

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association**  
**543 Spanish Town Road**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
M.J. Terrebonne	Pharmacist (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Kim Wixson	Louisiana Pharmacists Association	Zoom
Randal Johnson	Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association	Present
Dr. Stewart Gordon	Physician (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Jeff Gaudé	National Association of Chain Drug Stores	Absent
Pam Reed	LA Alliance of Retail Pharmacies	Absent
Dr. Jamie Edwards	Physician (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare)	Absent
Dana Antoon	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Absent
Lishunda Franklin	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Zoom
Ashley Acosta Chanove	Pharmacist (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare )	Absent
Zoom		C. Joseph Cloud, Jeanine Plante, Emily Ragland, Lishunda Franklin, Jeanine Plante, Christine Dansereau, Kim Wixson, Sheree Taillon, Vanessa Smith, Sarah Perkins, Oneka Wilson, Heather Leshinsky, LIPA Staff, Kim's pink iPad, Nilay P,

- **Call to Order**
  - The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.
- **Introductions and Quorum Determination**
  - A quorum was not confirmed
- **Review and approval of May 22, 2025 meeting minutes**
  - The May meeting minutes could not be approved due to a lack of quorum
- **LDH Response to Council Letter to Secretary regarding the draft Cost of Dispensing Survey**
  - LDH: As of yesterday, there is no update.
  - Randal Johnson: We need to make sure we post the report as a PDF. We need to recirculate the report.
  - M.J. Terrebonne: I sent a letter to Drew on March 31<sup>st</sup>. I also sent a letter to the new Secretary on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Auto Refill**
  - M.J. Terrebonne: At the last meeting, we discussed the recipients that could be affected by this policy. We also discussed compliance rates. We need to add compliance rates to our list regarding maintenance drugs. Dana said there is a program we can use.
  - Emily Ragland: There are specific calculations NCQA and other entities use. An alternative would be looking at the rates or thinking through the pharmacy HEADIS measures. NCQA maintains those rates. This might be a standard to compare this to. NCQA maintains the HEADIS measures.
  - LDH: Our EQRO validates those HEADIS measures. They can validate the HEADIS measures.
- **340 B Milliman Report**
  - M.J. Terrebonne: Kim stated Milliman performed an analysis on 340 B.
  - LDH: Since we are still discussing the topic internally, the report is subject to process privilege. We will not be sharing the report at this time.
- **Update on Reforming the Medicaid PBM Program**
  - General Haygood: I came on three weeks ago. We asked Prime for test files to be delivered on 7/18. We asked them to agree to send all historical information. The MCO pharmacy directors came back with a slight adjustment. Prime will begin sending files on August 8<sup>th</sup> to the MCOs. Prime will send three months of data. We have the testing files and the claims files. Prime came back with five different slides. All six of the MCOs agreed to tweak one slide. We are tracking every single item that has to be sent to LDH on a specific date. We are tracking any key tasks on the critical path. The runout period has not been resolved. There are operational and compliance challenges. We have an internal meeting

scheduled for the first week of July. Gainwell has been on some calls. We have a communications work stream.

- Randal Johnson: There is a document that is not in our files. It is the Prime PBM file. I see several things that are not correct in the report, for instance, drive-up windows, compound drugs, etc. How can we help you make adjustments to make the document more accurate?
- LDH: One of the tasks I had on my document is tracking and ensuring. Each of the PBMs has dates when they started the engagements with the pharmacies. We may be able to tie into them. We could have the MCOs look. I think it would be helpful if you could bring this to General Haygood and make sure the information is corrected by Prime and the MCOs as well.
- Randal Johnson: According to this information, no e-scripts, no drive-through window, no compounding.
- Kim Wixson: We have a drive-through pharmacy, and we accept e-scripts.
- Randal Johnson: Could we help get the headings you need to ensure you have the most accurate information?
- LDH: Yes. We will take any help. We want to ensure that anyone using this document has the most accurate information.
- Randal Johnson: If you tell us what headings you need, we can survey our pharmacists. It would also be helpful if we saw the level of compounding you are looking for. Some things may be routine and ordinary. What's the determination you are looking for with compounding? When are we doing open enrollment?
- LDH: Normally around November 15<sup>th</sup>. All the providers under the Prime network must be under the PBM.
- **Pharmacy Reimbursement Security Issue**
  - M.J. Terrebonne: At the last few meetings, there was discussion of payments not received.
  - LDH: There is no update. As soon as we receive an update, we will send it via email.
- **Reports**
  - M.J. Terrebonne: The report is available to review on your iPad. The brand over generic report.
  - LDH: We are generic preferred
  - Dr Stewart Gordon: Are these the drugs that do not have a generic option?
  - LDH: Yes, they are. If you look at the year and the month, you will see the change for each of the drugs.
  - M.J. Terrebonne: Dr. Gordon and I met with LDH staff to review.

- Dr. Stewart Gordon: Dana, M.J., and I put together some items to see what's doable and what is not and we were seeking clarification on a few items. This information is available on the LDH website. This is the monthly trends report. With the shift to PBM in October, some of this will have to come from the MCOs. Administered vaccines will have to come from us. In terms of the number of Medicaid providers, Gainwell should be able to provide this information. This will probably have to be after October 1.
- LDH: Each MCO will need to provide for their PBM.
- Dr. Stewart Gordon: LDH is going to request that the report come to us every quarter. We would also like to continue to get the SIN report from the department. The rebate question is in the SIN report. I reviewed the items from the list of items discussed with LDH and the pharmacy team. There was a question about provider fees. LDH said they could provide this on an annual basis. This gives everyone an idea of what we can get from LDH moving forward.
- Randal Johnson: This week, the governor signed HB 264. HB 264 does define specialty drugs. I want to suggest that the MCOs or PBMs comply with those statutes. This would offer some uniformity.
- Kim Wixson: Circling back to the services, I logged on to NCPDP to see what they were reporting. The services they're reporting are correct. I do not know if this information was pulled from NCPDP.
- Dr. Stewart Gordon: We can summarize, add comments, and see what the department can provide.
- **Credentialing and Reenrollment**
  - M.J. Terrebonne: The next agenda item is credentialing and reenrollment. The council is inquiring about the credentialing process.
  - LDH: The pharmacy providers will have to enroll in credentialing with each of the MCO PBMs.
  - M.J. Terrebonne: We will wait to hear from Haley on the other topic.
  - Randal: They should already be credentialed. We had a tremendous problem with how Prime Therapeutics handled some things.
  - LDH: We moved away from single PBM. At the termination of a contract, the process has to be reinstated.
- **Pharmacy Notifications**
  - M.J. Terrebonne: On June 1<sup>st</sup> LDH had several memos. In addition, Prime had the June 20<sup>th</sup> pharmacy directory update.
  - LDH: We have no updates.
- **Call for Public Testimony**

- Nilay P: I am experiencing a rejection, and I am unable to take care of Medicaid personnel. I want to see if someone can assist with the resources we have in place.
  - LDH: Please email Kolynda.Parker@la.gov
- **Other Business**
  - N/A
- **Future Meeting Dates**
  - The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.