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National AAP Election Reminder

This is just a reminder that online voting for the AAP President-elect and district offices will conclude at 11:00 AM Central Standard Time on Monday, November 23. Thank you for all that you are doing to encourage your members to vote!

Please consider sending out a reminder e-mail to your chapter members before November 23 reminding them to vote online, if they haven't already. We would like to encourage the highest number of voters and we need our chapters' help in this endeavor!

Listed below is relevant information regarding the election. Feel free to use and adapt this language in any reminder message that you send.

Voting eligibility is no longer based on member categories. It is based on the following:

- o Individual is a FAAP
- o Individual belongs to the Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT) Executive Committee

Please note that individuals who are a Corresponding Fellow are not eligible to vote.

Members may access the election ballot via a link emailed to them from the **AAP Election Coordinator** (aap.org/vote) or through the link on MyAAP of the AAP Web site. Once they log-in to MyAAP, they will see the voting button and can click on it to vote.

Voting will conclude at 11:00 AM Central Standard Time **on Monday, November 23**.

Members voting through the vendor link may access technical assistance by emailing the election vendor at support@directvote.net, or by calling 952-974-2339.

Members attempting to vote through MyAAP (with AAP ID number and password) on the Academy website should seek technical assistance from the AAP Customer Service by emailing csc@aap.org or calling 866/THE-AAP1 (866/843-2271). **Please be advised that some older Web browsers, such as Internet Explorer (IE8), may not work for the election. If this occurs, trying voting using Google Chrome, Firefox, or a newer version of Internet Explorer.**

LA Chapter Joins Support for Early Learning Programs

Click [HERE](#) to read the letter sent to federal policymakers on funding for early learning programs. As you can see from the letter, there were groups signed on from all 50 states, including many AAP Chapters, which sent an incredibly strong message to Congressional members.

AAP National Committees - 2016 Chairperson Appointments

The AAP Board of Directors is soliciting nominations to fill the following vacancies for Chairperson positions for AAP National Committees for terms beginning July 1, 2016:

- **Committee on Federal Government Affairs**
- **Committee on Federal Government Affairs/Access to Care Subcommittee**
- **Committee on Medical Liability and Risk Management**
- **Committee on Native American Child Health**
- **Committee on Pediatric AIDS**
- **Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine**
- **Committee on Pediatric Research**
- **Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine**
- **Committee on State Government Affairs**

Application materials (factsheet, biographical summary and nomination/self-nomination forms) for these positions are available on the [AAP Member Center](#), in addition to statements of needs and requirements (www.aap.org/leader).

Committee Chairpersons are appointed annually and may be re-appointed up to four years. Committee chairperson appointments are made on the basis of knowledge, expertise, and the documented needs of the committee. Within this context, Academy membership demographics such as professional activity, gender, ethnicity, and geographical distribution will be considered, as well as chapter activity.

The deadline for nominations for 2016 positions is **Friday November 27, 2015 (midnight CST)**. Nominees must submit a letter of nomination, a [factsheet](#) and a [biographical summary](#) to their Chapter President and the AAP by **e-mail** (nominations@aap.org) or by **fax** 847/434-8000 (ATTN: 2016 AAP National Committee Chairperson Nominations).

All nomination materials must be submitted by **November 27, 2015 (midnight CST)**. The AAP Board of Directors will meet in **January 2016** to review nominations and make final appointments.

Thank you for your review and contribution to the nominations process of AAP National Committees for the 2016 term. Please email any questions to nominations@aap.org.

Pediatric Office Staff Salary Survey

Data on pediatric-specific office staff salaries has been very limited. National surveys of all practices have been unreliable since they include surgery, specialty care, and Internal medicine that rely on Medicare reimbursement to meet their overhead. To provide this important benchmark information for AAP members and their practice managers, the AAP Pediatric Practice Managers Alliance (PPMA) has partnered with Pediatric Management Institute (PMI) to develop such a resource tool.

This nationwide survey tool focuses solely on the office staff, NO provider/physician salaries will be included. All reported results are blinded, prohibiting individual practices from being identified.

Please visit <http://pediatricmanagementinstitute.com/aap-ppma-pmi-salary-survey/> (password **99213**) **by November 30, 2015** to share your input. Participants will also receive an emailed copy of the results. The more pediatric practice input, the more valuable these survey results will be! *Please share this link to your Chapter members as well as pediatric practice manager colleagues.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elisha Ferguson at eferguson@aap.org.

Medicaid/ Bayou Health

Fee for Service (FFS) provider notice has been posted

[Clinical Pre-authorization Requirement for Behavioral Health Medications for Fee for Service \(FFS\) Recipients Less Than 6 Years Old for La. Medicaid Pharmacy Program](#)

ATTN Waiver and PCS Providers

Source: LA Medicaid

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent_policy/ATTN_WAIVER_AND_PCS_PROVIDERS_20151103.pdf

ATTENTION PROVIDERS: A problem was encountered during claims processing, and some claims billed with appropriate modifiers were not processed correctly on the 11/3/15 RA. Impacted claims received one of the following edits:

- Denied in error with edit 092 (invalid or missing modifier).
- Denied in error with edit 299 (procedure not covered by Medicaid).
- Denied in error with edit 210 (provider not certified for this procedure), or
- May have encountered reduced or increased payments.

The processing problem was corrected, and all affected claims are being recycled on the 11/10/15 RA. Normal procedures for pending claims for a pre-payment review cycle will be circumvented to ensure timely payment of rendered services. No further action is required by providers. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Medicaid Behavioral Health Integration "Roadshow" meetings across the state

Medicaid will be holding provider information sessions on Behavioral Health Integration around the State in October and November; click [here](#) for the list of the sessions and to register. Behavioral Health Integration in this context refers to behavioral health being covered under the Bayou Health Plans.

Link to 10/27/15 [Presentation](#) DHH Information Session on the Integration of Behavioral Health. You can also find it on MakingMedicaidBetter.com website, under Provider Resources.

DHH to Host Provider Calls for Behavioral Health Integration

Beginning Dec. 1, 2015, Louisiana Medicaid is changing the way members get behavioral health services (mental illness and substance use treatment). All Medicaid members will get their behavioral health services through a Bayou Health Plan. If they are not already enrolled in Bayou Health, they will be enrolled in a Plan before Dec. 1, 2015 to get medical behavioral health services. DHH's current contract with Magellan will end on Nov. 30, 2015.

To prepare providers for this change, Louisiana Medicaid and the Office of Behavioral Health will host a series of weekly calls for providers, to listen to comments and concerns that you may have and

answer any questions. Beginning Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 and until further notice, the following call schedule will be in place:

- **Monday** - Local Governing Entities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers and Intensive Outpatient Substance Use Providers
- **Tuesday** - Rehabilitation Providers, Multi-Systemic Therapy Providers, Functional Family Therapy Providers, Homebuilders Providers, Assertive Community Treatment Providers, Psychiatrists and Licensed Mental Health Practitioners
- **Wednesday** - Inpatient Hospitals, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, Therapeutic Group Homes and Residential Substance Use Treatment Facilities

All calls will take place from noon to 1pm. The call-in information is as follows:

- Call-in #: 1-888-636-3807
- Access Code: 1133472

Please note that this call is being hosted by the Department, so specific questions, pertaining to a specific Health Plan may not be answered. Although there will be representatives from the managed care organizations on the line, we ask that you keep all questions Department related.

We welcome all provider types to participate on any of the days, but DHH's staff will give priority to questions from the designated provider type for that call, and will have staff who work in that provider area on the line to assist.

If any provider is unable to ask a question during the call, we encourage them to submit their questions to integratedhealthcare@la.gov or bayouhealth@la.gov. The Bayou Health Provider Relations unit has released some "Talking Points" for behavioral health providers. That document can be accessed by clicking here. [Informational Bulletins](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and other pertinent information can be accessed at any time by visiting www.makingmedicaidbetter.com.

For news specifically pertaining to the integration, you can click on the "Behavioral Health" tab on www.makingmedicaidbetter.com. To automatically receive updates and releases from the Department regarding the integration, click [here](#) and subscribe to the "Integrated Health Care" newsletter.

Bayou Health Informational Bulletins for Providers

Informational Bulletins cover a variety of topics related to Bayou Health, and all are available [here](#).

Health Plan Advisories

Health Plan Advisories are available at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1734>

SUDIA Recipe: Mango-Curry Chicken Salad

Add a touch of sweetness to this main-dish chicken salad with dried cranberries and walnuts. Cheese cubes boost both the protein and the calcium in this nutrient-packed salad.

Ease: Easy

Yield: 4 Servings

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Source: Recipe created by Chef Kevin Millonzi, Executive Chef/Owner of Restaurant PROV and atomic Catering, Providence, R.I., on behalf of 3-A-Day of Dairy.



Ingredients

2 1/2 cups (1/2-inch pieces) grilled skinless, boneless chicken breasts

1/2 cup plain non-fat yogurt

1 teaspoon curry powder

1/2 cup cubed mango

1 cup dried, sweetened cranberries

1/2 cup walnuts coarsely chopped

1/3 cup Mozzarella, cut into small cubes

Directions

Grill chicken breasts, cut into small pieces and set aside. In a medium bowl, blend yogurt and curry with a whisk and stir in chicken, mango, cranberries, walnuts and Mozzarella. Mix well and serve on lettuce leaves if desired.

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Upcoming Events

Annual International Conference on ADHD

November 12-14, 2015

Hyatt Regency New Orleans

601 Loyola Avenue | New Orleans, LA 70113

The CHADD Annual International Conference is the major research, practice and public information conference dedicated to ADHD. Conference sessions will focus on providing current science-based information and the impact of this information on treatments for individuals with ADHD. The conference will bring together researchers, clinicians, educators, adults, parents, and others who are seeking more in-depth materials.



Click [Here](#) for more information and registration details

Medicaid Behavioral Health Integration "Roadshow" meetings- Statewide

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Link to 10/27/15 [Presentation](#) DHH Information Session on the Integration of Behavioral Health. You can also find it on [MakingMedicaidBetter.com](#) website, under Provider Resources.

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series *Updates on Pediatric Nutrition and GI* Saturday, December 12, 2015

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 Tulane University Center for Continuing Education

Location

Ralph's on the Park
900 City Park Avenue
New Orleans, LA

Topics are scheduled to include:

Updates on Food Allergies
Obesity
Dealing with Food Aversion and Refusal
Use of Donor Milk for Newborns

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

Registration Fee is \$35

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



Red River Potpourri

August 19-21, 2016
Shreveport Convention Center
Shreveport, LA

Registration details will be forthcoming
www.womansfoundation.com
Call us for more information 337.988.1816

Red River Potpourri is presented by The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

