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## 2013 Louisiana Legislative Session

### *Advocacy Action Requests for Week 4 of session- Act Now!*

**OPPOSE** Balance Billing- HB228 and HB342

[CLICK HERE](#) for a sample letter and email addresses for committee members

**OPPOSE** HB 569 (Rep. Terry Brown)

HB 569 by Rep. Terry Brown would allow for the performance of physical therapy services without a prescription or referral from a physician.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details on the bill and committee members

**SUPPORT** HB 150 (Greene)

HB 150 would require commercial insurers to recognize the assignment of health insurance benefits to health care providers

[CLICK HERE](#) for details on the bill and committee members

**SUPPORT** [HB 392](#) (Bishop, S.)

HB 392 adds administrative simplification to Bayou Health around credentialing and claims payment

[CLICK HERE](#) for details on the bill and committee members

**SUPPORT** [HB 393](#) (Anders)

HB 393 adds provisions around the pharmacy benefits of Bayou Health, specifically around the drug formulary and step therapy.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details on the bill and committee members

\*\*\* If you are available and interested, we are looking for members who would be willing to testify in committee on Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Please contact Ashley Politz with the LA AAP office asap if you are interested. Phone: (225) 379.7923 or email: [ashley.politz@laaap.org](mailto:ashley.politz@laaap.org)

*Below are the committee meeting schedules for these and other bills of interest:*

House Committee on Appropriations

Monday, April 29, 2013

Committee Room 5, 9:00 am

**HB1 FANNIN APPROPRIATIONS** - Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2013- 2014

Committee on Insurance

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Committee Room 3, 9:30 am

**Support** [HB 150](#) GREENE INSURANCE/HEALTH Requires recognition of assignment of health insurance benefits to health care providers

**Oppose** [HB 228](#) FANNIN INSURANCE/HEALTH Provides relative to balance billing by and reimbursement of noncontracted facility-based physicians for covered health care services rendered in an in-network health care facility

**Oppose** [HB 342](#) HUVAL INSURANCE/HEALTH-ACCID Provides relative to balance billing by and reimbursement of noncontracted health care providers of emergency medical services

Committee on Health and Welfare

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Committee Room 5, 9:00 am

**OPPOSE** [HB 251](#) TALBOT MEDICAID Requires DHH to institute Medicaid cost containment measures to the extent allowed by federal regulations

Committee on Health and Welfare

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Committee Room 5, 9:00 am

**OPPOSE** [HB 569](#) BROWN, TERRY PHYSICAL THERAPISTS Eliminates restrictions on performance of physical therapy services without a prescription or referral

**SUPPORT** [HB 392](#), Bishop, S. Provides relative to credentialing and claims payment functions of managed care organizations participating in the La. Medicaid coordinated care network program

**SUPPORT HB 393**, Anders Provides relative to prescription drug benefits of managed care organizations participating in the La. Medicaid coordinated care network program

[House Health and Welfare Committee Members](#)

[House Insurance Committee Members](#)

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### *Week 3 Action Recap (4/22-26/13)*

Monday and Tuesday's committee meetings focused around tobacco tax bills. Despite lots of testimony and hard facts, including testimony from the LA AAP, the tobacco tax bills that were actually heard in committee failed this week.

There were several more tobacco tax bills that were deferred and are likely to not be heard during this session. Wednesday was a very busy day with bills of interest in both House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees, Senate Insurance and the House Floor. Most of the Medicaid expansion bills were deferred and the others were defeated in committee. It is likely that Medicaid expansion discussion is over for this session.

Health and welfare committee bills of note: Senator Murray's SB 185 was a Bayou Health Administrative Simplification bill that LA AAP sent out action alerts around. The bill had to be amended to remove the single formulary provision in order to remove the fiscal note that would have kept the bill from moving forward. The bill retained all other elements. The bill moved favorably out of committee. **\*\*\*\* Note:** there was only one card read in opposition of the bill and it was from the Division of Administration. There will likely need to be work done on the Senate side to move this bill out of committee. Please remain engaged in helping this piece of legislation continue to move through the process.

Senator Erdey's SB192 around Nurse Practitioners has been removed from the active bills this session. Senator Erdey informed the committee that the NPs and LAFP have signed an Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to work on the issues brought forth in the bill. The MOU requires a presentation of a solution to a joint meeting of Health and Welfare Committees.

House Floor Debate: Representative Hoffman's HB527 around the expansion of the practice of optometry was pulled from the agenda Wednesday and waits to be added back to the calendar. Rep. Hoffman noted that there were several sets of amendments that were discussed but all sides could not come to an agreement yet. Please keep contacting your representative to let him/her know that you are opposed to this bill. It is making an impact on the members of the House. To view talking points, go to: <http://laaap.org/talkingpoints-hb527>

[Click here](#) to access a full list of State Representatives

[Click here](#) to download the full Week 3 Action Recap as a pdf

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To view an updated of all bills the LA AAP is tracking as well as view by category, click on the links in the Advocacy & Legislation box on the home page ([www.laaap.org](http://www.laaap.org))

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## **LA Medicaid**

### *List of Attestation Forms Received*

As promised, DHH has posted the list of all Designated Physicians Forms (Attestations) RECEIVED BY PRISM AS OF MARCH 18, 2013 AND VALIDATED BY DHH. If your name is listed, your Designated Physician form has been received and is on file with the Molina Medicaid Provider Enrollment. No further action on your part is necessary to

receive the enhanced reimbursement for specified primary care services rendered by designated physicians during calendar years 2013 and 2014. Your effective date for the enhanced reimbursement will be established as January 1, 2013.

To see if your name is on the list, go to:

[http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent\\_policy/ACA\\_PCP\\_Designated\\_Physician\\_Form\\_Validated\\_Listing\\_040813.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent_policy/ACA_PCP_Designated_Physician_Form_Validated_Listing_040813.pdf)

If you have not submitted your Designated Physician Form, you can download it at:

[http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider\\_Enrollment/existingenrollments.htm](http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/existingenrollments.htm)

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

Note on Effective Date: Your effective date for enhanced reimbursement is based on the date your complete and correct Designated Physician form is received by Medicaid's Provider Enrollment vendor. If your complete and correct form is received by May 15, 2013, you will receive enhanced reimbursement for eligible services rendered on or after January 1, 2013. If your complete and correct form is received after May 15, 2013, you will receive enhanced reimbursement for eligible services rendered on or after the date the form is received.

In previous guidance, March 31, 2013 was the deadline for form receipt to receive the enhanced reimbursement for eligible services rendered on or after January 1, 2013. The deadline has been extended 45 days due to the recent changes.

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#### ***Provider Enrollment Update***

A Provider Enrollment Update (4/19/13) has been published on the LA Medicaid Website (<http://www.lamedicaid.com>).

To all Medicaid Providers: Please note the following updates addressing Frequently Asked Questions received by the Provider Enrollment Department.

- Effective March 25, 2013, Molina Medicaid Solutions resumed Provider Enrollment operations. Provider Enrollment applications, file update forms, criteria, processes and policies, as performed by Molina prior to February 14, 2013, remain unchanged.
- Current Medicaid providers do not have to re-enroll at this time unless otherwise directed.
- All enrollment documents, including new applications and file updates, previously submitted through PRISM must be resubmitted to Molina using the forms located at [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com). This is particularly important if your file was changed through PRISM, as there is no audit trail for the addition or change to the record that is available for review.

Exception:

If your provider name and NPI are included in the "Designated Physician Forms By PRISM as of March 18, 2013 and Validated by DHH" list, your provider attestation form is on file with Molina Medicaid Provider Enrollment. No further action on your part is necessary to receive the enhanced reimbursement for specified primary care services rendered by designated physicians during calendar years 2013 and 2014.

If your provider name and NPI are not included in the list, you must submit a new attestation form. This is time sensitive.

- Documents submitted to Molina after March 22, 2013, are being processed in the order they are received.

Please contact the Provider Enrollment Department at (225) 216-6370 if you have additional questions or concerns. Thank you for your patience during the transition of Medicaid Provider Enrollment functions. The Department of Health and Hospitals appreciates your continued support of the Medicaid member population.

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## **Bayou Health**

### *Informational Bulletins*

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

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### *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#

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### *Updates from Community Health Solutions*

#### *Professional Pre-Certification Override Process*

April 22, 2013

A Pre-Certification Override Request may be submitted by Professional Providers similar to the process that was in place prior to Bayou Health. If the hospital fails to request pre-certification (initial request or extension request), the physician can get their services paid, but the claim must be processed in the following manner:

Fax the following to the CHS-LA Pre-Certification Department 1-888-486-6207:

- Cover letter requesting a Pre-Certification Override
- Completed CHS-LA Inpatient Pre-Certification Fax Request Form which can be located at: <http://www.louisiana.chsamerica.com/index.php?id=70>
- Hospital Admit summary
- Hospital Discharge summary
- Hard copy of the claim

The request for pre-certification override will be processed as a retrospective review for inpatient admission and reviewed against appropriate medical necessity criteria by an inpatient RN Care Oversight Nurse. A determination for retrospective review must be made within 30 days of receipt of request. If the request meets medical necessity, the nurse will fax a certification approval letter to the submitting provider. There is no need to resubmit the claim, as it will be reprocessed internally by CHS-LA. If the request does not meet medical necessity criteria, the request will be forwarded to the appropriate medical director for physician review and determination. The provider will be notified via fax of the physician's review determination decision. Professional providers should validate the POS that was submitted on final bill from the facility where their services were rendered. Providers who bill an inpatient POS on an outpatient or observation stay should continue to correct their claims and resubmit without a need for following these pre-cert override provisions. These claims are receiving a Rejection Code of 295.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your local Provider Services Representative or the Provider

Hotline at 1-855-247-5248.

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### *Claims Processing Update - TPL*

April 15, 2013

The issue of TPL information not being provided to CHS-LA on the enrollment files for disenrolled members has been resolved. As of April 15, 2013, Molina has provided the updated TPL information for members who were previously enrolled with CHS-LA. Providers who received rejection codes of 287 or 290 because of this issue are encouraged to resubmit their claims.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your local CHS-LA Provider Services Representative or CHS-LA Member Provider Services at 855-247-5248.

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### **ICYMI: Pediatricians can access newborn screening results online**

Pediatricians can access newborn screening results online for most hospitals. Those hospitals that use the OPH lab can access results online.

There are six hospitals that use a different lab to run their tests and therefore are not available through this system. Pediatricians will need to go through the hospitals where the babies are born to obtain those results. The specific hospitals are:

- Woman's Hospital
- Baton Rouge General
- Schumpert
- St. Francis Cabrini
- Glenwood
- Willis Knighton

[Click here](#) to view instructions on how to register | [Click here](#) to download the registration form

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### **CMS to Hold Series of Conference Calls for Exchange Stakeholders**

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be holding a series of stakeholder consultation calls for states with federally facilitated exchanges (FFE) (including partnership exchanges) or state-based health insurance exchanges, now also referred to as "marketplaces." The calls will provide updates on policies and operations of the exchanges and provide stakeholders with an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions.

There will be multiple calls during the week of April 29 - May 3. Please note that all calls are state specific, and you should only call into your own state's teleconference. Registration is required. You can find a full schedule of calls at [http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/ODF\\_HealthInsuranceMarketplace.html](http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/ODF_HealthInsuranceMarketplace.html) including registration links and times.

The schedule of calls is as follows:

April 29: Alabama, Florida, Kansas, and Louisiana (times will vary)

April 30: Arizona, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, Virginia, and South Dakota (times will

vary)  
May 1: Alaska, Georgia, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin (times will vary)  
May 2: Arkansas, Iowa, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Tennessee (times will vary)  
May 3: North Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming (times will vary)

All calls are state specific and registration is required.

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## Early Steps Parental Consent to Share Information

Representative Frank Hoffman introduced legislation around Early Steps. During discussions around the bill (HB375), DHH has shared the parental consent form for information sharing with Early Steps plan. We have published this form for you to download and use in your office. You can [click here](#) to download the form. It can also be found under “Other Publications” in the News and Publications tab on the website.

You can have the parent complete the consent form and send it in with your referral for Early Steps.

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## Immunization Updates

*The following updates were provided by Ruben A Tapia, MPH, Director of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals- Immunization Program*

### ***Menveo MenA vial redesign***

Novartis has redesigned the Menveo MenA vial as shown. The Menveo vaccine content, the dosing and administrative schedule, the external packaging, and the NDC, 460208-0208-41, remain the same; it is only the shape of the Menveo MenA vial that has changed.

McKesson will begin filling your provider orders with the redesigned vial effective Monday, April 22, 2013.

Here is some important news about Menveo (Meningococcal [Groups A, C, Y and W-135] Oligosaccharide Diphtheria CRM<sub>197</sub> Conjugate Vaccine). The Menveo MenA vial has been redesigned:

- ✓ **Revised vial shape:**  
The new vial is now 3 mm taller
- ✓ **A slightly longer and straighter neck area:**  
This creates a wider channel and less protrusion of the stopper into the vial
- ✓ **While the vial has been redesigned, the Menveo vaccine has not changed:**
  - The product information (PI), NDC, vaccine contents, dosing and administrative schedule, and both the external packaging and box storage space are the same
  - You may order Menveo using the same NDC



The Louisiana Immunization Program is proud to announce that Gina Deris, former Louisiana Shots for Tots State Coordinator has been selected as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Immunization Champion for Louisiana. The CDC Foundation and CDC hold this annual awards program to honor immunization champions across the 50 U.S. states, 8 U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia during National Infant Immunization Week (April 20-27, 2013).

Gina Deris was nominated and selected from a pool of health care professionals, community advocates, and other immunization leaders for making a significant contribution to public health in Louisiana through her work in children’s immunization.

Gina has been instrumental in the development of the Louisiana Shots for Tots State Coalition as well as helping to improve the immunization rate for children less than 2 years of age to over 70% across Louisiana. She was able to bring

together representatives from various pharmaceutical companies, healthcare workers, private providers and parents working toward the common goal of improving immunization rates across the state.

Young children rely on the champions in their lives to keep them safe and healthy. Champions may be healthcare professionals who share scientifically accurate, up-to-date information about vaccines with parents. They may be advocates who go the extra mile to ensure that all children in their communities have access to vaccines. They may be unsung heroes who work behind the scenes keeping track of immunization data, getting vaccines and supplies to health care professionals who need them, and developing better ways to reach families whose children need immunizations.

They may be parents who share their positive personal stories about vaccination with their communities. Families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials must work together to protect our children by making sure all of them are vaccinated according to the recommended schedule. Gina Deris is an inspiration to all of us who care passionately about children's health in Louisiana. We are pleased and honored to congratulate her on this well- deserved award.

To read Gina Deris' profile on the CDC's website, and to learn more about CDC's Childhood Immunization Champion Award program, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/champions>.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:taryn@womansfoundation.com) or [amy@womansfoundation.com](mailto:amy@womansfoundation.com)

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

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***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>

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***Road to ICD-10 | 5/14/13 | Baton Rouge, La***

One of the biggest changes in Healthcare Administration is just down the road. Prepare yourself and your practice by attending this informative and practical workshop. You will walk away with valuable tools to help you navigate the transition. Covered topics will include:

- Where to begin?
- Understanding the vendor impact
- What needs to change?
- Clinical documentation impact
- ICD-10 timeline & benchmarks
- Training plans for staff and providers
- Introduction to coding
- And much more

Details:

Oak Lodge Reception Center  
2834 S Sherwood Forest Blvd E-1, Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
May 14, 2013  
Registration: 8:00 a.m.  
Program: 8:30—12:30

Workshop Presenter:

Shelley Garrett has more than 20 years of healthcare experience. Her experience includes working directly for the Medicare program, in single and multi-specialty physician offices and hospital settings, serving as a compliance officer, consultant, and instructor. She has served as the Director of Socioeconomic and Member Advocacy for an international medical specialty society. She has established and instructed a national certification program, has written numerous articles and program manuals on coding, billing, compliance, and governmental regulation and served as the staff liaison to both the AMA CPT Editorial and Relative Value Update Committees.

In addition to being a Certified Professional Coder (CPC) for the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) she is also a Certified Medical Coder (CMC), Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM), and a Certified Medical Insurance Specialist (CMIS)

***R.S.V.P by May 10th to:***

***Travis Telhiard***

***[travis@brurologygroup.com](mailto:travis@brurologygroup.com)***

***(225) 769-9424***

***BRMGMA Members: Free***

***Non-Members: \$50.00***

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***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](http://www.advocacy2013.eventbrite.com)

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***Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series | 6/1/13 | New Orleans, La***

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series: Update on Neurologic and Psychiatric Topics in Pediatrics

June 1, 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:

Concussion Management in the Student Athlete  
Suicide Screening in Primary Care  
Update on Seizure Management in Pediatrics  
LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) Issues for Pediatric Care Provider.

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

Registration Fee is \$35

Online registration is open at <http://tulane.edu/cce/>