

Members to be awarded certificates at August conference

The following members will be recognized with membership certificates during our Aug. 21 luncheon at the Hotel Roosevelt. Those unable to attend will receive their certificates via postal mail at the conclusion of the conference. Recognition is going to the following members:

20 years

Michael Allemand, Houma Orthopedic Clinic, Houma
Charlene Benoit, Lourdes Physician Group, Lafayette
Dewey Larpenteur, Lourdes Physician Group, Lafayette

19 years

Alan Beason, Cardiovascular Consultants, Shreveport
Ted Berggren, Tulane Univ Medical Group, New Orleans
Susie Broussard, Pediatrix Medical Group, Lafayette
Louise Derise, Hamilton Medical Group, Lafayette
Wanda Dugas, Acadiana Otolaryngology, Lafayette
Janis Stockstill, Drs Nutik & Steiner, Metairie

18 years

Martin Fischer, Baton Rouge Cardiology, Baton Rouge
Sadie Parent, Lake Charles Plastic Surgery, Lake Charles

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Join us in New Orleans this summer!

- Great speakers
- Vital topics
- Elegant hotel
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Why I attend MGMA-LA conferences



The MGMA-Louisiana conference is a great return-on-investment for your practice. In one location, you are exposed to information, consultants, updates and data that will help you grow professionally, while saving time and money spent researching answers to current challenges and upcoming changes. As a bonus, you meet and network with great people from all over the state who share similar changes and goals.

Lafe Jones, CEO/Administrator; Alexandria Eye and Laser Center, Alexandria, LA

Louisiana Legislative Session Ends

The timely filing deadlines for Medicaid has been at 365 days for years. The Louisiana Dept. of Health & Hospitals (DHH) recently decided to issue a rule changing that to 180 days. The legislators have approved a law that now gives providers the original 365 days to file a claim, said Greg Ivey, MGMA Louisiana Legislative Chair. Read other new legislation at the link below.



[This is complete list of bills \(now called Acts\).](#)

Photo at left courtesy Louisiana Office Tourism

Time to meet with your physicians?

Madeline Hyden, MGMA digital editor, explains, along with Ken Hertz, some useful information for you when communicating with your physicians. Ken is a past board member with MGMA-Louisiana, a Fellow in ACMPE, and principal consultant with MGMA Health Care Consulting Group.



Kenneth T. Hertz,
FACMPE

"Practice administrators often get into the habit of presenting physician owners with reams of paper reports, which can confuse or frustrate them as they are not getting a true picture of what is happening in the practice," Hertz explained.

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Share your experiences on key administrative transactions

Please share your experiences with key administrative transactions, including verifying patient insurance eligibility, submitting claims, and checking the status of claims, among others.

MGMA is concerned that despite having national standards in place, the burdens and costs associated with these types of transactions have kept adoption rates low. [This short survey is here](#)

Help MGMA identify key challenges administrative transactions are posing to medical groups.

5 tips to manage practice conflicts

Cindy Bracy writes for the [American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons](#), and in this article discusses the various personalities and conflicts within an orthopaedic group. "These situations are not limited to internal staffing issues but may also arise from interactions between staff and patients." She offers five tips to manage conflicts. [MORE](#)

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17 years

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Kane Hanks, Acadiana Gastro Associates, Lafayette
Becky Hutchinson, Cardio. Institute of the South, Houma
Patsy Johnson, Institute for Neuropsychiatry, Lake Charles
Mary Ann Sikes, Ear Nose & Throat Center, Shreveport

16 years

Amy Brunet, The Baton Rouge Clinic, Baton Rouge
Joan Buckner, ENT Medical Center, Baton Rouge
Elizabeth Pearson, Acadiana Woman's Health, Lafayette
Roy M. Scott, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans
Patricia Tewell, Slidell Mem. Physician Network, Slidell
Debbie Thomas, Shreveport Internal Medicine, Shreveport
Julia Ware, Drs Louapre Kokemor, New Orleans

15 years

Mary Ann Martin, The Family Clinic, Opelousas
Charlene Pierson, Northlake Gastro. Associates, Hammond
Jennifer Pousson, The Family Clinic of Crowley, Crowley
Pamela Pratt, Cardio. Institute of the South, Lafayette
Sheila Vanicor, Memorial Hosp Medical Grp, Lake Charles
Michelle Wimberly, Cardio. Institute of the South,
Lafayette

14 years

Helen Dufrene, Thibodaux Reg. Network-Ortho, Thibodaux
Crystal Williams, Cardio. Institute of the South, Thibodaux

13 years

Carolyn Brian, Brian Clinic, Alexandria
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Karen Kleinman, Heart and Vascular Center, Lake Charles
Kathy LeJeune, Surgicare of Lake Charles, Lake Charles
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12 years

Josh Darby, The Pathology Laboratory, Lake Charles
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11 years

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10 years

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