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Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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## **Application deadline extended for scholarships**

The application deadline for health care scholarships from the Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation is extended to April 15. A subsidiary of the Iowa Hospital Association, the foundation will award 60 health care scholarships of up to \$7,000 (\$3,500 per year for up to two years) and \$1,000 specific to individuals enrolling in emergency medical technology/technician certification programs.

The scholarship program focuses on students pursuing careers in health care positions in high demand by offering financial support for their education or training. In exchange, each recipient must work one year in an Iowa hospital for each year of their scholarship award. The \$1,000 award recipients must work one year with a hospital-based or hospital-contracted emergency medical services company.

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in an accredited program and be within two years of completing their professional education. Scholarship applications must be submitted at [www.iowahospitalscholarships.org](http://www.iowahospitalscholarships.org). For more information about the scholarship program, visit [www.IHERF.org](http://www.IHERF.org).

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## **John Phillip Shealey named Lucas County CEO**

John Phillip Shealey is the new CEO for Lucas County Health Center, Chariton. Shealey begins his duties Monday, May 3. Previously, Shealey served as the chief operating officer at the Department



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## Webinar looks at sustainability of rural primary care

The Iowa Office of Rural Health and the Iowa Association of Rural Health Clinics will co-host a webinar from **Noon-1 pm Wednesday, March 24**, that examines the Practice Operations National Database (POND), a web-based data collection, reporting and benchmarking application for rural providers including rural health clinics, community health centers, health system satellite practices and freestanding clinics. Click [HERE](#) to register.

POND is designed to fill a critical gap in actionable and comparative practice-level data that can be used by rural primary and specialty care providers seeking to optimize clinic financial performance, compensation and productivity.

Practices can enroll in POND [HERE](#). After a practice is set up on the site, data can be entered, and benchmark analyses generated.

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## Innovations From the Field: COVID-19 Response Series launched

Because of the unprecedented effect the COVID-19 pandemic has had nationwide and in recognizing the unique challenges facing rural and critical access hospitals, the Compass Hospital Quality Improvement Contract identified examples of hospital successes with the COVID-19 response in Iowa, South Dakota, Mississippi and Kansas. The first series in the Innovations From the Field project follows the stories of nine rural hospitals and highlights their successes, lessons learned and innovations. Stories from Dallas County Hospital, Washington County Hospital, UnityPoint Marshalltown and Knoxville Hospital and Clinics were featured. Click [HERE](#) to view the Innovations From the Field webpage.

If you have an Innovation From the Field to share, email Compass Project Coordinator [Melissa Perry](#) at the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative.

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## Upcoming events

- [Common Life Safety Code Deficiencies](#): Tuesday, March 16.
- [Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum](#): Wednesday, March 24-Thursday, March 25.
- [Iowa Hospitals' Innovation During COVID-19](#): Tuesday, March 30-Thursday, April 1.
- [Special Governance Issues for Public Hospitals](#): Tuesday, March 30
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: EMTALA Parts 1-3](#): Monday, April 5-Monday, April 19
- [Medicare Advantage Program and Contracting Strategies](#): Tuesday, April 13.
- [Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality Virtual Spring Conference](#): Tuesday, April 13-Thursday, April 15.
- [IHA Virtual Governance Forum](#): Thursday, April 22-Friday, April 23.
- [Iowa Society for Health Care Human Resources Association Virtual Spring Conference](#): Wednesday, April 28-Thursday, April 29.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship](#): Tuesday, May 4.
- [Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership Virtual Conference Series](#): Tuesday, May 11-Tuesday, May 25.
- [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 11-Tuesday, Nov. 16.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.

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## Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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