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Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022

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Iowa Medicaid resuming provider enrollment site visits

Iowa Medicaid is [unwinding some of the flexibilities](#) for provider enrollment implemented by the federal public health emergency. The flexibilities include suspending site visits for newly enrolled providers and enrollment revalidation requirements.

Iowa Medicaid is working through a backlog of site visits for providers who enrolled during the public health emergency, beginning with moderate or high-risk provider types. The department is not required to conduct site visits for providers who have already been screened as a moderate risk provider type by Medicare or another state's Medicaid of Children's Health Insurance Program in the past 12 months.

Iowa Medicaid also is requiring providers to revalidate their enrollment in phases by provider type beginning with home- and community-based services waiver providers and behavioral health providers.

[Email Iowa Medicaid Provider Services](#) with questions.

Public reporting of hospital personnel COVID-19 vaccine rates begins

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is posting hospital performance on its [health care personnel COVID-19 vaccination measure](#). The measure was added to the agency's inpatient quality reporting and outpatient quality reporting programs in 2021 and reflects the proportion of hospital personnel completing the primary series of authorized COVID-19 vaccines.

The initial measure reflects hospital performance from October through December 2021. The data is refreshed quarterly on Care Compare. Additional items of note:

- The measure overlaps with, but is independent of, CMS' condition of participation mandating hospital worker COVID-19 vaccination.
- The measure data is not a precise reflection of hospital progress implementing CMS' vaccine mandate condition of participation.

- The data does not reflect COVID-19 boosters.

Thank you to the 2022 Iowa Hospital Heroes

IHA and Iowa hospitals are grateful to our hospital staff who ensure hospitals provide quality care every day. Twelve hospital heroes were recognized at IHA's 2022 Annual Meeting, and each is being highlighted in IHA Today. This issue features Michele Dikker, D.O., from [Guttenberg Municipal Hospital and Clinics](#). Thank you to all the 2022 heroes and hospital staff for your work and compassion.

If you have someone you want to [nominate as a hospital hero](#), take note for next year's recognition at the 2023 IHA Annual Meeting scheduled from Oct. 10-11. [Email Craig Borchard](#) at IHA with questions.

Dr. Michele Dikkers

When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Iowa, Dr. Dikkers took a leadership role to gather health care resources across Clayton County and collaborated to meet the changing needs of residents. Dr. Dikkers and the small-but-mighty public health team met weekly during the height of the pandemic to plan and share best practices. She attended meetings and provided perspective, innovative ideas and encouragement to keep the team moving forward. She also took it upon herself to write articles for distribution through print and social media outlets, keeping county residents informed about COVID-19. Residents looked forward to her articles because she's a trusted community resource.



Iowa Hospital Association ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

IHA associate member spotlight: WIN Technology

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Iowa news

- [ChildServe announces Iowa City expansion, first satellite location](#)
- [RN recognized with Iowa Hospital Association's Hospital Hero Award](#)
- [Corridor campuses expand efforts to churn out nurses](#)

National news

- [Some CommonSpirit affiliates in the process of restoring IT systems](#)
 - [Kids' mental health care leaves parents in debt and in the shadows](#)
 - [As links to MS deepen, researchers accelerate efforts to develop an Epstein-Barr vaccine](#)
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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
- [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#): Thursday, Dec. 1
- [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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Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

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