



HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES
Coalition of Georgia

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia

in collaboration with

Emory Regional Perinatal Center

Presents:

Georgia's Medicaid Plans

Annual Meeting and Conference

- Discussing the advantages and barriers to Georgia's newly implemented Medicaid Care Management.
 - What impact do the new plans have on the HMHB mission?
 - Addressing advocacy issues within the Medicaid arena.

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

Loudermilk Center

40 Courtland Street

Atlanta, GA 30303

Agenda

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| 8:30 a.m. –9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. | Welcome |
| 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. | Business Meeting |
| 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | Dev Nair and Adrienne Saunders, Division of Managed Care and Quality, Georgia Department of Community Health |
| 11:00 a.m.-11:15 p.m. | Break |
| 11:15 a.m.-11:45 p.m. | Dr. Harry Keyserling, American Academy of Pediatrics
Pediatric Immunizations |
| 11:45 p.m.-1:00 p.m. | Lunch
12:00-12:20 Dr. Elizabeth Lense
12:20-12:45 Ruth Gilmore, Nurse Consultant
Georgia Immunization Program
12:45-1:00 Networking |
| 1:00 p.m. | Continuum Award |
| 1:20 p.m.-2:30 p.m. | Panel on Medicaid CMO Implementation,
Process and Progress. Moderated by Julie Bryant.
Panel Members:
PeachState, Amerigroup, Wellcare,
Dev Nair, Nicole Hancock,
Michelle Conner |
| 2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45 p.m. | Silent Auction |
| 3:15 p.m. | Thank You |

*Thank you to our 2006 Annual Meeting Supporters
and Exhibitors!*

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Peachstate Health Plan Babies “R” US M and M

Exhibitors

**American Academy of Pediatrics -GA Chapter
Amerigroup
Babies “R” US
DHR Tobacco Prevention
G-CAPP
GPHA
Kaiser Permanente
PeachState
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Voices for Georgia’s Children
Wellcare
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Auction Items

Candle Gift Basket

PJ Café

Italian Gift Basket

6 Red Lobster Gift Basket

Taste of McDonough Basket

One Hour Massage

Tavis Smiley Bookbag Gift Bag

ART ON BROAD Candles

Tea Gift Basket

2 Glory Foods Baskets

Denim Bird House/Bird Feed

Lands End Yellow XL Quilted Vest in Gold

Baby Phat Bag

HMHB Fleece Jacket

Candle Holders

Dining Delight Gift Package

Bath Basket

Medela Mom Gift Basket

.....And more!



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2007 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
DRAFT**

- **Restore Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and infants to 235% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).** In the FY 2005 budget, the Medicaid eligibility was reduced from 235% to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. When more women had access to early prenatal care, the results were impressive and measurable. In 2004, Georgia had the lowest percentage of preterm births among other southern states with only one other southern state with a lower percentage of babies born at low birth weight. Georgia ranked 10th highest in the country on the percentage of babies born to women who received early prenatal care. In order to have better birth outcomes, Georgia needs to assure that women have access to prenatal care.
- **Increase funding for the Babies Born Healthy Program.** Babies Born Healthy is the only government program that pays for prenatal care for low income pregnant women who do not qualify for Medicaid. Due to the growing number of women in this category, the program has consistently run out of funds before the fiscal year ends. Current funding for FY 2007 is \$3.26 million, which allows the program to serve approximately 5000 women. The women who are eligible but are not served due to lack of funds usually end up appearing at a hospital to deliver their baby having had no prenatal care. The babies born to these women are eligible for Medicaid, so Medicaid bears the cost of any disabilities or health conditions that these babies may have. HMHB recommends an appropriate increase in funding for Babies Born Healthy to address the need in this program because it will save Medicaid money and Georgia will have healthier babies.
- **Provide funding for the Cervical Cancer Prevention Vaccine.** DHR has requested \$4.3 million in the FY 2008 budget for the new human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine. HMHB supports DHR's request which would allow vaccination of uninsured girls.
- **Oppose legislation that threatens health insurance benefits such as mammograms, pap smears, and childhood immunizations.** Many of the current state mandates are for services that ensure prevention and early detection of disease. Bills have been introduced in recent years that would allow health insurance to be sold in Georgia without covering such services. HMHB continues to oppose such legislation.
- **Monitor legislation that would impact services or funding for PeachCare, Medicaid, or other important preventive healthcare programs for women and children.** This would include proposals to expand PeachCare and Medicaid, or proposals affecting Children 1st, Babies Can't Wait, Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment, Newborn Screening, Newborn Hearing Screening, immunizations, dental services or any issue that would limit access to healthcare services for women and children.

LEGISLATIVE TIP SHEET

Who are my legislators? An excellent source for finding out who your elected officials are is www.vote-smart.org. The panel on the left side of the page asks for your nine-digit zip code and instructions for determining the nine-digit zip code are included. The website will provide contact information for all of your elected officials, including your state representative and state senator. Detailed information about individual legislators is also available on the web at www.legis.ga.gov.

You can request a copy of Members of the Georgia General Assembly from House Communications (404-656-0305) or Senate Information (404-656-0028). You can also download this booklet from www.legis.ga.gov by clicking on "Picture Book" at the bottom of the screen. *This invaluable resource is updated yearly but as the 2007 Session will be the first year of a two year term, Members of the Georgia General Assembly must be completely updated and may not be available until well after the start of the Session.*

Who is on what committee? This information is included in Members of the Georgia General Assembly and is also available at www.legis.ga.gov. You can find information about committee assignments for individual House and Senate members, or you can look up information by committee.

When is a committee meeting? For the House, call the Clerk of the House at 404-656-5015; for the Senate, call the Secretary of the Senate at 404-656-5040.

Some committees adhere to a daily or weekly schedule when the Legislature is in session, although meetings are often postponed or scheduled on short notice. Most meeting notices are posted outside the offices of the House Clerk and Secretary of the Senate. If you are trying to closely monitor the activity of a specific committee, your best bet is to check with the committee secretary on a daily basis.

For a copy of a bill, go to www.legis.ga.gov. If you know the bill number, you can easily find the legislation. There is also a search option that allows you to search using key words. If you are still having trouble, you can call the Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate (numbers listed above.) You will need to know the title or description of the bill.

To contact a legislator, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are available at www.legis.ga.gov. This information is also in Members of the Georgia General Assembly.

When you are at the Capitol and the Legislature is in session, you can send a message to a legislator in the House or Senate chamber. Page desks are located outside each chamber and forms are located on the Senate Page desk and in the south lobby outside the House. Legislators are not always at their desks, so sometimes you must send a message in more than once. If you want to speak to your own legislator, it sometimes helps to call ahead of time and let him or her know that you will be at the Capitol that day. Legislators are more accessible to their own constituents, so if you live in the district, let him or her know that up front.

General Assembly Schedule: In recent years, both chambers usually convened at 1:00 on Mondays and at 10:00 a.m. most other days. If this year is like other years, the House and Senate may begin at an earlier hour in the later weeks of the session. Committee meetings are usually held in the afternoon, particularly during the first month or so. Many legislators keep office hours from about 9:00 a.m. until the House/Senate convene and then again in the afternoon. The most important thing to remember, though, is that the schedule is set each day and is always subject to change.

The 2007 Session will begin on January 8, 2007.

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Membership Form

The mission of Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia (HMHB) is to improve access to healthcare for Georgia families. We do this through our strong, statewide membership base. HMHB is successful in its efforts because of the combination of advocacy, collaboration and programs. To learn more about HMHB, please view our website at www.hmhbga.org. You can support all these efforts by joining HMHB.

As a member of HMHB you will receive: Email updates that provide key resources and updates on maternal and child health issues; the annual *Legislative Agenda*; *Legislative Alerts* emailed to you; an invitation to the *Annual Meeting and Conference*; and an invitation to attend the *Annual Legislative Breakfast*; and finally, the opportunity to serve on the standing committees listed below.

I prefer correspondence be mailed to: Home address Work address

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home City/St/Zip _____

Home Phone _____
(needed for meeting cancellations)

Organization _____

Title/Position _____

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Fax _____

Email _____

Committees

Any member is welcome to serve on these standing committees. I would like to participate in the following:

Public Affairs: Responsible to the Board for HMHB's legislative and public policy agenda.

Fundraising: Directs fundraising efforts to support the organization.

Communication: Responsible for increasing membership and Board recruitment.

Member Fee: \$35

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Your membership dues are tax deductible. HMHB's FEIN: 58-1440585
Please make checks payable to HMHB and mail to the address below.

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- Referencias a Médicos
- Directorio de cuidado prenatal de bajo costo
- WIC, Children 1st, y sitios para pruebas de VIH
 - Apoyo para Lactancia

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