



News Digest

September 15, 2014

Education workshop a hit !

*By Mary Alice Stanford, CMPE
MGMA Louisiana Education Chair*

On Thursday, September 4, 2014 MGMA Louisiana held a half day workshop entitled *CMS: Carrots and Sticks*. Owen J. Dahl, MBA, FACHE, LSSMBB was happy to be welcomed back to Louisiana to give the presentation at the beautiful Picard Center in Lafayette, LA.

Dahl held an informative and interactive session on the CMS programs of Meaningful Use and the Values Based Payment Modifier to over 70 attendees. The MGMA Louisiana board would like to thank to the workshop sponsors: BlueCross BlueShield Louisiana, Endologix, POS Professional Office Services, CirraGroup, Progressive Medical Services, Inc., LAMMICO (see page 5).

Awards were presented to Renee Granger (Lafayette) who was acknowledged for her assistance in making this workshop successful, and to Sheila Vanicor (Lake Charles) won the cash door prize.

What a difference a day makes !

By Lafe Jones, MGMA-Louisiana president

If you had the opportunity to attend our recent workshop on CMS incentives, you were exposed to a lot of information in a concise and lively presentation. If you did not attend, stay tuned and plan to attend future meetings. You will be glad you did.

The location was great and the speaker was very informative. It was also great to see so many attendees sharing information, frustration and secrets to success. If you are like me, many times I think I do not have the time to be out of the office. I also tend to rationalize and tell **myself that "I can find that information on the internet," or "they will not be presenting anything new."**



I am so glad that I took the plunge, signed up and attended. The day away from the office gave me a fresh perspective on the current incentive programs and allowed me to connect with friends who are sharing the same issues. I even enjoyed the travel as a time of renewal and solitude before I came back to the office. The meeting reminded me once again how valuable the organization is to each of us as members. MGMA Louisiana offers affordable and **accessible opportunities to stay connected in "day trip" locations.** We look forward to providing more. Stay tuned and plan to attend.



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MGMA-Louisiana New Members

The following persons have joined MGMA Louisiana as new members this year:

- Penny Allemand, CPC; Office Manager, Coder - Alexandria Neurosurgical Clinic (Alexandria)
- Christina Andre; Coding Coordinator - Lourdes Physician Group (Lafayette)
- Gayle Arceneaux, Office Manager - Comprehensive Neurologics and Sleep (Lafayette)
- Lesia Babin, Central Business Office Manager - St Elizabeth Physicians (Gonzales)
- Laura Boothby, RN, CGRN; Chief Operations Officer - Gastroenterology Associates (Baton Rouge)
- Nicole Castille, CRT, RPSGT; Office Manager - Comprehensive Neurologics and Sleep (Lafayette)
- Sarah Cavalier, Manager Financial Operations - Baton Rouge General Physicians (Baton Rouge)
- Casey Chiasson, MBA; Administrator - Southeastern Cardiovascular Consultants (Baton Rouge)
- Rae Cocke, Office Manager - Lourdes Physician Group (Lafayette)

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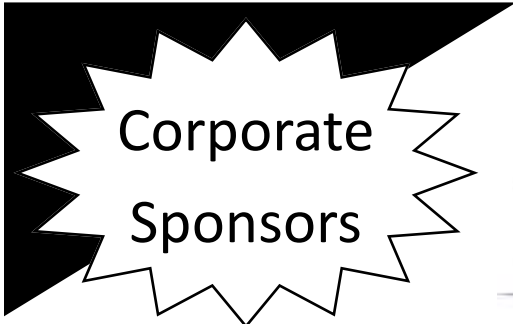
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[Read this article at the Louisiana State Medical Society website](#)
- [OIG says Louisiana DHH overpaid some hospitals and underpaid others.](#)
- [More hospitals see so-called bundled payments as the wave of the future.](#) This programs with Medicare cover 48 health conditions and some are experimenting with Medicaid possibilities. A few large self-insured employers, including Wal-Mart and Lowe's offer to fly employees who need heart surgery to the Cleveland Clinic and other top hospitals that have bundled cardiac programs.
- The 2014 *"Dialogues in Behavioral Healthcare"* conference will be held in New Orleans Nov. 2-5. The conference brings experts, administrators, providers, consumers, family members, and advocates together to discuss cutting edge information on behavioral health topics and "how to do it." [MORE](#)
- [EHR adoption grows among solo providers](#), according to a recent survey. The specialty with the highest rate of adoption was dialysis with 80.6%, while internal medicine and pediatrics ranked second with 75.8%.



Blast from the Past

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- Peggy Domingue, Practice Manager North Clinics - Lourdes Physician Group (Lafayette)
- Celeste Dupuis, Office Manager - Michael K Judice, MD (Lafayette)
- Dona Fontenot, Office Manager - HCA Physician Services Regional Primary Care (Lafayette)
- Richard Gilbert, MBA; Academic Director Neurosurgery - LSU HSC Shreveport (Shreveport)
- Sarah Gonzales - Student, University of Louisiana-Lafayette (Lafayette)
- Kendra Guillory, Office Manager - Lafayette General Hospital Medical Doctors- Orthopedics (Lafayette)
- Kevin Hargrave, MD, MBA; Comprehensive Neurologics and Sleep (Lafayette)
- Lesia Johnson, Coding Manager - St Elizabeth Physicians (Gonzales)
- Michelle Latiolais, Office Manager - GBR Pulmonary (Lafayette)
- Scott Mabry, COO - Ochsner Health Center (Baton Rouge)
- Natalee Menge, AuD; Director Operations and Admin - Emerge Center Development (Baton Rouge)
- Stacy Mistic, Physician Service Leader - Lafayette General Medical Doctors (Lafayette)
- Al Patin, BSN, MBA; Chief Administrative Officer, Lafayette General Physician Group (Lafayette)
- Stacey Picard, Clinical Operations Specialist - Lourdes Physician Group (Lafayette)
- Jay Poche, Jr; Marketing Director - Coastal Urgent Care (Baton Rouge)
- Billy Porter, MHA; Interim Administrator - CHRISTUS Health Northern LA (Shreveport)
- Taylor Price, Student University of Louisiana-Lafayette (Lafayette)
- Jaelyn Spedale-Richard Director - Lourdes Physician Group (Lafayette)
- Christopher Stegall, MBA CFO - Green Clinic (Ruston)
- Jamie Stockstill Physician Network Specialist - Slidell Memorial Hospital (Slidell)
- Traci Thibodeaux, CMPE VP Lourdes Physician Group - Lourdes Physician Group (Lafayette)
- Michelle Trahan Physicians Operations Specialist - Lourdes Physician Group (Lafayette)
- Yolanda Trahan EHR Manager - Lourdes Physician Group (Lafayette)

New Affiliate Members

- Tim Anderson, President, Acadiana Computer Systems (Lafayette) www.acsmd.com
- LisaSolomon, QI Specialist, eQHealth Solutions (Baton Rouge) www.eqhs.org
- KarenZiecker, QI Specialist, eQHealth Solutions (Baton Rouge) www.eqhs.org
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