

Check it out: New website up and running—log in and look around

Our new MGMA-Louisiana website is up and running. Please log in and walk around. Send us your thoughts, ideas, and news tips. You will need a new password, so please follow these steps:

1. Go to the website www.lmgma.org
2. Click the "Forgot Password" link, located in the upper-right section of the home page.
3. Enter your email address (the one we have on file for you) and click the Submit button.
4. Your new password will be emailed to you.

After you log in, you can review and revise your profile.

You can renew online at the JOIN menu tab—it looks a little different from its previous life.

Memberships due for renewal by Dec. 31, 2014 are urged to do so no later than January 31 at which time the files will be updated—you wouldn't want to miss an alert or advisory. **Questions? Contact** suzie@lmgma.org by email or phone 337-984-9777.



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Providers should check registries

When selecting a Bayou Health Plan among Louisiana's five managed care organizations (MCOs), enrollees rely on the accuracy of the information contained in the Bayou Health provider registry and the MCO online directories.

Medicaid needs your assistance in ensuring your information is accurate and up-to-date. Be certain your patients have the latest information about your practice when making this important decision. Links to the five MCO (insurance company) directories as well as a link to the Bayou Health provider search tool are contained in this article.

To verify your information, click on the links and search for your practice. Please search for your name among those MCOs that you are not contracted with and notify us if you appear as part of their network. The inclusion of non-contracted providers in an MCO directory is strictly prohibited and can lead to linkage issues for members.

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Bayou Health Providers Registry

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If your contact information is incorrect, please contact the company directly to update your information. If you appear in the MCO's provider search but you are NOT contracted with the MCO, please notify DHH by contacting Mark Perry at mark.perry@la.gov or Jode Burkett at jode.burkett@la.gov as soon as possible.

[Aetna Better Health](#)

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Wednesday Provider Teleconferences

Call in during lunch Noon to 1 PM



DHH has started its Wednesday teleconferences for providers re Bayou Health's managed care organizations. The first one, held Jan. 14, was limited to the first 250 callers. Some callers were turned away but DHH tells us they hope to increase their capacity and those with questions should use the email link below.

Dial in 1-888-278-0296. Access code: 2833686.

You may also email questions to bayouhealth@la.gov

DHH Implements Recovery Audit Contractor Program

Deborah J. Juneau, partner with the Kean Miller law firm in Baton Rouge, has written recently about the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Program, which kicked in Nov. 20, 2014, as required by the Affordable Care Act.

The new RAC program provides yet another mechanism by which the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH) through its contractors, can conduct post-payment audits of claims submitted by providers enrolled in Medicaid. Information covered in her article includes the scope of review, and what is required of the provider, as well as the government.

[Read her article here, at the Kean Miller website.](#)

Radiology Conference Jan 22-23

It's not too late if you act now!

The 2015 Radiology Business Management Association Delta States Chapter has its conference Jan. 22-23 at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel in Biloxi.

To register, send your check (made payable to Delta States) and information to Jason McCoy, PO Box 7695, Columbus, MS 39705. McCoy is the chapter treasurer.

This information must accompany the check: Your name, practice name, address, tel & fax, and email address. The fee for members is \$35 which includes 2015 dues. Nonmembers are welcome to attend for \$50.

Make your hotel reservations directly at the [Hard Rock Hotel and Casino](#); or call the hotel at 1-877-6256.

In preparation for the compliance roundtable, you can suggest a topic or ask a question to be addressed. Send your question via [email](#).

Conference topics include cyber liability, managing mobile communications, coding, compliance, MU and legal hot topics.



Medicaid Check Write
Schedule

[Click here](#) for the January-June Schedule. Stay aware of other Louisiana Medicaid information at their [website](#).

Bayou Health Transparency Report January 2015

Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

[Click here for this report.](#)

Note the individual breakdowns/appendices within this report.



President's Message

Lorrie Rogerson, CPC, CMPE

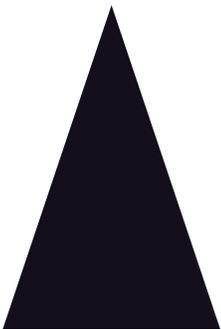
Wow! Can January already be headed to the finish line!? This is a busy month for managers as the new year **begins and it's also quite busy and lively for MGMA-Louisiana** as we look at a number of projects we are very excited about.

For openers, most of the Board is headed to Denver where MGMA annually hosts a State Leaders Conference for all state boards. I have attended several of these (Louisiana brought home a trophy from a recent one!) and the knowledge gleaned from experts and networking with board members from other states is just invaluable.

Another project we are working on this year is exploring the option of combining our state and local chapter memberships. As you might imagine, there are lots of dynamics involved here but we have three chapter presidents working on this – coincidentally, two of them are also on our board. They will be studying what other states have done and craft an idea for Louisiana.

I'd like your thoughts on a mentoring project – we have about 13 student members this year, which is a record. The bulk of them are located in Lafayette at the University of Louisiana - **Lafayette's healthcare** administration program, but we also have an MBA candidate in healthcare administration from Tulane, **where I was honored to recently speak. Send me your thoughts and ideas on this and I'll be picking everyone's brain on this, as well, in Denver in early February. If anyone is interested in assisting the board on this project please contact me.**

Till next time, catch a lot of beads, stay warm and safe, and remember to tell others about the value of membership in MGMA-Louisiana.



Negotiating contracts

Susan E. Charkin, writing for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), **points out: "Knowledge is power. The more you know about a health plan—whether it's a health maintenance organization (HMO) or a preferred provider organization (PPO)—the more successful your negotiations will be.** [Read more here.](#)

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Tell a colleague about MGMA-Louisiana

You can also use the graphics link at left to renew your own membership. Pay by credit card or check.

Membership offers the opportunity to upgrade skills, knowledge and connections. There are conferences and other educational programs, legislative advocacy options, networking with peers and experts, free job postings for your office, discounted registrations for you and your staffers to our educational programs, and much more.



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Sponsors and exhibitors signing up for the 2015 conference in New Orleans

It's January: Lammico, Medical Protective and PracticeMax have already signed up for booths and sponsorships for our August conference.

Also registering for booths to date are [Client Tell](#) and [eClinical](#).

Sign up now—we will keep the list running here!

Sponsorship details for 2015 can be [downloaded here](#)

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