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#### **2013 Louisiana Legislative Session**

#### ***Tentative Committee Meetings- Week 8 (5/27-31/13)***

Senate Finance – Monday 2:00 pm

Continuation of discussion on HB1

House- Health & Welfare

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 9:00 AM Committee Room 6

*HCR 139*, Barrow: Directs certain state entities to report to the legislature concerning operation and management of state hospitals by private entities

*HCR 140*, Hunter: Directs implementation of certain requirements for private contractors as conditions for privatizing the operation of any state hospital

*SB 185*, Murray: Provides relative to Medicaid and certain managed health care organizations providing health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries

(Support)

*SB 262*, White: Provides for the Louisiana Board of Emergency Medical Services

*SCR 25*, Gallot: Requests the LSU Board of Supervisors and the governor to keep the Huey P. Long Medical Center open and viable.

*SCR 57*, Martiny: Requests various state and local departments to take certain actions regarding the commercial

construction and operation by Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast of a facility to provide abortions in Louisiana.

*SCR 87, Heitmeier:* Directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a Section 1115 demonstration waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that replaces upper payment limit funding and creates funding pools to replace upper payment limit payments.

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***Week 7 Action Recap (5/20 – 5/24/13)***

Below are highlights of some of the major bills LA AAP is tracking this session. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to their legislators on these bills. [Click here](#) to download the full Week 7 Action Recap as a pdf.

*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

May 21, 2013 House Called from the calendar

May 21, 2013 House Killed on final passage by vote of 37 to 59

*HB 322, Thierry:* Requires birthing facilities to perform pulse oximetric screening for certain heart defects on each newborn in the care of those facilities

May 22, 2013 Senate Reported favorably

May 23, 2013 Senate Referred to the Legislative Bureau

*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

May 22, 2013 Senate Reported favorably

May 23, 2013 Senate Recommitted to committee on Revenue & Fiscal Affairs

*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

May 22, 2013 Senate Reported with amendments

May 23, 2013 Senate Recommitted to committee on Finance

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

May 22, 2013 Senate Reported with amendments

May 23, 2013 Senate Recommitted to committee on Finance

*HB 451, Barrow:* Requires hospitals to offer pertussis (whooping cough) vaccinations to parents of newborns

May 20, 2013 Senate Reported without Bureau amendments

May 23, 2013 Senate Finally passed by vote of 37 to 1

*HB 635, Williams, P.:* Requires local public school boards to adopt policies relative to accommodations for employees to express breast milk

May 21, 2013 House House concurred in Senate amendments by vote of 97 to 0

May 22, 2013 House Enrolled in the House

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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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## Nominate Colleagues Now For LA AAP Awards

LA AAP is 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.

### Annual Awards

Please submit your nomination for the annual awards by July 19th to [ashley.politz@laaap.org](mailto: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.

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## LA Medicaid

### *Standard Bayou Health Pharmacy Prior Authorization Form to Go Live in June*

Not later than June 30, 2013, all Bayou Health Prepaid Plans will accept a standard single page prior authorization form for outpatient pharmacy services. The purpose of the form is to streamline and simplify the pharmacy prior authorization process for providers who contract with multiple Bayou Health Prepaid Plans. The standard form is a complement to Plans' existing prior authorization processes, which providers may continue to use. Within the next few weeks, each Prepaid Health Plan will make the standard form available on its website along with instructions on when and how providers may begin using it.

To view: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2809>

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### *ACA Attestation Forms- Deadline Extended*

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](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.

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

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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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## **Upcoming Events**

*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>

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*Ochsner 9th Annual Update in Pediatrics | 7/19-20/13 | New Orleans, La*

9th Annual Update in Pediatrics  
July 19-20, 2013  
Brent House Conference Center  
New Orleans, LA

For more information, or to register, please visit [www.ochsner.org/cme](http://www.ochsner.org/cme) or call (504) 842-6596.

[Click here](#) to view the brochure. Details on the course are below.

Course Description:

The field of Pediatrics is fluid with new discoveries and advances in patient care. Generalists must be knowledgeable in all areas of preventive care as well as be able to competently care for children with more complex medical problems. It is essential that these healthcare professionals remain current in all areas of pediatric medicine and we will address a range of topics in this year's course from general outpatient medicine to emergencies that generalists may encounter to chronic illness.

This CME course will provide participants with the basic science knowledge and bedside practical skills to manage many everyday clinical challenges. Through lectures, PowerPoint presentations, video demonstrations, and handouts, practitioners will visualize and take home key information for managing everyday encounter with pediatric patients.

Educational Objectives:

By the end of this conference, the participant should be able to:

- 1) Be informed of the clinical impact of new discoveries in the areas of Pediatrics including Orthopedics, Intensive Care, Emergency Medicine, Infectious Disease, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Neurosurgery, Endocrinology, Pulmonology, and Neurology, as well as Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Speech and Language Pathology, Transplant Medicine, and Child/ Adolescent Psychology.
- 2) Improve preventive health strategies for promotion of child health.
- 3) Develop critical skills in reviewing the current literature to enhance knowledge and improve clinical care in practice.

Accreditation:

The Ochsner Clinic Foundation is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation:

The Ochsner Clinic Foundation designates this live activity for a maximum of 10.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Guest Speaker:

Robert Hopkins, MD

Section Chief, Pediatric Pulmonology, Tulane University School of Medicine

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*AAP: Pediatric Musculoskeletal Course | 7/19-21/13 | Cincinnati, OH*

Brought to you by the leadership of the AAP Orthopaedic Section, Rheumatology Section, and Sports Medicine and Fitness Council.

This course is targeted to the pediatrician and other child health professionals who want to gain expertise and confidence in the diagnosis and management of common musculoskeletal conditions.

Attendees will not only learn from the collective expertise of authorities in these three disciplines, but also the collective benefit of different teaching formats. No conference would be complete without podium lectures, but with musculoskeletal topics, expect some interesting videos and "mechanisms of injury." However, the teaching is not limited to faculty alone- attendees will definitely learn from each other and from themselves. Yes, the popular and highly-rated "hands on" small group seminars for joint examination are back, along with case-based discussions between faculty and attendees.

The faculty line-up includes practitioners from around the country who are recognized both as accomplished clinicians and educators in the field of musculoskeletal medicine. The line-up of topics has been carefully selected to address common concerns elicited in the office and provide practical points to help with evaluation, management, and directing appropriate and timely referrals when necessary.

[Visit our webpage](#) to learn more

Or contact:

Florence Stevens at 847/434-4790 or [fstevens@aap.org](mailto:fstevens@aap.org)

**[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

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*Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians' Annual Assembly | August 1-4, 2013 | New Orleans, La*

The 66th Annual Assembly & Exhibition  
August 1-4, 2013 at the Hotel Monteleone  
New Orleans, LA

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians invite you to join us at the 2013 Scientific Assembly, August 1-4, in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hotel Monteleone. This year's Assembly is undergoing changes with some exciting new additions and we want you to be a part of it!

Features of this year's conference include:

- High quality education sessions targeted towards the hottest topics in the specialty
- A full day of Practice Management sessions on Saturday (NEW!)
- An opportunity to hear important updates regarding the ABFM Maintenance of Certification (MC-FP) Part II requirements
- A Welcome Reception on Thursday evening where you can enjoy a taste of Louisiana enjoying a delicious dinner buffet

and a chance to mingle with colleagues while listening to the dueling pianos at Pat O's on the River!

- An exhibition hall featuring vendors and products to assist you in your practice
- And more!

With more evening activities at this year's conference there are ample opportunities for you to expand your network of colleagues, and share your best practices with one another in an effort to continue to advance family medicine in Louisiana. Discover new ideas, refresh your skills and walk away with valuable knowledge you can put into practice immediately. For information and to register, go to: <http://www.lafp.org/content/cme-a-events/66th-annual-assembly-a-exhibition>

Registration:

Registration fee covers CME offerings, syllabus, daily continental breakfasts and coffee breaks, as well as one complimentary ticket to the Social Events.

Program Objectives & Information:

This activity is designed for the specialty of family medicine, but may also be of educational interest to the specialties of internal medicine, pediatrics and other primary care fields. It is designed to introduce providers to the latest information, techniques and technology applicable to office-based patient care through didactic lectures and interactive discussions. Upon completion of this program, participants should have a working and applicable comprehension of these topics. Specific objectives for each topic will be included in the participant syllabus.

Accreditation:

Application for CME credit has been filed and being reviewed for Prescribed Credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending. AAFP Prescribed Credit is accepted by the American Medical Association (AMA) as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. When applying for the AMA PRA, prescribed credit earned must be reported as prescribed credit, not as Category 1.

Syllabus & Materials:

The LAFP has received numerous requests to Go Green and we are excited to make it happen. Not only will this environmentally friendly initiative save on natural resources, the LAFP will save a significant amount in printing costs. By Going Green, we will NOT be providing a complimentary printed syllabus. We will be offering our program syllabus & conference materials online. Registered participants will receive an email with a web link approximately one week prior to the conference. The email will include a username and a password that will enable you to download, save and/or print your preferred program materials and course handouts. These online materials will be available for 90 days after the program. We highly recommend that you download your conference materials in advance as sometimes Internet speed can be slow in large meeting rooms. We appreciate your support as we go green this Spring.

The General Session Lecture Hall will offer complimentary wireless internet service. Please keep in mind, often times in large conference centers, WiFi access can be slow or intermittent when large groups access the internet at once. For this reason, we highly recommend that you download your conference materials in advance of the event.

ADA Compliance:

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians is fully committed to the principle of equal educational opportunities for all individuals and does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristics protected by federal or state law. If you require any of the auxiliary aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in this conference, please contact Jammie Olsen at 225.923.3313 no later than ten business days before for the start of this conference.

Refunds (less a \$100 administrative fee) will be made upon receipt of a written request until Monday, July 1, 2013. Tickets to any social events and workshops cannot be refunded unless they are resold.

Exhibitors and Sponsors:

Exhibit booth applications are now being received- send your application in today! Early bird discount fee is now in affect- take advantage while you can. We have sponsorships for every budget, including donated items for the daily drawings and live auction.

Contact Jammie Olsen mailto:[jolsen@lafp.org](mailto:jolsen@lafp.org) with any questions, we will gladly work with you to meet your marketing needs whatever the budget is. You may find all sponsorship levels outlined in the 2013 meeting prospectus as well as the [exhibitor application](#).

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*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.