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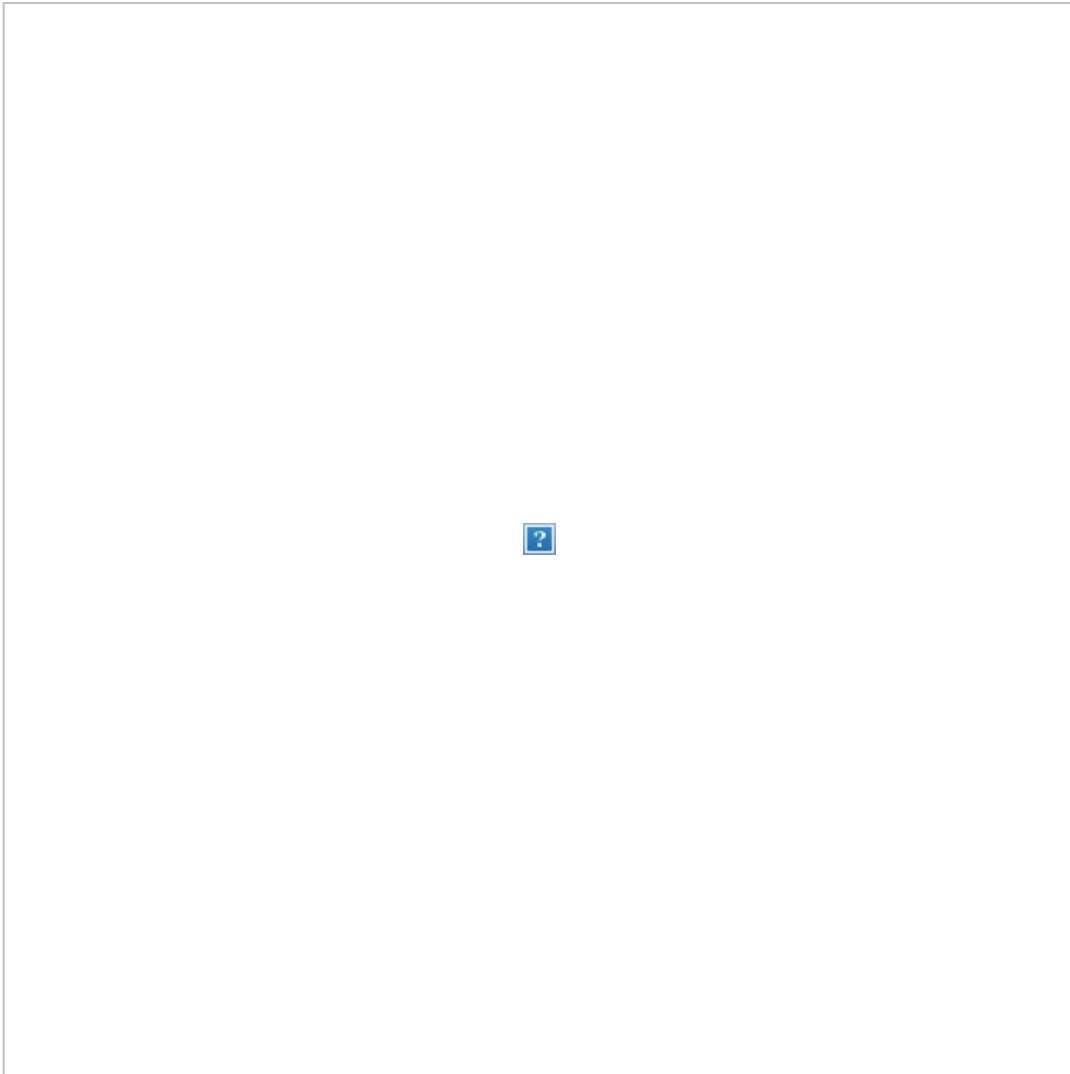
Suresh Gunasekaran leaving University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Suresh Gunasekaran, chief executive officer of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and IHA Board of Officers and Trustees member, has accepted an offer to lead the University of California San Francisco Academic Health System.

Gunasekaran led UIHC for three years.

Gunasekaran will leave UIHC at the end of February. UIHC will appoint an interim CEO and will launch a national CEO search.

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UnitedHealthcare temporarily suspends prior authorization requirements

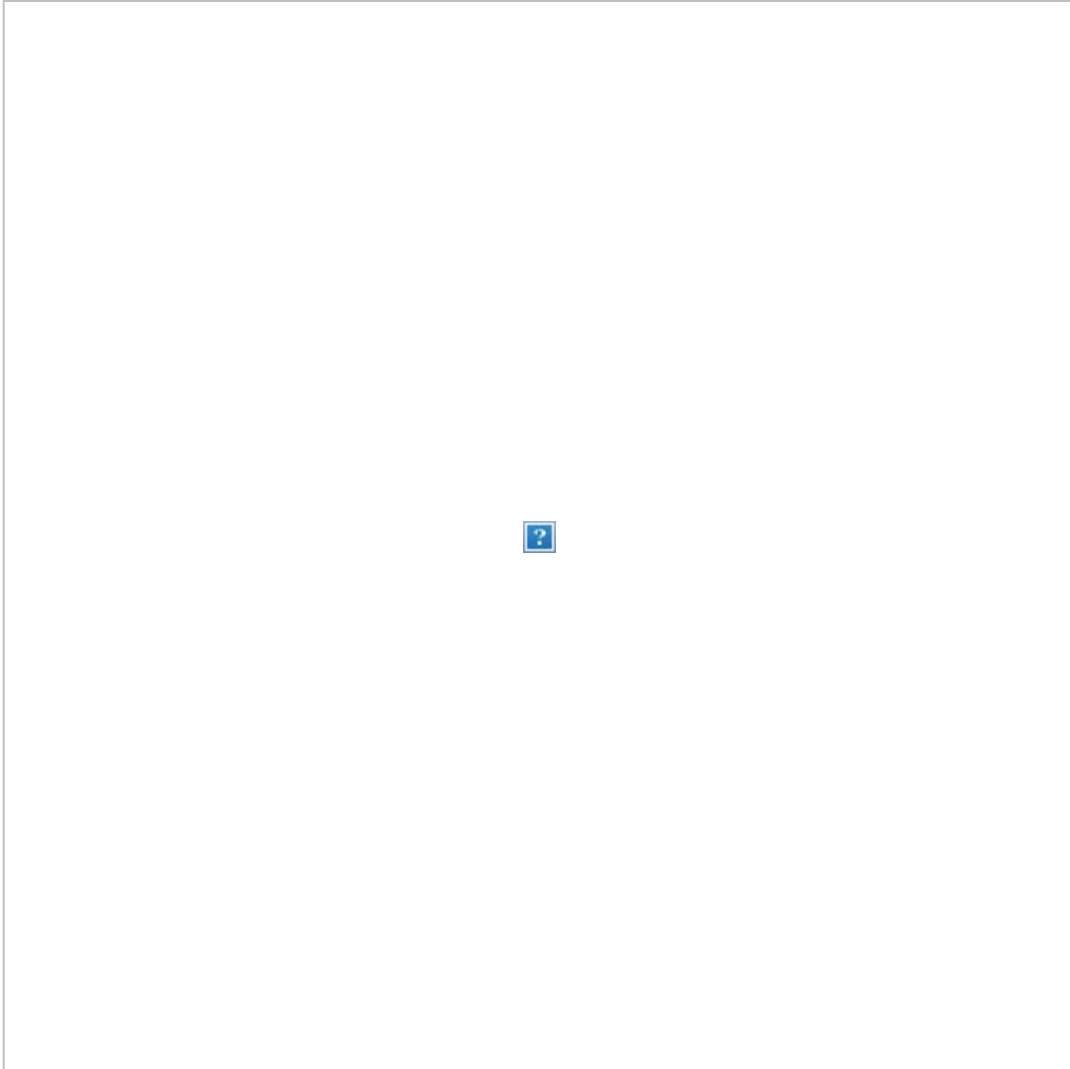
UnitedHealthcare is temporarily suspending prior authorization requirements for all in-network hospitals and skilled nursing facilities in Iowa. The suspension is because of increasing COVID-19-related emergency department visits, admissions and transfers.

The adjustments will affect UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage and individual and group market health plan members. The suspension is effective Jan. 14-Feb. 11. Prior authorization suspensions include:

- Admissions to in-network skilled nursing facilities.
- COVID-19-related oxygen requests.
- Discharge and post-acute care assistance.

- Transfers to a new in-network facility.

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Baldrige award journey highlights ISHRA Spring Conference

Participants in the 2022 Iowa Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration Spring Conference will hear from Penny Bellville, director of human resources and education at [Mary Greeley Medical Center](#), Ames, about their journey to becoming a recipient of the [Baldrige Quality Award](#).

Bellville will share workforce-specific performance criteria and key takeaways Mary Greeley implemented that support the workforce experience.

The conference is scheduled from 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

Click [HERE](#) for conference details.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

WPS to host provider audit webinar

Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance will host a webinar to cover worksheet S-10 reviews. Participants will review:

- Available resources about worksheet S-10 reviews.
- Common findings and adjustments.
- Cost report templates.
- Elements of uncompensated care including line 20 charity care, line 22 payments and line 26 bad debts.
- Upcoming worksheet S-10 uncompensated care audits, including a review of the current cost reporting instructions.
- Worksheet S-10 audit process.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Join an IHA personal membership group in 2022

IHA's personal membership groups offer specialized learning, professional development and networking opportunities for a variety of hospital professionals. IHA's 12 personal membership groups host annual conferences with education and peer-to-peer networking for members.

Dates for IHA's personal membership group annual conferences are:

- [Auxilians and Volunteers](#), March 9.
- [Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa](#), June. 16.
- [Foundation Professionals for Iowa Hospitals](#), May 3.
- [Iowa Alliance in Home Care](#), June 23.
- [Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality](#), April 13.
- [Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership](#), May 10.
- [Iowa Rehabilitation Managers](#), March 3.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering](#), Sept. 15-16.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration](#), April 14.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations](#), May 4.
- [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys](#), May 19.
- [Iowa Trauma Coordinators](#), May 26.

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Website launched to order free COVID-19 test kits

The Biden Administration launched a [new website](#) where Americans can order up to four free at-home COVID-19 test kits. The United States Postal Service will start shipping requested kits in late January.

The administration [said](#) it also will launch a phone line where those without online access can order the tests and will work with national and local organizations to help high-risk communities request the tests. The administration's goal is to make 1 billion at-home tests available to the public.

IDPH therapeutics update includes weekly COVID-19 treatment allocations

The Iowa Department of Public Health therapeutics update included the state's weekly allocations of monoclonal antibodies, preexposure prophylaxis treatment and antivirals. IDPH is working to prioritize allocations of therapeutic products based on the regional trends of variants.

For the week of Monday, Jan. 17-Sunday, Jan. 22, IDPH received:

- 290 courses of Bam/ete.
- 360 courses of Regen-Cov.

- 318 courses of Sotrovimab.

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Correction

In the Tuesday, Jan. 18, edition of IHA Today, the brochure for the Iowa Rehabilitation Managers Spring Conference listed the conference registration fee incorrectly. Click [HERE](#) for the amended brochure.

NewsStand

Iowa news

- [Omicron surge leaves no segment of Iowa unscathed](#)
- [Iowa House lawmakers seek to boost mental health workforce, psychiatric beds](#)
- [Board of Regents approve \\$9.2M addition to State Hygienic Lab](#)

National news

- [Nearly 1 million pediatric COVID-19 cases reported last week](#)
- [Preventable hospitalizations of unvaccinated cost \\$13.8 billion in second half of 2021](#)
- [Americans can now order four free at-home coronavirus tests](#)

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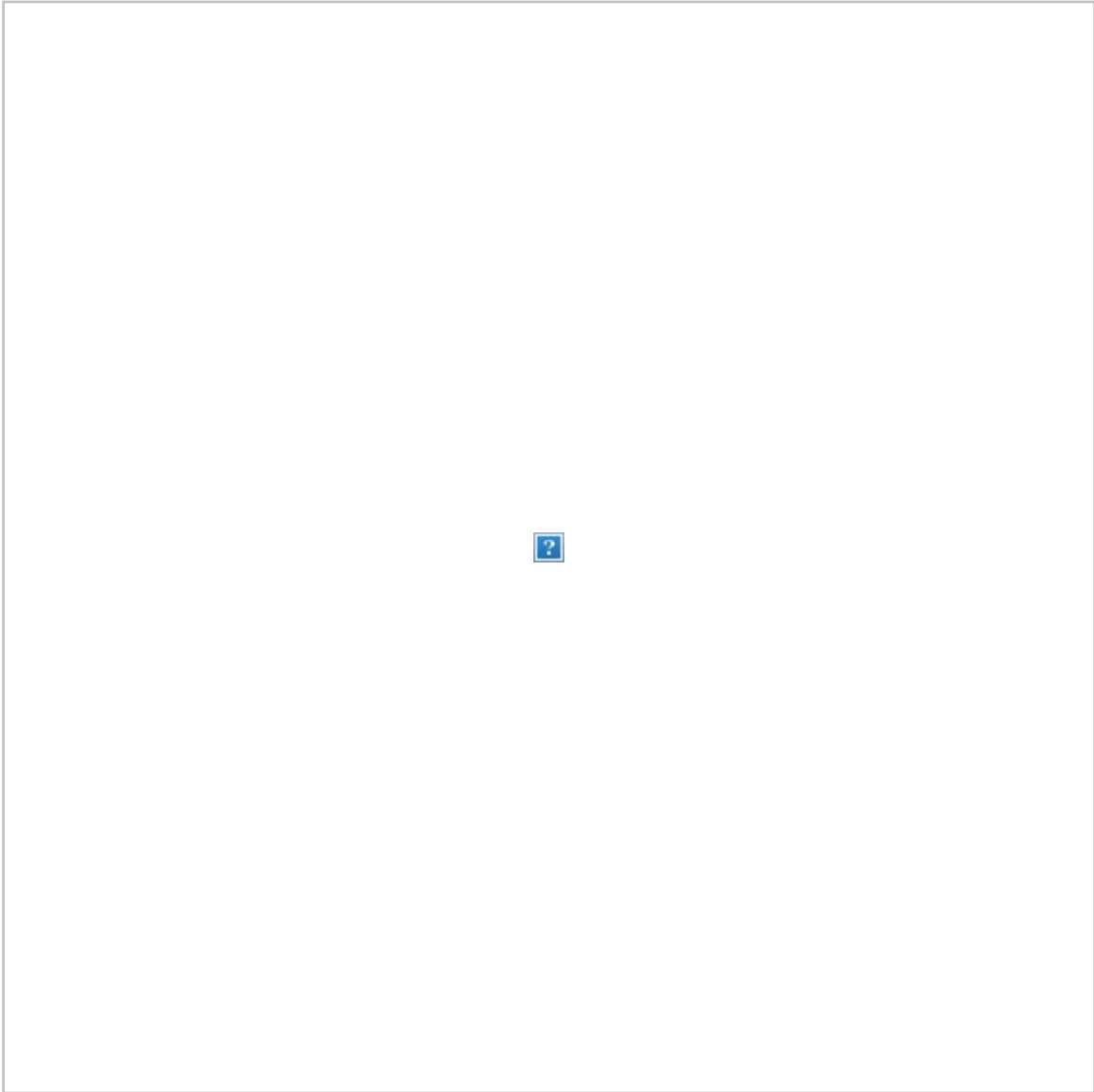
Upcoming events

- [Navigating the Legal Uncertainty of COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates in the Health Care Workplace](#): Tuesday, Jan. 25
 - [Abuse, Restraints and Seclusion Regulations](#): Thursday, Jan. 27
 - [Grant Writing Workshop](#): Tuesday, Feb. 1
 - [Critical Access Hospitals' Commonly Cited Deficiencies](#): Tuesday, Feb. 8
 - [Update on Ligature Risks and Suicide Prevention](#): Thursday, Feb. 17
 - [Physician Business Leadership Certification Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Tuesday, Aug. 9
 - [Advanced Leadership Academy](#): Wednesday, March 2 - Tuesday, Sept. 20
 - [Understanding Hospital Board and Medical Staff Responsibilities Under Medicare COPs](#): Tuesday, April 12
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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.



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