books on school safety and emergency management. With an extensive background, including serving as a full time school safety practitioner in the nation's largest state government school safety center, Sony has worked directly with hundreds of public and private schools across the nation and has provided crisis response and recovery support following many school crisis situations and major disasters around the world, including Hurricane Katrina, Tsunami in Indonesia, Haiti, and outbreaks in Africa and Asia.

Sony has also appeared on Good Morning America, The Today Show, CNN, FOX, and 20/20. Graduating from high school at the age of 16, she has earned her graduate degree in Clinical Psychology and earned her undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Spanish from Phillips University. She also has a Ph.D. in Public Administration & Emergency Response Policy.

Information on EBRPSS CLUs, Social Worker CEUs, and Child Care Clock Hours available for this event will follow soon.

To register: <https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/13962/213017594/7a32efde74/13249162/5341834/40939146/?v=a&v=a>

LA AAP Advocacy Day | 5/16/13 | 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.

Lagniappe

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/commpeds/cpti/opportunities.htm#rome>