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ASPR releases resources for pediatric surge response

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response launched a [website addressing the pediatric respiratory illness surge](#) affecting hospital capacity. The website includes:

- An assistance center.
- A real-time information exchange discussion board.
- Resource library.

ASPR encourages health care, emergency preparedness and management, and disaster medicine stakeholders to use and share these materials.

State preparing for COVID-19 bivalent pediatric booster

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is [allowing preordering for the bivalent](#) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster for children 6 months through 4 years old and the bivalent Moderna vaccine booster for children 6 months through 5 years old. Mix-and-match use is not expected to be authorized.

Local public health agencies received an allocation survey Tuesday, Nov. 29, for preordering. Based on the survey results, **an allocation of the two vaccines is now available in IRIS**. The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services will not ship booster doses until the Food and Drug Administration issues an emergency-use authorization.

Registration open for 2023 coding updates webinar

Register now for a virtual workshop addressing 2023 updates to procedural terminology and the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System. Topics include:

- Category III codes.
- Editorial changes to the 2023 CPT code set.
- Modifier 93.
- New appendix with a taxonomy.

Participants also will review resources for revised and deleted codes and updated reimbursement methodologies.

The [2023 Procedural Terminology and Health Care Common Procedure Coding Systems Updates webinar](#) is scheduled from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20. Registered attendees also will receive a recording of the session. [Email Joah Hogan](#) at IHA with questions.

HHS revises 340B administrative dispute resolution process

The Department of Health and Human Services issued a [new proposed rule](#) revising the 2020 final rule establishing the 340B administrative dispute resolution process. The proposed rule better aligns with the statutory requirements set by the Affordable Care Act. The rule proposes:

- Aligning the administrative dispute resolution process to statutory provisions for overcharges, duplicate discounts and diversion.
- Ensuring parties resolve disputes in good faith before invoking the administrative dispute resolution process.
- Including a reconsideration process for parties dissatisfied with the dispute resolution panel decision.
- Moving the dispute resolution process away from a trial-like proceeding and establishing a more conventional administrative process.
- Revising the dispute resolution process panel to consist of 340B program subject-matter experts from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Pharmacy Affairs.

A federal court will review a dispute between a 340B-covered entity and a drug manufacturer, and the case is ineligible for the dispute resolution process until the court process concludes.

The Iowa Hospital Association logo consists of a stylized red 'H' icon above the text "IOWA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION" and the tagline "We care about Iowa's health" in a smaller font.

Iowa Hospital Association
ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

IHA associate member spotlight: Elite Executive Partners

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Online education

- [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
- [2023 Procedural Terminology and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Updates](#): Tuesday, Dec. 20

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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