

Click [here](#) if you are having trouble viewing this message.



Thursday, April 21, 2022

Today's headlines:

- [CMS issues hospital IPPS proposed rule for FY23](#)
- [16 complete 2021-22 Iowa Quality Residency Program](#)
- [Creating strong foundational support highlights spring conference](#)
- [CDC launches new forecasting and analytics center](#)
- [IDPH provides clarification about COVID-19 uninsured and coverage assistance](#)
- [Trinity Health acquires MercyOne Health System](#)

CMS issues hospital IPPS proposed rule for FY23

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a [proposed rule](#) Tuesday increasing Medicare inpatient prospective payment system rates by a net 3.2% in fiscal year 2023 compared to fiscal year 2022. The proposed rule is for hospitals that show meaningful use of electronic health records and submit quality measure data.

The 3.2% payment update will increase hospital payments by \$1.6 billion minus:

- A \$600 million decrease because of an expiration of the low-volume hospital and Medicare dependent hospital programs.
- An \$800 million decrease in disproportionate share hospital payments.
- An \$800 million decrease in new medical technology payments.

The proposed law also will:

- Apply the most recent data available for rate setting using FY 2021 and FY 2020 cost reports, but with several modifications to account for the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Continue the low wage index hospital policy for FY 2023.
- Create several new and revised objectives and measures for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program.
- Establish new policies for future public health emergencies involving an infectious disease that will require hospitals and critical access hospitals to report certain data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Implement a number of changes to its quality reporting and value programs.
- Permanently apply a 5% cap on any decrease to a hospital's wage index from the previous fiscal year and would be done in a budget-neutral way.
- Revise the COVID-19 hospital data reporting condition of participation adopted in 2020 so hospital reporting will continue after the current public health emergency through April 30, 2024, unless the Health and Human Services secretary establishes an earlier date.
- Revise the Medicaid fraction of the Medicare disproportionate share hospital calculation by only including patients who receive health insurance authorized by a section 1115 demonstration, or who pay for all or substantially all the cost of such insurance with premium assistance authorized by section 1115 demonstration where state expenditures are matched with federal Medicaid funds.
- Use more than one year of worksheet S-10 cost report data to determine uncompensated care costs, specifically FY 2018 and FY 2019 data to distribute FY 2023 payments and a three-year average for FY 2024 and beyond.

IHA is reviewing the proposed rule and will gather feedback from members. Email [Erin Cubit](#) at IHA with questions.

16 complete 2021-22 Iowa Quality Residency Program

Members of the 2021-22 Iowa Quality Residency Program are ready to apply their newfound knowledge to their hospitals. The two-year program gave participants the skills needed to enhance quality and safety measures at their facilities.

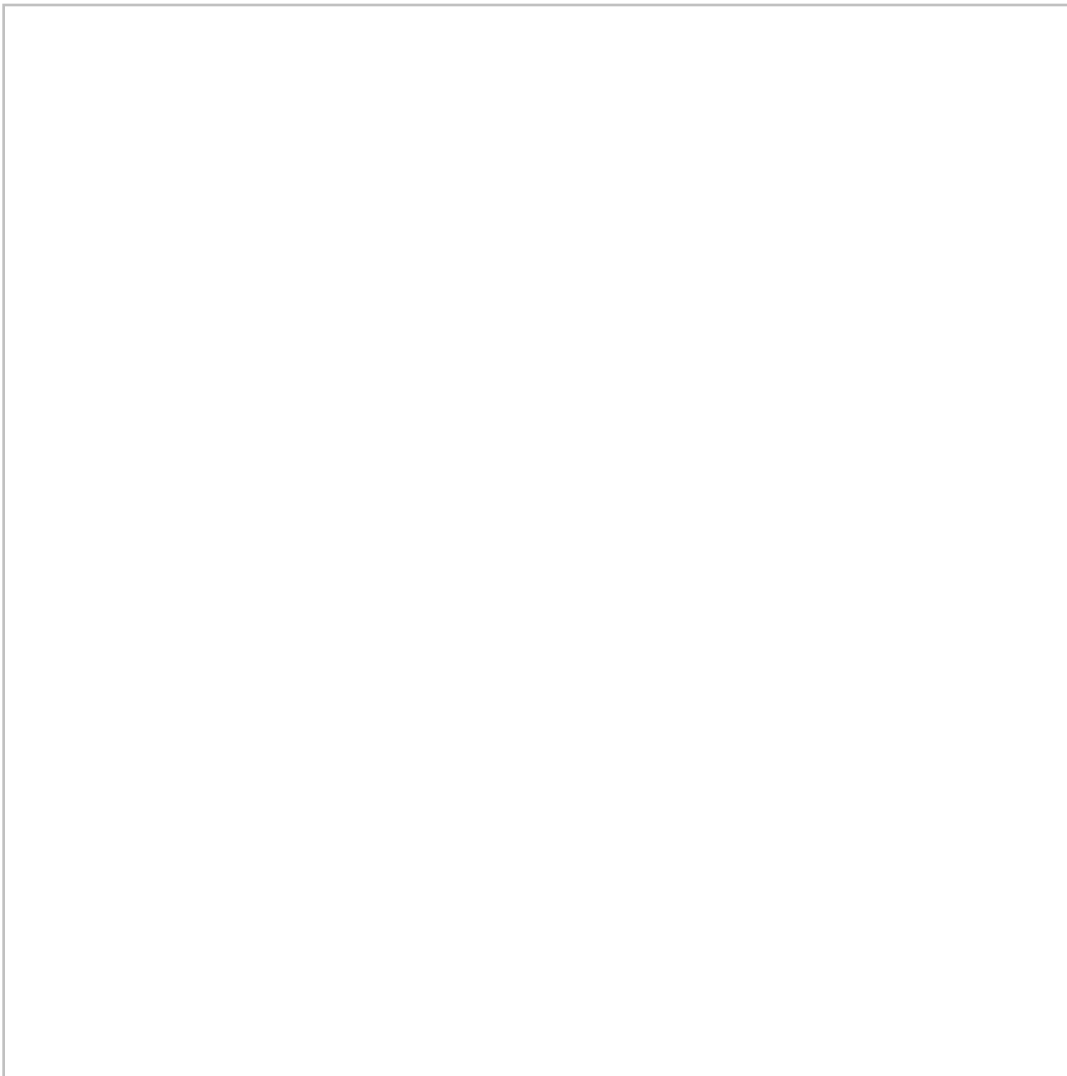
Graduating members of the program are:

- Brianna Barnett, registered nurse, quality and infection, [Shenandoah Medical Center](#), Shenandoah.
- Megan Beck, registered nurse, [Buena Vista Regional Medical Center](#), Storm Lake.
- Tiffany Bolles, [Ringgold County Hospital](#), Mount Ayr.
- Shelby Guevara, quality manager and clinic coordinator, [Hansen Family](#)

[Hospital](#), Iowa Falls.

- Holli Harken, registered nurse, performance improvement coordinator, [Grundy County Memorial Hospital](#), Grundy Center.
- Kelly Hilsenbeck, nurse manager of quality services, [Waverly Health Center](#), Waverly.
- Andra King, compliance and quality director, [Mahaska Health](#), Oskaloosa.
- Janet Naset-Payne, director of quality and regulatory compliance, [Broadlawns Medical Center](#), Des Moines.
- Brooke Owen, M.S.N., registered nurse and clinical educator, [Greater Regional Health](#), Creston.
- Rayne Premo, quality coordinator, [Iowa Specialty Hospital-Clarion](#), Clarion.
- Jill Rogers, service excellence facilitator, [Adair County Health System](#), Greenfield.
- Kimberly Saddoris, performance improvement nurse, [VA Central Iowa Health Care System](#), Des Moines.
- Jo-el Sprecher, director of patient experience, [Mary Greeley Medical Center](#), Ames.
- Brian Teeter, chief nursing officer, [Monroe County Hospital and Clinics](#), Albia.
- Sara Wester, quality manager, [Cherokee Regional Medical Center](#), Cherokee.
- Jennifer Woods, director of quality, patient safety and risk management, [Mercy Medical Center](#), Cedar Rapids.

The program included 10 modules, in-person learning, coaching calls and pre- and post-learning assessments, culminating in a recognition during the 2022 Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality Conference on April 13.



Creating strong foundational support highlights spring conference

Health foundation professionals will learn to build and implement strong fundraising practices and engagement strategies to help support their organizations, especially during a workforce shortage.

Fran Petonic, senior vice president of Trinity Health in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will discuss how to align a hospital's philanthropic priorities with the overall organizational strategic planning. She also will discuss innovative ways to engage donors through communication and major gift relationship development.

Other topics discussed will include:

- Engaging rural donor prospects.
- Federal and state advocacy updates.
- Group panel discussion with foundation leaders.

The 2022 Foundation Professionals for Iowa Hospitals Spring Conference is scheduled from 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

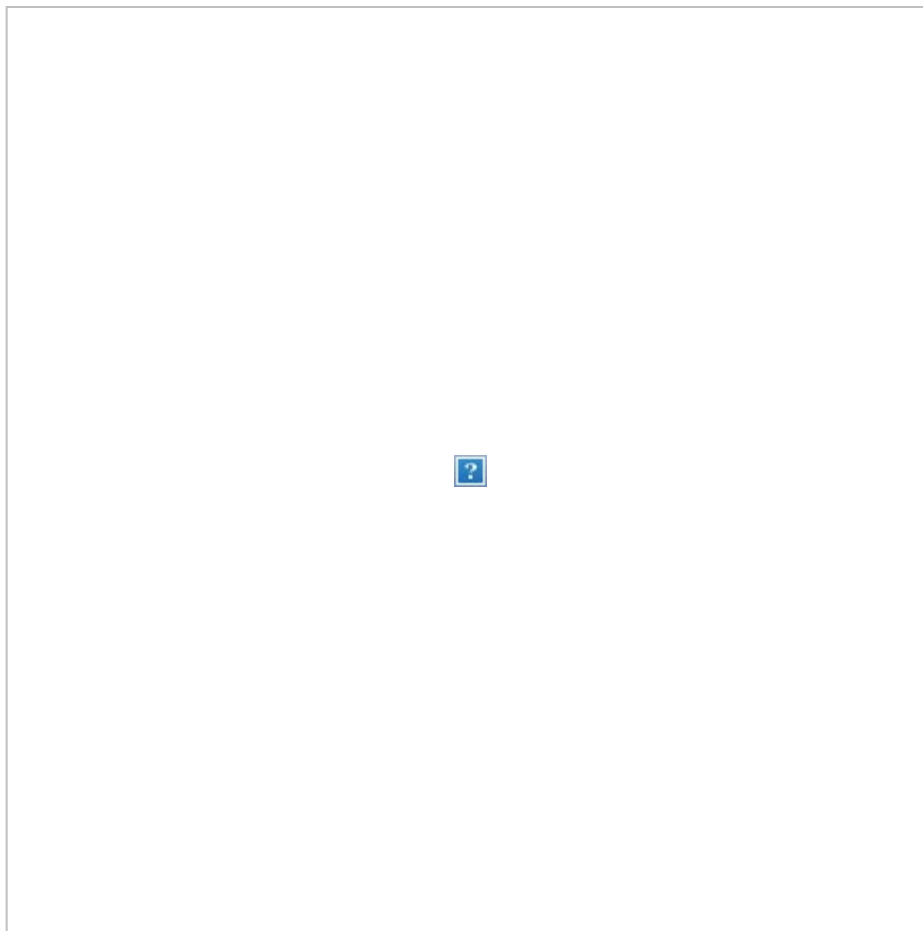
Click [HERE](#) to register.

CDC launches new forecasting and analytics center

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the launch of the [Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics](#). The new center will help the nation's ability to use data, models and analytics to assist with timely decision-making in response to public health threats for the CDC and its public health partners.

The center has awarded \$26 million in funding to academic institutions and federal partners to advance modeling and forecasting methodology with an emphasis on workforce development and health equity. Health organizations will have access to new models and forecasts to better understand the state of outbreaks and potential consequences of using control measures.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



IDPH provides clarification about COVID-19 uninsured program

The Iowa Department of Public Health received several questions about billing patients for administration or dispensing fees about the Human Resources and Services Administration Uninsured Program stopped accepting claims for testing and treatment.

IDPH said the provider agreement states:

- Health care organizations must dispense COVID-19 therapeutics regardless of a person's coverage status or ability to pay for COVID-19 therapeutics dispensing fees.
- Organizations may not charge an office visit or other fee if dispensing of the COVID-19 therapeutic is the sole medical service provided.
- Organizations may not seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that cover COVID-19 therapeutics dispensing fees, but may not seek reimbursement, including balance billing, from the therapeutic recipient.
- Organizations may not require additional unrelated medical or other services or purchases as a condition to receive the COVID-19 therapeutic. The intent is to have no cost sharing for the patients.
- Providers may not charge the patient director for the administration or dispensing of an anti-viral.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Trinity Health acquires MercyOne Health System

Trinity Health and CommonSpirit Health announced Tuesday they signed an agreement for Trinity Health to acquire all facilities and assets of MercyOne. The move will bring unified strategies and operations to MercyOne's care sites, including one set of system services, including a single electronic health record.

Trinity Health and CommonSpirit still will need to complete regulatory filings and take other steps to finalize the transaction, which is expected to be completed this summer. The process will be seamless for MercyOne communities and patients.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

NewsStand

Iowa news

- [Iowa hospitals offer incentives, programs to fill staff vacancies](#)
- [New coronavirus infections continue to rise in Iowa](#)
- [Masking requirements relaxed at certain UnityPoint hospitals](#)

National news

- [Immunocompromised during COVID-19: How people can lower their risk](#)
- [Lessons about COVID-19 to be learned from HIV treatments](#)
- [HHS to revoke healthcare worker 'conscience' rule](#)

Click [HERE](#) to read daily NewsStand postings.

Online education

- [Exploring Social Determinants of Health Data](#): Thursday, April 28

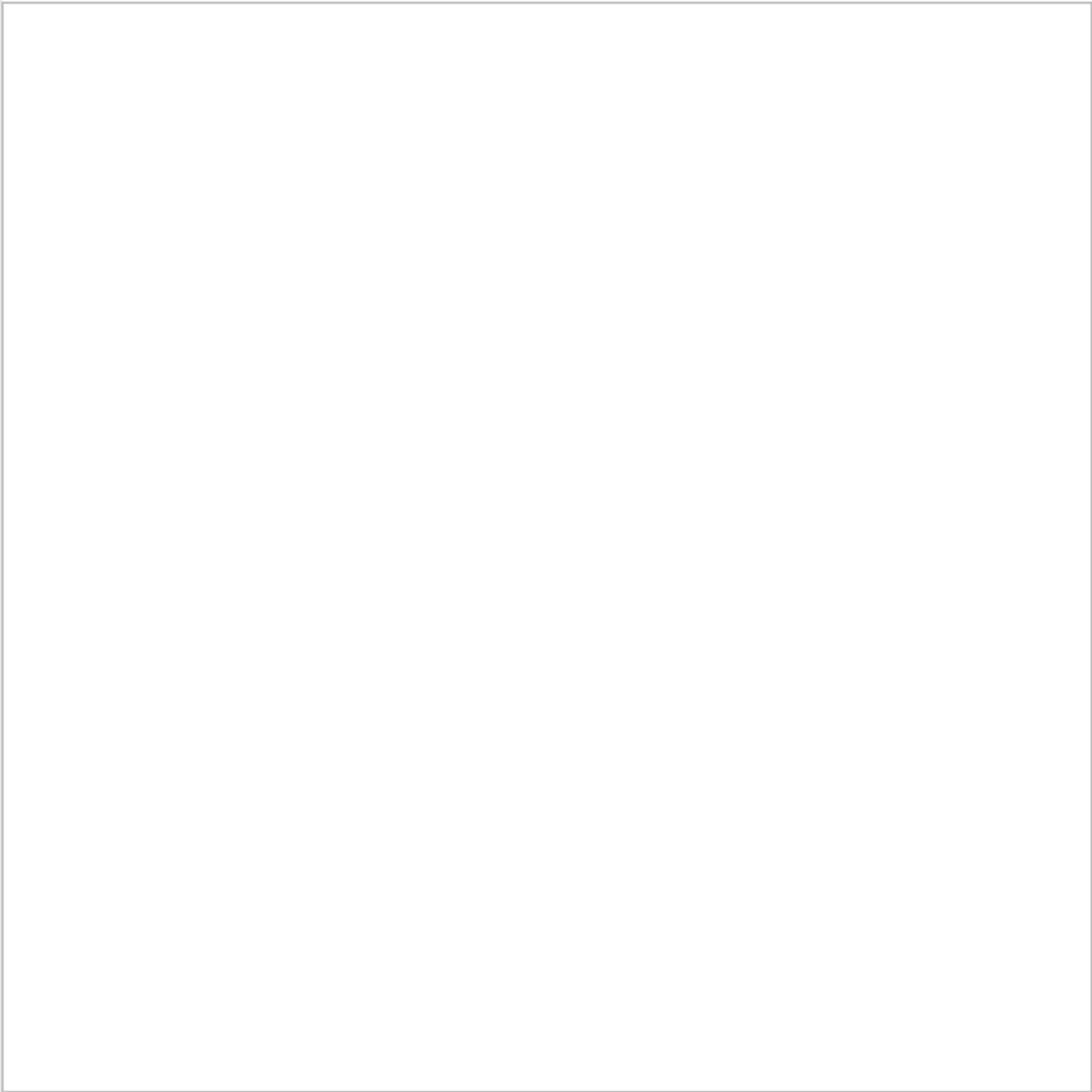
In-person meetings

- [IHA Governance Forum](#): Friday, April 22 - Saturday, April 23

- [Creating Successes: IHA's Summer Series for Health Care Leaders](#): Tuesday, May 3 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act \(EMTALA\) Series](#): Wednesday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 25
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 17 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 24 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Celebrate Everything](#): Wednesday, May 25
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18
- [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Health Care](#): Monday, May 2 - Monday, Sept. 12
- [Foundation Professionals for Iowa Hospitals Spring Conference](#): Tuesday, May 3
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations Conference](#): Wednesday, May 4
- [Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership Conference](#): Tuesday, May 10
- [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Conference](#): Thursday, May 19
- [Iowa Trauma Coordinators Spring Conference](#): Thursday, May 26
- [IHA Tee Off Golf Classic](#): Wednesday, June 8
- [IHA Summer Leadership Forum](#): Thursday, June 9
- [Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa Conference](#): Thursday, June 16

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](https://www.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.



100 EAST GRAND, SUITE 100, DES MOINES, IA 50309-1835 | P 515.288.1955 F 515.283.9366 |
WWW.IHAONLINE.ORG

Click [here](#) to unsubscribe or to change your Subscription Preferences.