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News Digest

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Workshop seats still available *CMS Carrots & Sticks*

We're having a Workshop in Lafayette on Sept. 4 Details have been sent to members via email. There are still some seats available. [Details & registration here.](#)

Sponsors to date are: Advanced Office Systems, Blue Cross Blue Shield Louisiana, Cirra Group, Lammico and Progressive Medical Services.

Lorrie Rogerson talks to Baton Rouge magazine about Bayou Health burdens on providers

Remarks from Lorrie Rogerson, CPC, CMPE, and others can be read in the current issue of the Baton Rouge Business Report. Vice president of LMGMA-Louisiana, she is employed as Administrator at Pediatric Surgery of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, and shared some of the provider woes associated with the Bayou Health program rollout.

[Read the entire article here.](#)



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President's Message

Yes, We Are All Springs

Have you ever had a top-load washing machine that vibrated like crazy with our without laundry in the washer? If you have, you know it can drive you crazy. Many times, it is all about the springs – worn out or over-extended springs. The suspension springs on your washing machine are used to absorb the vibration of the wash basket while the machine is in the spin cycle. Occasionally these springs will become damaged, stretched or detached which can cause excessive noise and vibration from your washer during the spin cycle. One spring can cause the entire washing machine to be out of balance.

Why am I talking about springs? I believe we are all part of a great professional organization – the machine. Each of us has a role to play in order to bring balance and effectiveness to the organization. If we are missing, or if our voices are not being heard, the organization is out of balance and not running at full force. If others of us are worn or over-extended, **we begin to be ineffective and may even “screech” or “whine” until we are replaced or renewed in some way.**

Our organization needs you. Your involvement can fill a void and add relief to those who have been carrying the load. We have great opportunities in progress right now: the board nomination process throughout the month of August, and educational programming. MGMA Louisiana offers connection, **renewal, repair and balance.** **“Spring” into action and get involved** - take advantage of the great resources your state organization makes possible.



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News Briefs

Note: This information available to members only. [Log in](#) to read details on these stories

- Federal bill Introduced in Senate to extend Medicaid Primary Payments
- Bids let for **Louisiana's 2015 Bayou Health managed care program**
- CMS officially announces **Oct. 1, 2015** for ICD-10 transition
- State sets up new Job Connection website to match employers with candidates
- Healthcare attorney [Jerard Jensen](#) moves in at national MGMA as Interim CEO, upon the resignation of Dr. Susan Turney. Part of the MGMA Leadership Team, he has served as MGMA Counsel since 2012, and has long-standing relationships with both the staff and Board.



Happy 31st Birthday to [Cardiovascular Institute of the South \(CIS\)](#). Always supportive of MGMA, the following employees are members of our Louisiana chapter: Crystal Williams, FACMPE (currently serving on the board of directors), Becky Hutchinson, RN, CMPE (former member of the board of directors). **Ben Boudreaux CMPE, Danielle Braquet RHIA, Catina Burton, Lee Cox RN, BSN, Joey Fontenot BS, RT, RN, Lori Louviere LPN, Pamela Pratt BBA, CMPE (former Acadiana Chapter president), Carmen Robinson, Michelle Wimberly, Angie Briley, CMPE, John Kazusky, and Nickolas Zaunbrecher CPA, MHA.**



Blast from the Past

2003-04 Board of Directors

Standing (l-r): Alan Beason of Shreveport; Ken Hertz of Alexandria; Stewart Clark of New Orleans; and Tom Baggett of Baton Rouge. Seated: Judy Fern of Metairie; Shari Davis of Lake Charles; Maxine Minton of Thibodaux; and Lenora Poole of Lafayette. Inset: Kathy Boudreaux of Lafayette.



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