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Iowa HHS seeking feedback for telehealth procedures post-PHE

On a Monday call about draft decisions for telehealth billing after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services presented its draft proposals for which telehealth procedure codes will remain in place or not continue. The draft proposals are divided into three categories:

- [Telehealth issues and decisions.](#)
- [Telehealth recommendations, coverage.](#)
- [Telehealth recommendations, non-coverage.](#)

Iowa HHS is seeking provider feedback on the individual codes in the draft proposals. Email feedback to ime_telehealth@dhs.state.ia.us.

The [presentation slides](#) are available online. A recording of the call will be uploaded to the [Iowa Medicaid Town Halls webpage](#).

The COVID-19 public health emergency was extended to Jan. 11, 2023, but the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said states will receive a 60-day notice of the end of the public health emergency.

Joe Smith, Boone County Hospital CEO, to retire

Joe Smith, CEO of [Boone County Hospital](#) and member of the IHERF Board of Directors, will retire at the end of the year, after 30 years with the hospital.

Smith is engaged with IHA's work for member hospitals and health systems. Besides his role on the IHERF Board of Officers and Trustees, Smith's involvement with IHA includes:

- Trustee for the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees, 2002-2008.
- Chair for the IHA Council on Education and Member Services, 2008-2010.

- Chair for the IHA Executive Committee, 2009-2012.
- Chair for the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees, 2010-2011.
- IHA PAC Committee Chair, 2012-2013.
- Member of the IHA Council on Representation and Advocacy, 2013-2015 and 2019-2021.

He received IHA's 2018 Excellence in Leadership Award for his community-oriented leadership and he also was recognized with IHA's Young Executive Achievement Award in 1999, making him one of the few members to receive both IHA CEO leadership awards. Smith will be missed for his involvement and support of IHA and his steadfast leadership to his community and state.

Smith will be replaced by Mikaela Kienitz, RN, M.S.N., FACHE, beginning Jan. 2, 2023. Kienitz is coming from [Compass Memorial Healthcare](#) in Marengo where she has worked since 2001. She was most recently chief operating officer for the hospital and has had many roles during her time there including:

- Associate director of patient care services.
- Director of patient care services.
- Interim CEO.
- Staff nurse.



Receive hands-on experience in IHA Grant Writing Workshop

Grants are important funding opportunities for health care organizations to start projects or services they otherwise might not be able to. But the grant-development process can be daunting.

M. Linda Wastyn, Ph.D., CFRE, GPC, will use her 35 years of grant-development experience to walk participants through the grant-writing process from identifying grant-fundable projects to finding funding to support it.

Participants will learn to:

- Create a grant budget.
- Identify potential grant-fundable projects.
- Write a compelling grant application.

At the end of the workshop, attendees will write portions of a grant application they can finalize and submit.

The [Grant Writing Workshop](#) is scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

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 Amanda Thompson, RN, from [Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake](#). 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.

Amanda Thompson, RN

Amanda Thompson is a dedicated and caring nurse, co-worker, mother, wife and friend. She has organized and started many programs and training sessions and led the way with grief counseling for her community and her obstetrics department. She has spent countless hours starting a breast milk donation program. As a lactation consultant, she has helped mothers while they are in the hospital and after they go home. She started a chapter of the Nurse Honor Guard to attend and honor a fellow nurse’s funeral upon request. She also organized and presented educational sessions for nursing continuing education units on topics such as treatment for babies born to addicted mothers and new breastfeeding concepts.



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ServiShare partner Commerce Healthcare eases recession fears

Fears of a recession are on the rise, but are they justified? [Commerce Healthcare](#) released an episode of Commerce Trust Market Brief with Scott Colbert. Colbert is the chief economist for Commerce Healthcare.

In the episode, Colbert discusses:

When the market reverts to...

- where the markets are year to date.
- Economic trends for the first three quarters of this year.
- The outlook for next year's economy, including the odds of a recession.
- Midterm election updates and implications for the financial markets.

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- [Demand for pharmacists in Iowa continues to be high](#)
- [REH designation in place for rural hospitals](#)

National news

- [Senate proposal could tie cybersecurity to Medicare payments](#)
- [Respect staff or seek care elsewhere: Mass General Brigham enacts patient code of conduct](#)
- [The cost of hospital contract labor](#)

Online education

- [Health Care: Embracing Environmental, Social and Governance Issues](#): Wednesday, Nov. 9
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [Getting Ready for Joint Commission and CMS Health Equity Requirements](#): 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

- [IHA Leadership Development Program](#): Wednesday, Nov. 16 - Tuesday, May 16
- [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Nov. 30
- [Physician Business Leadership Certificate Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 - Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023
- [Grant Writing Workshop](#): Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023

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Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



