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Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021

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### Tort reform bill introduced

Yesterday, legislators in the Iowa House introduced [House File 517](#), legislation related to noneconomic damage awards against health care providers. This legislation puts a hard cap on noneconomic damages for personal injury or death to \$1 million for any occurrence. This bill is moving quickly, having been introduced earlier today and scheduled to be reviewed in a subcommittee today at 12:30 pm. The subcommittee will be comprised of Reps. Ann Meyer (R-Fort

Dodge), Shannon Lundgren (R-Peosta) and Kristin Sunde (D-West Des Moines). IHA will send an action alert Wednesday to hospitals and will continue to provide updates as they develop.

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## **Deadline extended to register and attest for 2020 Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program**

CMS has extended the deadline to **10:59 pm Thursday, April 1**, to submit 2020 data for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program.

Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program participants are required to register and attest through the [QualityNet Secure Portal](#). Specific submission details for each program are:

- **Dual-eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals** – Those who qualify for the Medicare and Medicaid Promoting Interoperability programs must demonstrate meaningful use to CMS through the [QualityNet Secure Portal](#) (not the state Medicaid agency).
- **Medicaid-eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals** – These participants should follow the requirements of the state Medicaid agency to submit their meaningful-use attestation.
- **Medicare-eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals** – These participants must attest to CMS through the [QualityNet Secure Portal](#).

An eligible professional can designate a third party to register and attest on his or her behalf. To do so, users working on behalf of an eligible professional must have an Identity and Access Management System user account and be associated with the eligible professional's national provider identifier. If you are working on behalf of one or more eligible professionals and do not have an Identity and Access Management System user account, visit [I&A Security Check](#) to create one.

Medicare and dual-eligible hospitals participating in the Medicare and Medicaid Promoting Interoperability programs may contact the QualityNet help desk at 866-288-8912 or [qnetsupport@hcqis.org](mailto:qnetsupport@hcqis.org).

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## Webinar looks at primary non-owned auto insurance program

Hospitals need non-owned auto coverage if their employees drive vehicles they don't own for business purposes. Non-owned auto coverage protects an insured from liability claims arising from the use of rented, borrowed or hired vehicles up to the liability limits on the policy while an employee is driving a non-owned auto during business operations.

Molyneaux Insurance has worked with a development team of insurers at the AF Group for the past two years to create the property non-owned auto product. Matthew Wilson, vice president/account executive, Molyneaux Insurance and Assured Partners, will introduce this product during a webinar scheduled from **2-2:45 pm Wednesday, Feb. 17.**

During his presentation, Wilson will:

- Explain how the product could fill an insurance gap and streamline processes for businesses that purchase it.
- Identify how to determine if operations would be a good fit for the product and how to apply for a proposal.
- Outline two case studies that identify problems that can arise from employees driving personal vehicles on the job.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## **Reminder: Renew PMG memberships by April 1!**

Now's the time to renew (or begin) a membership with an IHA personal membership group (PMG). PMGs supported by IHA provide hospital professionals education customized to the needs of their profession, a platform for sharing ideas and problem-solving as well as networking and learning from experts and peers statewide.

Membership in a PMG also strengthens IHA's focus and work by providing input and technical expertise to inform IHA advocacy and regulatory priorities as well as direction on educational needs.

Each PMG has an annual education conference and may have other conferences or webinars. Members also are invited to attend the IHA Annual Meeting offering keynote addresses and a wide range of breakout sessions.

Members keep connected by subscribing to a list serve, posting questions, sharing ideas and developing solutions. In addition, all PMG members receive IHA's primary newsletters: IHA Today, E-Bulletin and Legislative Bulletin.

To renew PMG memberships:

1. Go to <https://my.ihaonline.org/My-Account/My-Membership>.
2. Log in to your account.
3. Select Yes or No on the PMG renewal line. You may need to reset your password if you have not accessed our new website.

Renew by **Thursday, April 1**, to continue to receive PMG benefits. If you have any questions, please email [Allison Martin](mailto:Allison.Martin@iha.org) at IHA. For more information about available PMGs, click [HERE](#).

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## Governor's proclamation clarification

Because there was no mention of elective surgeries in Gov. Kim Reynold's most-recent proclamation, limitations on elective procedures expired with the last order. A previous IHA Today story misstated that elective procedures had been unaffected by the proclamation.

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## NewsStand

### Iowa news

- [Iowa cancels plan to select vendor for vaccine call center](#)
- [Mercy Iowa City to protest UI hospital proposal](#)
- [CDC confirms 5 more cases of UK](#)

### National news

- [FDA agrees Moderna can increase the amount of vaccine in each vial](#)
- [How coronavirus vaccines will make their way from adults to children](#)
- [LifePoint in talks to acquire 30-](#)

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## Upcoming events

- [Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 16.
- [COVID-19 and CEO Turnover: What's a Board to Do?](#): Wednesday, Feb. 17.
- [The Power of You: Understanding and Maximizing Happiness and Well-Being Virtual Series](#): Thursday, Feb. 18-Thursday, Dec. 16.
- [Physician Business Leadership Certification Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 23-Tuesday, Aug. 10.
- [2021 Virtual Hospital Day on the Hill](#): Wednesday, Feb. 24.
- [Wage Index: Strategies and Trends in Iowa](#): Thursday, Feb. 25.
- [Iowa Rehabilitation Managers Virtual Spring Conference](#): Thursday, March 4.
- [Special Governance Issues for Public Hospitals](#): Wednesday, March 10
- [Common Life Safety Code Deficiencies](#): Tuesday, March 16.
- [Iowa Society for Health Care Human Resources Association Virtual Spring Conference](#): Wednesday, April 28-Thursday, April 29.
- [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 11- Tuesday, Nov. 16.



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