

Thursday, August 28, 2025
9:00 a.m.
Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association
543 Spanish Town Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Name	Committee Attendance	Attendance
M.J. Terrebonne	Pharmacist (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Kim Wixson	Louisiana Pharmacists Association	Present
Randal Johnson	Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association	Present
Dr. Stewart Gordon	Physician (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Kolynda Parker	Louisiana Department of Health	Present
Jeff Gaude	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	Present
Lishunda Franklin	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Zoom
Ashley Acosta Chanove	Pharmacist (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare)	Absent
Zoom		Lishunda Franklin, LIPA Staff, Denise HBI, Vanessa Smith ABHLA, Robin Deshotel Poinciana Pharmacy, Jeanine Plante, Bobby Holt, Tiffany

		Marshall, Amy Ponti-Gainwell Technologies, Evette Ange, Doug Robicheaux, Daisy DiMaggio, C. Joseph Cloud, pmayo, Josiah Howell, iPhone Robert, Rachel Broussard, Bobby Holt, sarah.perkins
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- **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
- **Introductions and Quorum Determination**
 - The roll was called.
- **Review and approval of the May 22, 2025 and June 25, 2025 meeting minutes**
 - The May and June meeting minutes were approved by Dr. Gordon and seconded by Randal Johnson
- **LDH response to Council Letter to Secretary regarding the draft Cost of Dispensing Survey**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: At the last meeting, we discussed the letter. Are there any updates?
 - LDH: We followed-up again and there are still no updates on the letter. You may want to resend the letter.
- **340 B Milliman Report**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: At previous meetings, there was a request for this report. Mrs. Parker recommended we follow up with a public records request.
 - Randal Johnson: I did not send a public records request, but if Kolynda thinks this is the best way, I will send a public records request. Could the department explain the process for 340B enrollment? What is the process by which pharmacies become enrolled in 340B?
 - LDH: Pharmacies register with HRSA.
 - M.J. Terrebonne: How do they reimburse 340 B?
 - LDH: Fee-for-service reimburses at actual acquisition cost, but not the MCOs. Randal Johnson: Has the department established a policy for Medicaid MCOs?
 - LDH: We do not have an MCO reimbursement policy.
 - Randal Johnson: What do they get reimbursed?
 - LDH: It depends on the contract between the pharmacy and the PBM.
 - Randal Johnson: What do you think the policy will end up being?
 - LDH: We will have an update to the policy on January 1, 2026. However, we will still not allow contract pharmacies. Right now, 340 B pharmacies can bill Medicaid.

- **Update on Reforming the Medicaid PBM Program**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: The last meeting General Haygood provided updates.
 - LDH: We are still on track for the October 1st implementation. We continue to meet with Prime and the other stakeholders as needed. One of the last items is that the MCOs will contract with Prime for run-out services.
- **Medicaid PDL Update- Trending Reports**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: As the department transitions, does the department have any reports regarding dollars saved and dollars lost?
 - LDH: We do, and we need to make some revisions. After the meeting we will provide you with the analysis.
 - Randal Johnson: Is it possible you have some trends?
 - LDH: We will make a request and get this data for you.
- **Reports- SIN Report**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Looking at March 2025, what does pharmacy include?
 - LDH: Pharmacy claims. MCO and fee-for-service.
 - M.J. Terrebonne: I do not think the March report is correct.
 - LDH: What specific questions do you want us to ask Prime?
 - M.J. Terrebonne: I have some questions about the March report.
 - Randal Johnson: What reports are you using for the data review to help everyone understand the expenditures? With several reports available, which one is the department reviewing from the pharmacy team?
 - LDH: We have provided that list.
 - Randal Johnson: What are the trends in the reports? Is this part of the P&T consideration? What are the top five drugs in the Medicaid program? What's the consideration?
 - LDH: We do meet with Prime and review the top ten drugs and expenditures.
- **Pharmacy Notifications**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: The pharmacy notifications and pharmacy facts are on your iPad for review.
- **Specialty Drugs**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: At the last meeting, Randal stated that a recent bill defined specialty drugs. I did place Act 474 on your iPad for everyone to review.
- **Pharmacy Reimbursement Security Issues**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Is there an update regarding the hacking and security issue?
 - LDH: Haley was taking care of this issue, but she transitioned to another role. Haley is following up with others in the legal department.

- **Reimbursement for Flu Vaccines**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: As flu season is approaching, when will pharmacy providers receive notification about flu vaccines?
 - LDH: Flu vaccines will be available on 9/15.
 - Randal Johnson: Why 9/15?
 - LDH: Clinically, more people need coverage in January or February, therefore, to ensure coverage during this time, flu shots do not need to be administered prior to 9/15.
- **Call for Public Testimony**
 - N/A
- **Other Business**
 - Randal Johnson: We have multiple pharmacies supplying emergency kits when they are not staffed with pharmacists at night.
 - Daisy DiMaggio: I have nearly 800 claims for which we have not received payment.
 - LDH: The facilities are responsible for covering the claims because it is part of their per diem rate.
 - Doug Robicheaux: The pharmacy owns the inventory of the kits. Only the pharmacy can bill the contents.
 - Randal Johnson: We have an expansion of behavioral health services. We have a focus from law enforcement on trying to treat these behavioral health needs. We also had the Myers & Stauffer report. When will the department complete a cost-of-dispensing survey for long-term care?
 - LDH: We will follow up on this. We need to take this back to Robyn and Karen.
 - Randal: Please make sure Dr. Croughan is included in this conversation. Another matter we are dealing with is the third-party liability files. The patient has to reach out to Gainwell.
 - LDH: There is a TPL workgroup at LDH. Jackie Cummings is the lead for the department. If there are any additional questions, I would need to follow up with Jackie.
 - Randal: Is there any uniformity to the TPL override?
 - LDH: Right now, there is because we only have one PBM.
- **Future Meeting Dates**
 - The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, September 23rd and Wednesday, October 8th at LIPA.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Kim Wixson and Dana Antoon made the motion to adjourn.