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Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022

## Today's Headlines

- [Iowa Credentialing Coalition releases new provider application](#)
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### **Iowa Credentialing Coalition releases new provider application**

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1, receiving entities only will accept the newest version of the universal provider application and the universal re-credentialing application.

The Iowa Credentialing Coalition is providing the applications as hard copy and template versions. The hard copy version allows clinicians to print the application to complete by hand. The template version allows clinicians to open the document in Microsoft Word and fill in the information on a computer. This also allows facilities to create a master copy for a clinic. Unprotected versions are available for large-scale credentialing using a mail-merge feature.

All Iowa hospitals accept the universal provider and re-credentialing applications. For re-credentialing, many entities provide a semi-completed re-credentialing form to update. Many insurance carriers have moved to a Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare data repository or their proprietary systems.

Click below for each version of the credentialing forms and a credentialing checklist:

- [Initial provider application – hard copy.](#)
- [Initial provider application – template.](#)
- [Re-credentialing application – hard copy.](#)
- [Re-credentialing application – template.](#)
- [Statewide application checklist.](#)

[Email Mitch Harris](#) at the Iowa Credentialing Coalition with questions.

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### **HRSA announces grant for rural health networks**

The Health Resources and Services Administration is awarding 20 grants to entities with demonstrated experience or capacity to serve rural communities. The [Rural Health Network Development Planning Program](#) is open to public and private entities planning to develop integrated health care networks for rural underserved populations to:

- Advance health equity.
- Coordinate and improve care and outcomes.
- Expand access to basic health care services.

HRSA will award up to \$100,000 to each grant recipient. Applications are due Friday, Jan. 6, 2023.

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### **HHS warns health care organizations about security risks**

The Department of Health and Human Services in a recent presentation said [some tools used to operate, maintain and secure health care systems](#) and networks also can be turned against their infrastructure. These tools include:

- Anydesk.
- Brute Ratel.
- Cobalt Strike.
- Mimikatz.
- PowerShell.
- References.
- Sysinternals.

Health care organizations are reminded to secure and monitor their networks and tools to mitigate cybersecurity risks.

HHS' presentation is neither an endorsement nor criticism of the tools. Hospitals and health systems must weigh the risks and rewards of each tool.

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### **Relief fund launched for displaced Florida hospital staff**

The Florida Hospital Association Research and Education Foundation created the [Health Care Heroes Relief Fund](#) to provide immediate financial support to hospital employees displaced by Hurricane Ian.

Donations to the fund will be provided directly to hospital to disburse to employees identified as displaced by the hurricane. Recipients can use the funds for assistance with housing, living expenses, health care needs and transportation. Funds remaining after distributions have been made will be applied to future disaster-relief efforts.

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- [MercyOne scheduling appointments by phone after national IT incident](#)
- [MercyOne employee named 'Hospital Hero'](#)
- [Eastern Iowa nursing home accused of locking resident out for 11 hours](#)

### National news

- [CISOs weigh in on how their size affects their cyber strategy](#)
  - [Nearly 900 flu patients hospitalized last week](#)
  - [Why hospitals won't keep universal masking around forever](#)
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### Online education

- [Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [Patient Rights': An Overview](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29
- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, Dec. 6
- [CMS Updates](#): Thursday, Dec. 15

### In-person meetings

- [Performance and Process Improvement - Leadership "Yellow Belt" Workshop](#): Tuesday, Oct. 18 - Wednesday, Oct. 19
- [Charge Nurse Leadership Development Workshop](#): Monday, Oct. 24 - Tuesday, Oct. 25
- [Administrative Professionals Conference](#): Tuesday, Nov. 1
- [340B Day](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8
- [IHA Leadership Development Program](#): Wednesday, Nov. 16 - Tuesday, May 16
- [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Nov. 30

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