

## Lagniappe

We are a growing organization adding new and exciting activities each year. At present membership includes:

- \* Quarterly newsletters filled with informative and whimsical tidbits concerning our members.
- \* Annual conference where we make important decisions while having a chance to meet and enjoy camaraderie with our fellow Medicaid employees.
- \* A group trip is planned at least every other year. The 2002 trip was to the Caribbean. 2003 trip took us to Lake Tahoe in November. The 2004 trip was a 7 day cruise to Alaska. 2007 was a 5 day Western Caribbean Cruise. 2009 plan trip is to the Mediterranean countries.
- \* Recognition of our members through awards and pins.
- \* A yearly t-shirt design contest in which the winning design is printed and sold to members at discounted prices.
- \* A Website filled with informative information, jokes, recipes, and more especially for our members located at [www.lmea.net](http://www.lmea.net).



Many regions  
One association



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## Membership Information

**The only association  
dedicated to the  
Medicaid employee....**

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# Mission Statement

The purpose of the Association is to project the professional functions and duties of Medicaid employees of Louisiana by:

Achieving and maintaining professional dignity in dealing with the clientele of the Medicaid programs of Louisiana;

Assisting clientele with their concerns regarding coverage and non-coverage to top officials;

Establishing and maintaining professionalism of the Medicaid employees within the communities of Louisiana and becoming an active part of those communities;

Establishing and maintaining open communication between State Office staff and field staff;

Providing, through its association meetings, the opportunity for full and free discussion of matters concerning of the Medicaid employees of Louisiana; and,

Promoting acquaintance, friendship, and fellowship within the ranks of the Medicaid employees of Louisiana.

## Accomplishments

In 1995, LMEA filed an upgrade packet with Civil Service to upgrade the Eligibility Examiner (Medicaid Analyst). When met with opposition and disinterest, a unanimous decision was made in June, 1996 to hire an attorney. In doing so, LMEA was very instrumental in obtaining an upgrade for the Eligibility Examiner, as well as other positions in the Medicaid eligibility section.

Conducted mass mailings when issues involving Medicaid employees benefits were threatened:

A mass mailing was sent to the legislature when State Employee Group Benefits was contemplating decreasing health benefits and increasing premiums.

Another mass mailing was sent to the legislature when the elimination of DROP was Proposed.

Recently a mass mailing was sent to the legislature when the postponement of the 4% merit increase was being proposed.

In 2006 by vote of the membership a Petition was circulated to all members to sign requesting the Legislator to consider a Cost of Living raise for all state employees. This petition gained recognition with other associations and all state employees joined the cry for the raise by signing the petition. It was passed in the legislator.

Formed the Frontline Worker's Council.

As an association we helped raise thousands of dollars to benefit children through charities like the St Jude Children's hospital, Make a Wish Foundation, and American Cancer Association.

Delivered band aids collected from members to hospitals' children wards and thousands of pounds of beverage tabs to help families at Ronald McDonald homes throughout Louisiana.



We may not have it all together, but together we have it all.

Join the only association dedicated to the Medicaid employee...

Name

Address

City

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Parish of Employment

Title

Region

Phone

E-Mail Address

\$15.00 annually beginning July 1 for current employees. \$1.25 per month for new employees thru June 30th.

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