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Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022

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2022 IHA Annual Meeting is a wrap

The 2022 IHA Annual Meeting might be over, but attendees can still access meeting materials on [LeaderPass](#).

If you missed a breakout session or are interested in information from a session you didn't attend, session materials are available under each session's tile in your 2022 pass. You also can find:

- Award and graduate recognitions including Hospital Heroes, Excellence Awards, IHA Certificate programs and IHA PAC awards.
- Continuing education forms.
- Sponsor and exhibitor information.

Remember also to complete evaluations forms for each day of the Annual Meeting, breakout sessions, speakers and keynote addresses. IHA staff values and uses your feedback to improve future events. Annual Meeting attendees received an [email Thursday with links to evaluation forms](#).

IHA is thankful for our attendees, speakers and vendors for making the 2022 Annual Meeting a success. We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 Annual Meeting scheduled from Oct. 10-11.

IHA releases latest hospital data trends

IHA has collected data trends from [100 hospitals for January-July 2022](#) as compared with the same time frame in 2021:

- Acute discharges decreased 1.6% as acute patient days increased 4.9%.
- Ambulatory Surgery Visits (hospital based) increased 3%.
- Average facility paid hours increased 9.9%.
- Average length of stay increased 6.1%.
- Average physician paid hours increased 23.7%.

- Births increased 4.7%.
- Charity care decreased 9.8%.
- Emergency Department visits increased 6.3%.
- Facility employment (excluding physicians) increased 9.9%.
- Inpatient admissions from the emergency department decreased 1.2%.
- Inpatient surgeries decreased 19.2%.
- Medicaid acute discharges decreased 4.8% and Medicaid acute patient days increased 3.1%.
- Net patient revenue (collected charges) increased 4.8%.
- Outpatient utilization increased 19.2%.
- Payroll and benefits expense increased 12.5%.
- Total average paid hours increased 13.5%.
- Total expenses have increased 7.7%.
- Uncompensated Care (bad debts) increased 20%.

[Email Allison Martin](#) at IHA with questions.

Report: High labor costs continue in Q2

The cost of labor continues to affect hospitals according to a [new report by the American Hospital Association](#) and Syntellis based on data from over 1,300 hospitals. The tight labor market is causing hospital labor expenses to rise 21% and non-labor expenses 16% between the first quarter in 2019 and the second quarter in 2022.

The report also found:

- Average length of stay rose 6%, suggesting great patient acuity and difficulty discharging patients.
- Labor expense per adjusted discharge rose 41% for emergency department services.
- Labor expense per adjusted discharge rose 35% for nursing services.

IHA has been advocating for workforce initiatives to build a robust health care workforce in Iowa including hard caps on noneconomic damages, expanding loan repayment programs and creating a health care worker pipeline. IHA is working with government and state legislative leaders.

New grant addresses language barriers in workforce

A new grant program will help Iowa businesses, including hospitals, amidst a shortage of workforce. Gov. Kim Reynolds announced the [Iowa Language Learners Job Training Program](#) through Future Ready Iowa supporting employer programs providing dual language programs. The program is making \$5 million available in grants to support staff communications and help with recruitment and retention in the workforce.

The application period is now open to businesses with at least 25 full-time employees who are either expanding or creating a language program. [Future Ready Iowa is hosting a webinar](#) scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, for interested employers.

Applications are due Friday, Dec. 2.

NewsStand

Iowa news

- [New cases decline and more Iowans are getting boosters](#)
- [Grassley, Miller-Meeks seek assurance for Keokuk on potential REH designation](#)
- [Iowa's brain drain continues to cost state college-educated adults](#)

National news

- [Winter viruses are filling up hospitals with sick kids](#)
- [Teen vaping rates rise, nearing pre-pandemic levels, CDC reports](#)
- [Embedded bias: How medical records can sow discrimination](#)

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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