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Louisiana Chapter- American Academy of Pediatrics

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The Louisiana Chapter wants to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers that are part of the LA AAP family!

2013 Louisiana Legislative Session

HB1 and Budget Bills to be heard on 5/10/13, 9:00 am

The state's budget bill along with other revenue bills will be considered on the House Floor on Friday, May 10, 2013. The bills were taken off of Thursday's agenda and moved to Friday. You can watch the live video by going to: www.legis.la.gov and clicking in the box labeled House of Representatives.

Advocacy Request for Week 6 (5/13 – 5/17/13)

There are two bills related to Bayou Health scheduled for House Floor debate on Monday, 5/13/13. We NEED your help to let legislators know that the medical community supports HB392 and HB393. These bills makes needed changes to the Bayou Health/Medicaid program which will decrease unnecessary administrative burden of providers and Medicaid recipients.

Support House Bill 392 and HB 393

Support Patients Support Healthcare Providers

HB 393 is related to pharmacy benefits and:

1. Requires Bayou Health plans to use the standardized prior authorization form for prescription drugs.
2. Requires Bayou Health plans to provide convenient access to a clear process to request on override when medications for the treatment of any medical condition are restricted for use by a step therapy or fail first protocol.
3. Requires greater transparency and open meetings of each health plans formulary committee.

Since the inception of Bayou Health, providers have seen a dramatic increase in the amount administrative red tape in order to navigate and work with **five different health plans**. Rather than spending time treating patients, physicians and other providers are wasting time and resources working with different formularies, different preferred drug lists, and different prior authorization forms and processes for each of the plans.

Bayou Health plans, **like commercial health plans**, should be required to provide prescribing physicians access to a clear and convenient process to expeditiously request an override of such restriction from the plan. In managed medical care, step therapy is an approach to manage prescription drugs intended to control the costs and risks posed by prescription drugs.

The practice begins medication for a medical condition with the most cost-effective and safest drug therapy and progresses to other more costly or risky therapies only if necessary. When used incorrectly it is time-consuming from a physician and patient standpoint, it is more expensive from a cost perspective, denies patients the drugs they need when they need them, and allows payers to practice medicine without a license.

Currently, each Health Plan can adopt their own step therapy override procedures and these are governed exclusively through contract between the plan and DHH. The processes for commercial health plans are dictated in law in Title 22 and this law should also apply to Bayou health plans.

All of the different prior authorization processes mandated by these Health plans and DHH around prescription drug benefits leads only to increased frustration to patients, physicians and pharmacists.

HB 392 is related to 3 issues:

1) Provider Credentialing. Currently Bayou Health plans do not have time limits for credentialing providers.

Providers wait AND wait to be credentialed and placed into the plan systems so that they can properly bill for the services they provide. In the interim, providers are not paid or paid reduced rates. This credentialing process is too long and cumbersome.

This bill requires Bayou Health plans to credential providers **in the same manner as commercial health plans**.

The credentialing process must be completed within 90 days and the plans are required to use the standardized credentialing form promulgated by the Department of Insurance.

AND requires Bayou Health plans to follow **the same law commercial health plans** follow when providing interim credentialing to physicians who join existing groups who are under contract.

2) Claims Payments. Currently, each Bayou Health plan may utilize their own methods for remitting claim payments or denial to providers.

This legislation standardizes the denial process and requires each plan to use the same denial codes that are utilized in the fee-for-service Medicaid program AND spells out the information which must be contained in the remittance advice.

3) Care for newborns. DHH currently REQUESTS all Bayou Health plans to reimburse providers for newborn care given within the first 30 days of life regardless of whether the provider is in network with the child's health plan.

This legislation puts that requirement in law, so that providers of this critical care are paid for their services and mothers can access the needed care for their infants especially when the Bayou Health plans DO NOT have adequate networks to provide services to these infants.

Since the inception of Bayou Health, physicians and other providers have faced an exponential increase in the administrative burden required to operate within five different health plans. This increased burden is **NOT compensated for in the Medicaid rates and most importantly keeps providers from spending their valued time treating patients.** Administrative resources, cost, and staff time are spent trying to coordinate prior authorizations, credentialing issues, claim denials, fail first protocols, and payment concerns which are different for each plan.

It is imperative for the viability of the Medicaid program that the state find ways to reduce the administrative burden from the backs of providers so they can focus on providing care to some of the most critical patients in the state.

For a list of all representatives and their email addresses, go to http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Reps/H_Reps_Email.asp You can click on any of the names to be taken to that Representatives' page which includes all of their contact information and district information.

To find out who your representative is, you can go to: www.legis.la.gov/legis/FindMyLegislators.aspx and type in your address.

Tentative Committee Meetings- Week 6 (5/13 – 5/17/13)

Monday, May 13, 2013

House Floor

[HB 392](#), Bishop *Support*

MEDICAID: Provides relative to credentialing and claims payment functions of managed care organizations participating in the La. Medicaid coordinated care network program (EG INCREASE GF EX See Note)

[HB 393](#), Anders *Support*

MEDICAID: Provides relative to prescription drug benefits of certain managed care organizations participating in the La. Medicaid coordinated care network program (EG INCREASE GF EX See Note)

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

House- Health & Welfare

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 9:00 AM Committee Room 5

[HCR 4](#), Norton *Support*

Directs the secretary of DHH to expand eligibility standards for the La. Medicaid program to conform to those established in the Affordable Care Act

[HCR 8](#) , Edwards *Support*

Amends administrative rules to provide that La. Medicaid eligibility standards conform to those established in the Affordable Care Act

[HCR 51](#) , Barrow

Directs DOA, DHH, and LSU to cease all efforts to privatize state hospitals immediately

[HR 76](#) , Schroder

Urges and requests the Dept. of Children and Family Services to study and make recommendations for a comprehensive statewide plan for delivery of domestic violence services

[SB 55](#) , Johns *Support*

Provides for Medicaid transparency

Week 5 Action Recap (5/6 – 5/10/13)

HB 233, Smith Provides that eligibility standards for the La. Medicaid program shall conform to those established by the Affordable Care Act and requires reporting of program outcomes
Reported with amendments

SB 125, Peterson Provides that eligibility standards for the La. Medicaid program shall conform to those established by the Affordable Care Act and requires reporting of program outcomes
Engrossed, recommitted to committee on Finance

[Click here](#) to download the full Week 5 Action Recap as a pdf

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)

Nominate Colleagues Now For LA AAP Awards

LA AAP is seeking nominations for Master Pediatricians who will be honored and present during the Louisiana AAP Foundation's annual conference at the end of September. Additionally, we are seeking nominations for the Chapter's Annual Awards that will also be given at the annual meeting in September. See below for the descriptions, requirements, deadline and how to submit your nominations.

Louisiana Master Pediatrician Award

The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics will present two awards recognizing "Master Pediatricians" from our state at our annual CME program this fall. This program, the "Pediatric Potpourri on the Bayou," will be held Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29 in Lafayette. Our Master Pediatrician session, which will be Saturday afternoon, has been very well attended in the past and is a special treat for our students, residents and new pediatric graduates eager to be exposed to some wisdom from a master clinician.

We are asking the membership from the LA Chapter of the AAP for nominations for a pediatrician who meets the criteria of "a superb clinician who, over many years (at least 30 years of practice), has contributed to the health and welfare of children in Louisiana through direct patient care and child advocacy, while educating and serving as an outstanding role model to students and young physicians." Our previous Louisiana awardees were Dr. William Gill and Dr. Patrick Unkel.

Please submit your nomination to Dr. Danny Bronfin by **May 24**. [Click here](#) for the nomination form. Submit your nomination by email to: dbronfin@ochsner.org

Annual Awards

Please submit your nomination for the annual awards by July 19th to ashley.politz@laaap.org. Include the name of the nominee and why you think they should be the award winner along with your contact information.

David W. Van Gelder distinguished Service Award—This award is to recognize and honor those rare and dedicated individuals who have contributed substantially to the advancement of the Chapter.

Charles M Vanchiere Award—This award is given to recognize special efforts to improve the health of children in Louisiana by increasing their access to needed health care.

Elizabeth E. Cassinelli Award—This award is given in recognition of special efforts relevant to women's careers in pediatrics-at academic institutions, as basic scientist or clinicians, and in the private sector.

Outstanding Pediatric Society—This award recognizes the president of the regional society for the society's outstanding programs or accomplishments.

LA Medicaid- ACA Attestation Forms- Deadline Extended

This week on the Bayou Health Provider Call, DHH announced that a revision has been posted LA Medicaid website related to the deadline on physician attestation for enhanced payments. You can view the revised bulletin at:

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent_policy/ACA_PCP_Informational_Bulletin_FINAL_010612_revised_050713.pdf

The revision further extends the deadline to **6/28/13** for submission of the Designated Physician form to Molina in order to receive enhanced reimbursement retrospective to 1/1/13. DHH will also run an RA notifying providers of the change for the next 3 weeks.

If you do not complete the forms by this date, your effective date for payments will be the date that your form is processed.

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

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

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

Bayou Health

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#

Happy Birthday LA AAP Members

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

5/1 Dr. Sarah Black, MD (New Orleans), Dr. Cary A Culbertson, MD, FAAP (New Orleans), Dr. James Kent Treadway, Jr, MD, FAAP (Metairie), Dr. Susannah P. Walker, MD, FAAP (Shreveport)

5/2 Dr. Michelle Brown, MD (Shreveport), Dr. Erika Baier Rabalais, MD, FAAP (Baton Rouge), Dr. Susonne Annette Ursin, MD, FAAP (Shreveport)

5/3 Dr. Megan Gardner, MD, FAAP (Bossier City), Dr. L'Issa Gates, MD, FAAP (New Orleans)

5/5 Dr. Katie Brown, MD (New Orleans), Dr. Suzanne Patrice Foster, MD, FAAP (New Orleans), Dr. Cecilia T. Nervez, MD, FAAP (Lafayette)

5/6 Dr. John Moore Humphrey, MD (New Orleans), Dr. John Alexander Mata, MD, FAAP (Shreveport)

5/7 Dr. Marissa Chesney, MD (Shreveport), Dr. Judy M. Moreau, DO, FAAP (Metairie), Dr. Albert Warren Richert, Jr., MD, FAAP (Sulphur)

5/10 Dr. Karen Kern, MD (River Ridge), Dr. Monique Patricia Dibbs Vallee, MD, FAAP (Lafayette), Dr. Alexandra Wright, MD (New Orleans)

5/11 Dr. Stanley Lawrence Bonis, MD, FAAP (Prairieville), Dr. Jessica Marie DeBord, MD (New Orleans), Dr. Giao N Do, MD, FAAP (Shreveport), Dr. Anita Go, MD, FAAP (Alexandria), Dr. Mitra Green, MD, FAAP (Monroe), Dr. Rachael Keefe, MD (New Orleans)

5/12 Dr. Dina Adimora-Nweke, MD (River Ridge), Dr. Lauren Kaczka, DO (New Orleans)

5/13 Dr. Deon Michelle Edgerson-George, MD (Edgewater), Dr. Claire Christman Morgan, MD, FAAP (New Orleans), Dr. Ricardo Sorensen, MD, FAAP (New Orleans), Dr. Rhea Vidrine (New Orleans)

5/14 Dr. Amanpreet Kaur Dulai, MD (New Orleans), Dr. Michele Salassi, MD (Denham Springs)



5/17 Dr. Terry Lynn Dise, MD, FAAP (New Orleans), Dr. Sital Jethwa, MD (Shreveport), Dr. Jennifer Gee Yuen Lee (New Orleans)

5/19 Dr. Chris John Leumas, MD, FAAP (Hammond), Dr. Joseph Thomas, MD, FAAP (Baton Rouge)

5/20 Dr. Bradley Randall Dowden, MD, FAAP (Lafayette)

5/21 Dr. Anne-Marie Herbert Ardoin, MD, FAAP (Thibodaux), Dr. Juan Manuel Fukuda, MD, FAAP (Broussard), Dr. Saima Khan, MD (Kenner), Dr. Jonathan Douglas Santoro (New Orleans)

5/22 Dr. Brent Gerard Nick, MD, FAAP (Marrero)

5/23 Dr. Meghan Howell, MD (Metairie)

5/24 Dr. Amanda Lavigne Talbot, MD, FAAP (Zachary)

5/25 Dr. Stuart G. Landry, MD, FAAP (Lake Charles)

5/26 Dr. Geeta N. Dalal, MD, FAAP (Lafayette), Dr. Jessica Jang, MD, FAAP (Slidell), Dr. Anatole Juris Karpovs, MD, FAAP (Lake Charles)

5/27 Dr. Branson Bruce Bolden (Little Rock), Dr. Oleitha Wilson, MD, FAAP (Morgan City)

5/28 Dr. Christine Bojanowski, MD (New Orleans)

5/30 Dr. Cheynita Metoyer, MD (Shreveport)

5/31 Dr. Neera Chhabra, MD, FAAP (Shreveport), Dr. Jean-Claude Comeau, MD, FAAP (Bossier City), Dr. Pritesh Gandhi, MD (New Orleans), Dr. Savarra Mantzor, MD (Baton Rouge)

Upcoming Events

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

(225) 769-9424

BRMGMA Members: Free

Non-Members: \$50.00

Bayou Health Administrative Simplification Committee / 5/14/13 / Baton Rouge, La

The Administrative Simplification Committee of Bayou Health will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

This meeting is a public meeting so anyone is welcome to attend.

Location: Bienville Building, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge

LA AAP Advocacy Day / 5/16/13 / Baton Rouge, La **This meeting has been CANCELLED**

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/>