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IHA hires Abhay Nadipuram as chief legal officer

IHA President and CEO Chris Mitchell announced IHA has hired Abhay Nadipuram as chief legal officer for the organization. Nadipuram previously worked at IHA as vice president of government relations and legal counsel in 2020. In the interim years, he was vice president and chief legal officer at Care Initiatives, the largest single operator of nursing homes in Iowa.

"Abhay has a deep and pure appreciation for Iowa, Iowa hospitals and health care," Mitchell said. "From his personal connection with health care to his professional work in the industry, Abhay's perspective and knowledge will add to IHA's continued record of service to our members."

Nadipuram previously worked in private practice and as an in-house attorney for Principal Financial Group. He received his undergraduate degree from Wartburg College and his law degree from the University of Iowa. Nadipuram lives in Des Moines with his wife Ranjani "Rani" Ananth, M.D., who is a neonatologist at Blank Children's Hospital. They have a daughter, Karuna, who is turning 2 in January.

HHS webinar to review new COVID-19 data tracker

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced it is [transitioning](#) from the Teletracking system to the National Healthcare Safety Network for mandated hospital COVID-19 data reporting.

The CDC created a module in the network mimicking the Teletracking hospital reporting module. The module is active for facilities to test and familiarize themselves with before it becomes mandatory in mid-December. Highlights of the new system are:

- An [automated reporting process](#).
- COVID-19 data can be uploaded individually or in bulk through a CSV file.
- Reporting orders remain the same.

To help Iowa hospitals transition, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services is hosting a virtual forum regarding the transition and to review CDC resources. The webinar is scheduled from [1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6](#). Email questions about the new system to hai-ar@idph.iowa.gov.

Type of billing frequency code updated beginning January

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services provided information about appropriate billing for ["type of billing" frequency codes](#) included with patient discharge status codes. CMS required discharge status codes for:

- Hospice and home health claims.
- Hospital inpatient claims.
- Outpatient hospital services.
- Skilled nursing claims.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, facility editing will be enhanced to check hospital claims. Claims will be denied if the type of billing frequency code does not match the patient status code.

Register now for public health emergency webinar

There's still time to register for the upcoming [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#) webinar. A Dorsey and Whitney team of presenters are addressing the most-relevant blanket waivers issued for hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and which waivers are expected to be extended.

Dorsey and Whitney attorneys also will discuss:

- Conditions of participation.
- Telehealth waivers.
- Steps for hospitals to take to prepared for the end of the public health emergency.

The webinar is scheduled from 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1.

75 hospitals sign DEI pledge

More than two-thirds of Iowa hospitals have signed [IHA's Pledge to Champion Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity](#). The pledge is a promise to advance diversity in

leadership and governance in hospitals and health systems to reflect the changing communities they serve.

Email signed pledges to [Roxanne Strike](#) at IHA.

To support hospitals in their DEI efforts, IHA has provided resources including:

- Adding DEI components to IHA education events.
- [Case studies](#).
- [Inclusive language guidelines](#).

Iowa hospitals and health systems are encouraged to continue their health equity journeys by enrolling in the [American Hospital Association's Health Equity Roadmap](#) and using [AHA's Health Equity Action Library](#).

NewsStand

Iowa news

- [Iowa must battle to preserve rural emergency rooms](#)
- [UI researchers develop model to detect long COVID-19 lung issues](#)
- [UnityPoint rolls out two new telehealth programs](#)

National news

- [Mark Cuban in talks with hospitals to solve drug shortages](#)
 - [What physicians, patients think of charging for MyChart messages](#)
 - [CIOs challenged by so many health IT systems, applications](#)
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Online education

- [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#): Thursday, Dec. 1
- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, Dec. 6
- [Regulatory Year in Review for the C-Suite](#): Wednesday, Dec. 7
- [Leading During Times of Crisis](#): Monday, Dec. 12
- [Food Insecurity as a Social Determinant of Health](#): Wednesday, Dec. 13
- [CMS Updates](#): Thursday, Dec. 15
- [Behavioral Health Legislative Lowdown](#): Thursday, Dec. 15

In-person meetings

- [Physician Business Leadership Certificate Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 - Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023
- [Grant Writing Workshop](#): Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023

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