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Thursday, March 4, 2021

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100 Great Iowa Nurses announces 2021 honorees

The 100 Great Iowa Nurses program announced that the 2021 honorees have been selected and [posted online](#). Nurses selected for this honor represent many sectors of health care, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and school and office nurses. They are selected based on their concern for humanity, their contribution to the community and to the nursing profession, their leadership and mentoring. Honorees were nominated by colleagues, patients, providers, friends and family members. The field of nominees was narrowed to 100 by a panel of reviewers, including nursing professionals and previous honorees. The nurses will be recognized in a virtual ceremony

Sunday, May 2. The celebration is an annual prelude to National Nurses Week, which begins on May 6 and ends May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday.

IHA schedules MCO calls for 2021

IHA has scheduled every-other-month conference calls to connect hospitals with representatives from the state's Medicaid managed-care organizations and the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. These calls provide an opportunity to raise concerns and ask questions about Medicaid issues.

Upcoming calls are scheduled from **2-3 pm**. Please register for these calls:

- March 10: <https://dregister.com/sreg/10152181/e23a8d2b8c>
- May 12: <https://dregister.com/sreg/10152211/e25081c200>
- July 14: <https://dregister.com/sreg/10152217/e2525b414b>
- Sept. 8: <https://dregister.com/sreg/10152219/e252f9166c>
- Nov. 10: <https://dregister.com/sreg/10152245/e26a1db0b2>

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



Baumert to retire as president, CEO of Jennie Edmundson Hospital

After four decades at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Steve Baumert will retire from

the role of president and CEO Wednesday, June 30.

Baumert started his career at the hospital in 1981 as the assistant director of physical therapy. His other roles have included director of rehabilitation and community services, vice president of operations, and executive president and chief operations officer. He has been president and CEO since 2007.

Baumert was one of the driving forces behind expanding women's health services in Council Bluffs and western Iowa. The effort was highlighted by the opening of the Methodist Jennie Edmundson Medical Plaza in June 2020.

He has served in several leadership roles with IHA, including:

- IHA Board of Officers and Trustees member, 2012-current; Board Chair, 2017-2018, AHA Delegate, 2021.
- Council on Representation and Advocacy, 2008-2012, 2015-current.
- Council on Health Information, 2004- 2007, Council Chair, 2014-2020.
- IHA PAC Committee, 2010-2011 and 2018-2020.
- IHERF Board of Directors, 2011-2012.
- Iowa Rural Health Telecommunications Program Steering Committee, 2008-2010

ID thieves are targeting Iowa hospitals

Iowa Workforce Development has noted a recent increase in the filing of fraudulent unemployment claims. Identity thieves are targeting hospitals, specifically physicians and other high earners in hospitals and health systems.

Hospitals and employees should watch for suspicious activity with unemployment claims. If you suspect fraudulent activity, contact Iowa Workforce Development at Ulfraud@iwd.iowa.gov or 866-239-0843, or by completing the fraud report form [HERE](#).

If you believe you or your organization has been a victim of fraud or ID theft, follow these steps to prevent any further fraud or theft of personally identifiable information:

1. Place a seven-year fraud alert on your credit file by contacting one of the three national credit-reporting companies: Equifax, 800-525-6285; Experian, 888-397-3742; or Trans-Union, 800-680-7289. You also can freeze your credit files. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
 2. Order your credit report from each of the three national credit-reporting companies. These reports are free after you place a fraud alert. You also can get a free credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com.
 3. Contact the fraud department of any related businesses if you find discrepancies on your credit report.
 4. Create an identity theft affidavit online at www.identitytheft.gov.
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Iowa news

- [COVID-19 cases in nursing homes drop 89%](#)
- [New UIHC psychiatric unit to serve those with mental health needs](#)
- [University of Iowa advancing in Novavax COVID-19 vaccine trial](#)

National news

- [A national system to prioritize COVID-19 vaccines has failed](#)
- [House leader calls for permanent Medicare telehealth expansions](#)
- [Americans in pharmacy deserts hurting for COVID-19 vaccines](#)

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Upcoming events

- [Iowa Rehabilitation Managers Virtual Spring Conference](#): Thursday, March 4.

- [COVID-19: A Physician's Perspective](#): Thursday, March 4.
- [IHA Crisis Management Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, March 9-Tuesday, April 6.
- [Special Governance Issues for Public Hospitals](#): Wednesday, March 10
- [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.
- [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.
- [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 11-Tuesday, Nov. 16.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.



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