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Today's headlines...

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Members of Congress sworn in

On Sunday, both chambers of Congress gathered to swear in the newly elected and reelected lawmakers to officially begin the 117th Congress. Iowa's representation sworn in included:

- Sen. Joni Ernst (R – Red Oak), second term.
- Rep. Ashley Hinson (R – Marion), first term.
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R – Ottumwa), first term.

- Rep. Cindy Axne (D – Des Moines), second term.
- Rep. Randy Feenstra (R – Hull), first term.

IHA and members look forward to connecting and building relations with Iowa's Congressional Delegation, especially those new to Congress.

Mary Greeley's Kiel Rosser to receive Baldrige leadership award



Karen Kiel Rosser, vice president and quality improvement officer, Mary Greeley Medical Center, has been named a recipient of the 2021 Baldrige Foundation Award for Leadership Excellence. Kiel Rosser will be recognized at the Baldrige Program's Quest for Excellence virtual conference in April. The award recognizes leaders who provide outstanding support to the foundation's mission, and who have made significant achievements and contributed outstanding service on a sustained basis.

Kiel Rosser was instrumental in Mary Greeley Medical Center being recognized with the 2019 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. She also has played a critical role in the hospital consistently receiving top honors from the Iowa Recognition for Performance Excellence program.

Medicare 2% sequester cuts suspended through March

The 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed into law Dec. 27, extends the suspension of the payment adjustment percentage of 2% applied to Medicare fee-for-service claims to March 31. The CARES Act initially suspended the payment adjustment percentage from May 1 through Dec. 31, 2020.

Email [Susan Horras](#) at IHA with any questions.

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Iowa news

- [More federal money on the way for Iowa health care providers, but payback could be rough](#)
- [MercyOne shines light on health providers as a way of thanks](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccines off to uncertain start in Iowa facilities](#)

National news

- [Telemedicine in the US has revealed major social inequalities](#)
- [Hospitals lose appeal in price transparency case](#)
- [The virus is still winning](#)

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Upcoming events

- [Sweeping Changes to the Stark and Anti-kickback Regulations: Final Rules for Hospitals](#): Tuesday, Jan. 5.
- [Patient Rights, Part 2](#): Tuesday, January 12.
- [IHA Leadership Development Program](#): Tuesday, Jan. 12-Tuesday, June 15.
- [IHA Health Care Storytellers: Leading With Empathy Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, Jan. 12-Tuesday, Feb. 9.
- [Ransomware Threats](#): Wednesday, Jan. 13.
- [Nurse Manager Leadership Workshop](#): Thursday, Jan. 14-Friday, June 11.
- [Iowa Hospital Auxiliaries and Volunteers Virtual Speaker Series](#): Wednesday, Jan. 20-Wednesday, Feb. 17.
- [Advanced Leadership Academy](#): Thursday, Jan. 21-Thursday, Nov. 11.
- [Protecting the Employee: Hospital's Responsibilities during COVID](#): Wednesday, Jan. 27.
- [Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 16.
- [Wage Index: Strategies and Trends in Iowa](#): Thursday, Feb. 25.



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