



PROGRESS NOTES

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UPCOMING EVENTS (See pages 9-10 for details on all events)

LA AAP Advocacy Day | 6/5/2014 | Baton Rouge, La

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series | 6/7/2014 | New Orleans, La

2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri | 8/22-24/2014 | Baton Rouge, La



2014 Legislative Session

The Chapter has created a webpage (www.laaap.org/2014session) with several quick links to assist in finding the information you are looking for. There you will find a link to find your legislators, committee rosters, and bill search tools. Weekly updates from the Session will be posted in the "Advocacy & Legislation" box on the homepage (www.laaap.org)

Throughout the session, the Louisiana Chapter will keep you abreast of what is happening with bills we will be watching. You may also receive requests to reach out to your legislator when a bill is of particular interest.

Week 10 Action Summary

For a complete list of actions taken on bills LA AAP is tracking, go to:

<http://laaap.org/images/2014LegislativeSession/Week10Report.pdf>

HB 168, Hoffmann

Prohibits outdoor smoking within 25 feet of certain exterior locations of state office buildings

May 14, 2014 Senate Reported favorably

HB 1065, Pope

Provides relative to the practice of optometry and the regulation of such profession

May 14, 2014 Senate Reported favorably

Thank you to Dr. Pamela Williams for her testimony during the committee meeting. The bill did move out of the committee and will no go to the Senate Floor for final discussion. There is still a chance to keep this bill from making it to the Governor's desk for signature by calling you Senator and asking for their vote in opposition to this bill. More details in the Action Request on page 3.

SB 600, Mills

Provides relative to immunizations

May 14, 2014 House Reported with amendments

The bill passed out of committee with an amendment limiting the vaccines a pharmacist can administer to age 17 and over. The bill now heads to the House floor for final discussion.

SCR 62, Mills

Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a Medicaid service the Tdap vaccine to pregnant women and to provide a cost analysis to the legislature for providing this Medicaid service.

May 14, 2014 House Reported favorably

Week 11 Committee Schedule (as of May 15, 2014)

You can watch all the committee discussion live online. Go to: www.legis.la.gov and click on the tv icon next to the committee name.

Senate Finance Friday, May 16, 2014 9:00 AM Committee Room A

HB 1, Fannin

Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Note– this is the state's budget bill outlining all of the state's spending for next year.

Health & Welfare Wednesday, May 21, 2014 9:00 AM Committee Room 5

HB 240, Smith Requires the state to provide to a legal resident employed for the previous calendar year for at least 1,000 hours and whose income is below 100% of the federal poverty level the opportunity to

participate in a state program providing health insurance with essential benefits
[HB 261](#) , Dixon Causes eligibility standards for the La. Medicaid Program to conform to those established by the ACA and creates the La. Health Care Independence Program
[HB 290](#) , Smith Directs the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to offer health insurance with essential health benefits to every legal resident of La. whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, and to allow the legislature to determine whether to continue the program when federal funding falls below 90% of the total program funding
[HB 536](#) , Smith Provides for the Louisiana Health Care Independence Act
[HB 759](#) , Norton Requires that La. Medicaid eligibility standards conform to those established by the Affordable Care Act
[HCR 145](#) , Badon Requests a study and policy recommendations concerning the health effects of formaldehyde in children's personal care products at levels currently allowed by law
[SB 489](#) , Heitmeier Provides relative to the diabetes annual action plan
[SB 496](#) , Heitmeier Provides for limits on certain prescriptions
[SB 502](#) , Heitmeier Provides for the licensure of pain management clinics
[SB 503](#) , Heitmeier Provides for the Department of Health and Hospitals to create an upper payment limit mechanism for ambulatory surgical centers
[SB 511](#) , Heitmeier Re-creates the Department of Children and Family Services
[SB 513](#) , Heitmeier Provides for the Louisiana Obesity Prevention and Management Commission
[SB 514](#) , Heitmeier Prohibits smoking near public and private elementary and secondary school property
[SB 539](#) , Nevers Provides relative to suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management training for certain professions
[SCR 20](#) , Heitmeier Directs Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to the federal government that will permit WIC cash value vouchers to be used at farmers' markets.
[SCR 21](#) , Heitmeier Creates a joint legislative committee on obesity.
[SCR 39](#) , Heitmeier Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective means to ensure the proper utilization of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder medications in Louisiana and to report its findings to the legislature.

Action Request

Thank you Dr. George Ellis for helping craft this action request.

OPPOSE HB 1065 (Pope)

Help us defeat HB1065 (optometric surgery) on the Senate Floor. This is not a turf battle but a patient safety issue. The vote will be on the Senate Floor early next week.

The LA AAP urges you to **CALL** your senator (<http://legis.la.gov/Legis/FindMyLegislators.aspx> to locate yours) and urge them to oppose HB1065. This bill circumvents the authority of the LSBME. The LSBME is the expert blue ribbon panel created to objectively determine when training and competency are adequate to practice medicine in the state of La. Performing surgery is practicing Medicine not Optometry.

Legislative offices are very receptive to calls. They want and need to hear from you.

A sample script for the phone call might be as follows:

"Hello I'm Dr xyz.

(If a recording answers) My number is aaa-bbb-cccc.

(If a person answers) I'm calling to speak with Senator QRS, Is he/she available? if not can I leave a message? My number is aaa-bbb-cccc

I'm calling about HB1065. I would love to discuss HB1065 with him/her. I'm opposed to the bill in its current

form. I'm calling to urge the senator to please oppose HB1065 in it's current form and to please call me back so we can discuss it further. My number is aaa-bbb-cccc.

The reason I oppose the bill, as written, is because it circumvents the safeguards that have been in place in Louisiana for the last 120 years. The La State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) was created in 1894 by the state to be sure that people practicing medicine were qualified to do so. Since doing surgery is practicing medicine not optometry, optometrist wanting to perform eye surgery should meet the same qualifications of the LSBME that any other surgeon must meet. For example, the podiatrist, who are not MD's, met the criteria of the LSBME and can be licensed to do foot surgery. Optometry should do the same.

Please ask the senator to call me back so we can discuss it further. Thanks, I appreciate it."

CALL ANY and ALL SENATORS TODAY!

Bayou Health/ Medicaid

Informational Bulletins

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

Bayou Health Provider Survey We need your input!

The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is seeking input on providers participation in the Bayou Health Program, challenges, successes and recommendations.

WHY NOW? There are two legislative instruments filed this session which would protect the enhanced primary care case management model within Bayou Health. Those will be likely be scheduled for committee in the next few weeks. Additionally, the Department of Health and Hospitals has stated its intention to put out a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for the program in the coming months.

Your responses will help the LAAAP develop it's comments and recommendations on the legislative instruments and the RFP language.

Your specific responses will be kept confidential. Please complete the survey ASAP. We ask that you complete the survey no later than May 19.

To take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BHSatisfaction>

Louisiana Ranks 12th in Nation for Serving Disabilities Population

Source: DHH News, Wednesday May 14, 2014

Contact: Kathleen Meyers (225) 342-8518

BATON ROUGE -- An independent analysis ranked Louisiana 12th in how it delivers care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). The 2014 *Case for Inclusion* rankings produced by the United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) is an annual ranking of how well state Medicaid programs serve Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The *Case for Inclusion* ranks all 50 states and the District of Columbia on their outcomes for Americans with ID/DD. In addition to being ranked 12, Louisiana was the second most improved state, jumping 36 spots, from 44 in 2007 to 12 in 2014.

"We are very encouraged by the strides DHH, stakeholders and legislators have made in changing how Louisiana delivers care to residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities," said DHH Secretary Kathy H. Kliebert. "Our home and community-based services closely align with mission and ranking criteria outlined by *Case for Inclusion*. We will continue to ensure that those we serve flourish and thrive in their communities."

The study identifies four key aspects of a high functioning and effective Medicaid program, creating a four-part holistic approach to increasing outcomes. The four parts include:

- Promoting Independence - People with disabilities will live in and participate in their communities.
- Promoting Productivity - People with disabilities will have satisfying lives and valued social roles.
- Keeping Families Together and Reaching Those in Need - People with disabilities will have sufficient access to needed support, and control over that support so that the assistance they receive contributes to the lifestyles they desire.
- Tracking Health, Safety and Quality of Life - People will be safe and healthy in the environments in which they live.

Louisiana was noted for various achievements including the number of individuals served in the community and the resources allocated for community support. Louisiana was one of 15 states supporting a large share of families through family support. These support services provide assistance to families that are caring for children with disabilities at home, which keeps families together, and in a community setting. In the sub-ranking by major category, Louisiana ranked second for keeping families together. Louisiana was also recognized for promoting productivity due to the number of people with ID/DD working in competitive employment.

"DHH's Office for Citizens with Development Disabilities (OCDD) works hard daily to improve outcomes in the ID/DD community," said Mark A. Thomas Assistant Secretary for OCDD. "We want to continue on this positive trajectory and increase our national outcomes ranking. DHH is very excited about the future of disability services in Louisiana."

To learn more about the *Case for Inclusion* rankings visit <http://cfi2014.ucp.org/>.

DHH to Appeal State Plan Amendment Denial

Source: DHH News, Friday May 2, 2014

Contact: Olivia Watkins (225) 610-8660

BATON ROUGE - Late this afternoon, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) was notified by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that the remaining state plan amendments (SPAs) for the public-private partnerships have been denied. This is an unprecedented step by the federal government that contradicts earlier approval actions by CMS. The Department will appeal the decision by CMS through an administrative appeal. There is no short-term budget impact as a result of the CMS decision. Below is a statement from DHH Secretary Kathy Kliebert:

"CMS noted that they support the mission of the public-private partnerships and the effort to create equality in the delivery of health care to the residents of Louisiana. This denial by CMS is in stark contrast to earlier approval of four SPAs for the public-private partnership with Our Lady of the Lake (OLOL) in Baton Rouge. The SPAs for OLOL were approved in July of last year and included advance lease payments for four clinics to be operated by the private partner.

In the letter from CMS to DHH, CMS said that the advance lease payments included in the cooperative endeavor agreements (CEAs) are donations to the state. Louisiana officials have continually provided clear evidence that the leases were based on independent, third-party appraisals. The lease agreements included in the CEAs are separate from the reimbursement methodology outlined in the SPAs.

There is no legal basis for the ruling. We are still very confident in the SPAs. In our conversations with CMS officials, they indicated that they want to start early next week discussing a financially viable alternative for the partnerships. The state does have other options to fund the partnerships, including alternative types of uncompensated care payments. We are still confident in our path and that it will ultimately be approved on appeal.

It is clear that the public-private partnerships are transforming the delivery of care to residents by increasing access to primary and specialty care as well as emergency and urgent care. Some of the most recent achievements include:

- In Baton Rouge, Our Lady of the Lake's clinics have already had more than 126,000 patient clinic visits, including over 30,000 patient visits at the new 24-hour urgent care center that was opened in North Baton Rouge. OLOL is also on track to become a Level I trauma center.
- In Lafayette, private partner Lafayette General has reopened clinic and hospital capacity that had previously been shuttered or scaled back due to budget cuts, including its reopening of a pediatric clinic, a twelve bed medical detox, and returning its orthopedics unit to full-time status.
- In New Orleans, Louisiana Children's Medical Center took over the operations of the Interim LSU hospital. Since completing the partnership, the hospital has increased the emergency department capacity and reopened several medical/surgical inpatient beds and nine inpatient psychiatric beds.
- Under its partnership with Lake Charles Memorial Health System, W.O. Moss in Lake Charles has established a new urgent care clinic, which means that more patients are able to see a physician outside of

expensive and ineffective emergency room settings. Physicians are now averaging 28-30 patients per day versus 10 in 2012.

- The partnership in Lake Charles has also led to the introduction of several new specialty care clinics, including an orthopedic clinic and a breast health clinic. Patients who were previously referred out of town for these critical services can now receive them in their home community.
- In Houma, the partnership between Terrebonne General Medical Center and Ochsner has resulted in improvements to patient care with the hiring of new physicians, including a new cardiologist, urologist and family health physician. Two new digital mammogram units have been installed at the hospital and it has instituted a same-day walk-in screening process leading to a 16 percent increase per month in mammograms.
- The Houma partnership has also resulted in expanded urology services - a 41 percent increase in monthly visits. Additionally, it has resulted in an 83 percent increase in urology surgical procedures and a 12 percent increase overall in patient clinic visits.
- In Shreveport and Monroe, University Health has dramatically decreased wait times, for example, reducing MRI appointment times from more than 60 days to 1-2 days and CT appointment times from 14 to 2 days. They have also reduced the clinic appointment backlog from more than 12,000 to less than 1,800 patients.

The Department has the right to appeal the decision by CMS within 60 days of receiving the denial notice. DHH intends to file a notice of intent to appeal as soon as possible. Once the appeal begins, it will be heard before a CMS hearing officer within deadlines established in federal law. Any further appeals would be heard by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

New Policy Statement on Care Coordination & Free Access to an Online Curriculum

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics

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Care coordination is an essential element of a transformed American health care delivery system that emphasizes optimal quality and cost outcomes, addresses family-centered care, and calls for partnership across various settings and communities.

The policy statement, [**Patient- and Family-Centered Care Coordination: A Framework for Integrating Care for Children and Youth Across Multiple Systems**](#), appeared in the May issue of *Pediatrics*. This policy, co-authored by the [**Council on Children with Disabilities \(COCWD\)**](#) and the [**Medical Home Implementation Project Advisory Committee**](#), specifically outlines the essential partnerships that are critical to this framework. Implementation of this framework aims for lower health care costs, less fragmented care, and an improved experience for children and families. The policy provides practical application of care coordination integration in practices and communities and is intended to be broadly focused, realizing that every community has different needs, assets, and service gaps based on location, population, and cultural factors. An accompanying article in *AAP News*, [**Beyond the Medical Home: Coordinating Care for Children**](#), also highlights the importance of this policy.

To further augment and facilitate the application of the recommendations within this policy statement, the online [Pediatric Care Coordination Curriculum](#) provides content which can be adapted to the needs of any entity (eg, a single practice, a network of practices, parent and family organizations, or a state-wide organization such as [Title V MCH programs](#)). By design, the majority of the content is universally relevant, but optimal use of the curriculum results when it is adapted and customized to reflect local needs, assets, and cultures. Access to this online resource is free and available through the [Boston Children's Hospital](#) website.

More information on care coordination is available through the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation](#) website and visit the [COCWD website](#) for additional policies and membership opportunities.

SUIDA RECIPE - Scrambled Egg and Mozzarella Breakfast Pizza

Scrambled Egg and Mozzarella Breakfast Pizza

Studies show that breakfast eaters eat less overall and gain less weight than those that skip. Who wouldn't get excited about pizza for breakfast? Kids of all ages will love making-and munching-this bone building recipe. A wheat muffin will provide energy for the day and the nutrient cheese adds an extra pop of protein and eight other vitamins and minerals.

Ease: Moderate

Prep time: 4 minutes

Cook time: 9 minutes

Yield: 2 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 whole wheat English muffin
- 2 mushrooms, sliced
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 4 tablespoons diced green or red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- oregano or Italian seasoning, dash
- 4 teaspoons pizza sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded low-moisture, part-skim Mozzarella cheese



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Split English muffin in half and toast; set aside.
3. Heat a small non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, green onions and bell pepper. Cook, stirring continuously for 2 minutes, or until vegetables are softened.
4. Stir egg substitute, pepper and oregano into vegetable mixture. Cook, stirring continuously until egg substitute is set, about 2 minutes.
5. Spread 2 teaspoons of pizza sauce onto each English muffin half. Spoon a quarter of the egg mixture over pizza sauce and top with a quarter of the cheese.
6. Spoon the remaining egg mixture and cheese evenly on top of the muffins. Place the muffins on a baking sheet and bake* for 5 minutes, or until cheese is melted.

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

Registration Fee is \$35

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

2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri | 8/22-24/14 | Baton Rouge, La

Date: August 22-24, 2014

Location: Embassy Suites (4914 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge)



For all the details: www.laaap.org/2014potpourri

2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri Is Gearing up!

The 2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri has gone mobile using [Guidebook!](#)

We strongly encourage you to download our mobile guide to enhance your experience at 2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri. You'll be able to plan your day with a personalized schedule and browse exhibitors, maps and general conference info.

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