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Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022

Today's Headlines

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HHS to start adjusting payment rates for certain 340B hospitals

The Department of Health and Human Services will begin restoring a payment rate of average sales price plus 6% for 340B drug claims in about two weeks, the department told a United State District Court for the District of Columbia.

In a brief filed Friday evening, HHS wrote it would make revisions to four electronic files and test the revisions before the files are loaded to calculate the OPSS reimbursements on a prospective basis.

Last week, the district court ruled in favor of the American Hospital Association, holding that HHS must immediately halt the department's unlawful cuts of nearly 30% to outpatient reimbursement rates for the remainder of 2022 for certain hospitals that participate in the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

IHA PAC outreises 2022 fundraising goal

For the first time since 2015, the IHA PAC met and exceeded its fundraising goal. Members hit their goal Friday, Sept. 30.

"The IHA PAC Committee and I appreciate how members answered the call and hit our fundraising goal," said IHA PAC Chair Jason Harrington, president and CEO, Lakes Regional Healthcare, Spirit Lake. "Your contributions help us make connections with new lawmakers while supporting our longtime hospital champions at the Statehouse."

The IHA PAC is part of IHA's three-pronged approach to advocacy that includes grassroots advocacy and the work of IHA's advocacy team. The successful PAC campaign will give IHA a seat at the legislative table when the 2023 session starts.

"Thank you to everyone who donated," Harrington said. "Your continued support promotes our unified voice in the 2023 legislative session, ensuring our hospitals can continue providing high quality care to our communities."

Contributors will be recognized in an upcoming IHA Today. Learn more about [the IHA PAC and IHA's advocacy efforts online](#).

Submit feedback about national health care provider directory

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is seeking comment through Tuesday, Dec. 6, about a national directory for health care providers and services. The directory will help patients find providers and compare health plan networks. It also will reduce directory maintenance burden on providers and payers.

CMS is seeking feedback about:

- Concept.
 - Potential benefits.
 - Prerequisites and actions CMS should consider for potential challenges and risks.
 - Priorities for a phased implementation.
 - Provider types and data elements to include.
 - Technical framework.
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National news

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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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