



**Suggested Positions on Bills Filed for the 2008 Regular Legislative Session
For the
Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians
As of April 8, 2008**

Track: Family Physicians

HB 46 **Mills** Reorganizes Schedules I, II, III, and V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law to make those provisions consistent with federal law.

General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 04-03-08 H Set on the House Orders

HB 53 **Mills** Provides relative to emergency health care rendered by health care providers during a state of emergency.

General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 04-08-08 H Meeting set for 1-:00 A.M. RM. 2 House Civil Law

HB 70 **Lorusso** Revises definitions under the private Medical Malpractice Act.

General Remarks: LAFP Strong Oppose

Track Code(s): LAFP, LAPA, LOA

Bill History: 03-12-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law

HB 99 **Jones, R.** Requires health insurance coverage of the human papillomavirus vaccine.

Companions: [HB 357](#) (Very Similar)

General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support

		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-12-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Insurance
HB 102	Edwards	Increases the prescription period for delictual actions.
		General Remarks: CIL Oppose Lafp lite oppose
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-12-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 154	Mills	Authorizes the Department of Health and Hospitals to determine that a Medicaid provider is out of business.
		General Remarks: monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 04-10-08 H Meeting set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 House Health and Welfare
HB 155	Katz	Makes changes to the facility need review process relating to the approval of nursing facilities.
		General Remarks: monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 04-10-08 H Meeting set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 House Health and Welfare
HB 178	Gisclair	Requires students to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease as a condition of entry into the ninth grade in public schools.
		General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 04-09-08 H Meeting set for 9:00 A.M. RM. 1 House Education
HB 184	Katz	Provides for the electronic filing of student immunization compliance reports for elementary and secondary schools.

		General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 04-09-08 H Meeting set for 9:00 A.M. RM. 1 House Education
HB 193	Katz	Provides for medical malpractice coverage for physicians who offer voluntary telemedicine services for the Department of Health and Hospitals.
		General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-17-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 202	Katz	Requires Medicaid claims in settlements to be considered after attorney fees.
		General Remarks: monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-17-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 205	Mills	Makes changes to the La. Pharmacy Practice Act.
		General Remarks: monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 04-09-08 H Meeting set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 House Health and Welfare
HB 215	Foil	Provides for qualifications of medical expert witnesses in certain medical malpractice actions.
		General Remarks: LAFP Strong Support
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-17-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law

HB 217 Foil Provides relative to fees paid for copying medical records.

General Remarks: monitor

Track Code(s): FBI, INS, LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 04-08-08 H Meeting set for 1-:00 A.M. RM. 2 House Civil Law

HB 271 Katz Allows the Department of Health and Hospitals to use the market value of certain annuities to determine eligibility to participate in the Medicaid Long Term Care program.

General Remarks: monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-18-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare

HB 275 Ligi Provides relative to rules of evidence and procedure in workers' compensation hearings.

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): INS, LAFP

Bill History: 03-18-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law

HB 291 Barrow Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a pilot program to provide pre-term labor management services for Medicaid eligible women with high-risk pregnancies.

Specific Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-18-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare

HB 357 LaFonta Requires health insurance coverage of the human papillomavirus vaccine.

Companions: [HB 99](#) (Very Similar)

General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support

		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-19-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Insurance
HB 362	Geymann	Directs the DHH to seek a Medicaid waiver exempting certain nursing homes from paying a provider fee.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-19-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare
HB 378	Armes	Provides relative to noncomplex health procedures performed by certain school employees.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 04-10-08 H Meeting set for 9:00 A.M. RM. 1 House Education
HB 414	Kleckley	Creates a prescription period for relief against preferred provider organizations.
		Companions: HB 575 (Identical)
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-19-08 H Withdrawn
HB 466	Richard	Repeals an exception to the La. Smokefree Air Act which allows smoking in certain areas of nursing homes.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-19-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare
HB 469	Katz	Authorizes the DHH to develop a prescription drug discount program for the low-income uninsured.

		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-19-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare
HB 533	Hines	Requires the distribution of free medication samples to patient prior to prescribing.
		General Remarks: LAFP Strong oppose
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-20-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare
HB 555	Kleckley	Provides for limitations on filing claims as relates to the claims-made insurance and claims-made Patient's Compensation Fund.
		Companions: SB 302 (Identical)
		Specific Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-20-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 575	Ponti	Creates a prescriptive period for relief against preferred provider organizations.
		Companions: HB 414 (Identical)
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-20-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 640	Lorusso	Provides for the qualifications of physicians as expert witnesses in medical malpractice actions.
		General Remarks: LAFP Strong Support

		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-20-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 658	Lorusso	Provides procedures for certain malpractice claims.
		General Remarks: LAFP Strong oppose
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-20-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 664	Edwards	Provides an increase for the medical malpractice cap based on the Consumer Price Index.
		General Remarks: LAFP Strong oppose
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-20-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 689	Edwards	Excludes economic loss from medical malpractice cap.
		General Remarks: LAFP Strong oppose
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-20-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 691	Talbot	Provides for changes to the Louisiana Health Plan.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 04-09-08 H Meeting set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 2 House Insurance
HB 826	Lorusso	(Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to medical malpractice claims.

		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 856	Armes	Conditions the issuance of a license to an acute care hospital on providing emergency room services in certain rural areas.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare
HB 881	Lorusso	Provides relative to medical malpractice actions.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): (nc), LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 884	LaBruzzo	Requires the state to pay a portion of medical malpractice costs in certain circumstances.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Appropriations
HB 887	LaBruzzo	Provides relative to limiting medical malpractice recovery in certain circumstances.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Civil Law
HB 894	Katz	Provides for licensing of community-based services providers,

relative to health care.

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare

HB 895 [Greene](#) Provides relative to certification of completeness of health care records.

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 04-08-08 H Meeting set for 1-:00 A.M. RM. 2 House Civil Law

HB 896 [Hines](#) Prohibits the display of any pharmaceutical advertisements in a health care facility.

General Remarks: LAFP Strong oppose

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare

HB 897 [Gallot](#) Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to consider the impact of standards on rural hospitals.

Specific Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare

[HB 922](#) [Henderson](#) Allows a physician on the board of commissioners of a hospital service district to engage in certain transactions and to own an interest in entities that engage in certain transactions.

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

		Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs
HB 925	Cortez	Requires reimbursement for certain services performed by licensed marriage and family therapists.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Insurance
HB 972	Ellington	Creates the Health Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): BLS, LAFP
		Bill History: 04-09-08 H Meeting set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 House Health and Welfare
HB 1071	Ellington	Establishes a program to fund forgiveness of student loans for physicians in rural areas.
		General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-21-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Health and Welfare
HB 1109	Fannin	Ancillary appropriations for operating expenses of the state for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LSUA
		Bill History: 04-01-08 H Referred to House Committee on House Appropriations
SB 36	Dupre	Provides for the definition of rural hospital for purposes of the Rural Hospital Preservation Act.

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-14-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 43 **Mount** Provides for alternative remedies against health care providers. (gov sig)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-17-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 49 **Cheek** Provides for the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act. (8/15/08)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-17-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 79 **Cassidy** Provides with respect to qualifications of medical expert witnesses in medical malpractice actions against physicians. (gov sig)

General Remarks: LAFP Strong Support

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA(Neutral)

Bill History: 03-18-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)

SB 88 **Chaisson** Authorizes parish governing authorities to provide certain per diem for members of the board of commissioners of hospital service districts in parishes with a certain population.

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-18-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and

		Welfare
SB 126	Nevers	Requires school administrators to check students' records annually to ensure immunization enforcement. (8/15/08)
	General Remarks:	LAFP Lite Support
	Track Code(s):	LAFP, LOA
	Bill History:	03-19-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Education
SB 185	Marionneau	Amends the Louisiana Clean Indoor Air Act to prohibit smoking in areas where food is served. (8/15/08)
	General Remarks:	LAFP Lite Support
	Track Code(s):	LAFP
	Bill History:	03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare
SB 186	Marionneau	Extends the one year prescription for civil actions generally to two years. (8/15/08)
	General Remarks:	LAFP Strong oppose
	Track Code(s):	FBI, INS, LAFP, LOA
	Bill History:	03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)
SB 217	Michot	Provides relative to burden of proof, jury charge and expert witness qualification in a malpractice action. (gov sig)
	General Remarks:	LAFP monitor
	Track Code(s):	LAFP, LOA
	Bill History:	03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)
SB 222	Quinn	Creates the Asbestos and Silica Claims Medical Criteria Act. (8/15/08)
	General Remarks:	LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)

SB 229 Mount Provides for health care facilities violations and penalties. (gov sig)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 261 Jackson, L. Extends the sunset date of the Interagency Task Force on Family Medicine. (8/15/08)

General Remarks: LAFP Strong Support

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 269 McPherson Reorganizes the Louisiana Health Works Commission. (8/15/08)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 287 Mount Provides for Louisiana health care consumers' right to know. (8/15/08)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 301 Chaisson Provides immunity for certain medical personnel during evacuation

or treatment of patients. (gov sig)

General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)

SB 302 LaFleur Provides relative to claims-made insurance and claims-made patient's compensation fund coverage. (8/15/08)

Companions: HB 555 (Identical)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)

SB 307 Donahue Prohibits recovery for loss of enjoyment of life as a separate element of damages apart from pain and suffering damages and prohibits an instruction to the jury which separates loss of enjoyment of life from pain and suffering. (8/15/08)

General Remarks: LAFP Strong Support

Track Code(s): FBI, INS, LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)

SB 309 Gray Creates and provides for the "Hospital Care Incentive Program." (gov sig)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 320 Cassidy Constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to determine limits for professional medical damages in medical and health care liability claims.

General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support

		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)
SB 323	Thompson	Expands the definition of consent to medical treatment. (8/15/08)
		General Remarks: LAFP Lite Support
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare
SB 330	Chaisson	Provides relative to limitation of liability for medical services during a declared state of emergency. (gov sig)
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)
SB 332	Thompson	Creates the Health Care Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee. (gov sig)
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): BLS, LAFP
		Bill History: 03-20-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare
SB 337	Michot	Provides for uncompensated care hospital payments. (8/15/08)
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare
SB 353	Gautreaux, N.	Limits liability of volunteer supervisory physicians at certain nonprofit centers. (gov sig)

Specific Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 04-02-08 S Set on the Senate Orders

SB 379 Thompson Provides for the Rural Hospital Regulatory Impact Relief Act. (gov sig)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 401 Cassidy Provides that Louisiana Medicaid use the same guidelines as employed by Centers of Medicaid and Medicare Services with regard to eligibility of newly formed organ transplant centers for payment for transplanted patients.

Specific Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 402 Cassidy Provides for the allocation of uncompensated care payments. (gov sig)

Specific Remarks: LAFP monitor

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP

Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare

SB 418 Murray Authorizes physicians at certain facilities to render opinions for purposes of social security disability determinations. (8/15/08)

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare
SB 435	Mount	Provides for certain claims for Medicare patient co-payments. (8/15/08)
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare
SB 464	Murray	Provides relative to health care arrangements provided to a health care consumer. (8/15/08)
		General Remarks: DOI Bill LAFP Oppose Strongly
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-31-08 S Recommitted Senate Insurance
SB 506	Mount	Authorizes the Department of Health and Hospitals and local governments to privatize forensic psychiatric services and facilities. (8/15/08)
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare
SB 509	Michot	Revises definitions under the private Medical Malpractice Act. (gov sig)
		Specific Remarks: LAFP Oppose
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)
SB 599	Gautreaux, N.	Prohibits a physician from referring a patient to an ancillary service provider in which the physician has an ownership interest. (8/15/08)

		General Remarks: LAFP Strong oppose
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Welfare
SB 617	Murray	Provides relative to workers' compensation medical service agreements. (1/1/09)
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
SB 652	Michot	Provides relative to the definitions and general applications of medical malpractice.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)
SB 661	Michot	Provides relative to the medical malpractice cap.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA
		Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)
SB 664	Michot	Provides relative to medical malpractice claims.
		General Remarks: LAFP monitor
		Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)

SB 668

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Provides relative to medical malpractice.

General Remarks: LAFP monitor

Track Code(s): LAFP, LOA

Bill History: 03-21-08 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary (A)

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