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Registration open for PIC Medicaid rates training

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and Iowa Medicaid is hosting two sessions about implementing the [psychiatric intensive care inpatient rate](#) Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023.

The sessions are scheduled Wednesday, Dec. 21, with sessions for:

- [Inpatient psychiatric providers](#) from 9-10:30 a.m.
- [Claims processors](#) from 1-3:30 p.m.

The sessions will review:

- The new rate.
- Billing processes.
- Eligibility standards.

Sessions will be recorded and available on HHS' website for those who cannot attend. Email questions to [Iowa Medicaid Provider Services](#).

AHRQ seeking input about patient, workforce safety initiative

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality published a request for information in yesterday's Federal Register about a new patient and workforce safety initiative launching next year. The [National Healthcare System Action Alliance to Advance Patient Safety](#) goal is:

- Building on national efforts to advance patient safety, family engagement and workforce safety.
- Offering mentorship and peer-to-peer learning opportunities.
- Sharing evidence-based approaches to patient and worker safety.

Hospital and health system leaders, clinicians, health care personnel and hospital quality leaders are encouraged to [submit comments](#) by **Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023**.

Register for patient rights, suicide prevention webinar

The right of patients to receive care in a safe setting is one of the most-cited deficiencies at the immediate-jeopardy level. The first of IHA's 2023 regulatory webinars is focusing on patient rights and suicide prevention. Nancy Ruzicka, a consultant on state and federal compliance issues, will lead the webinar.

Participants will learn about:

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirements for providing care in a safe environment for patients at risk of suicide or in need of behavioral health services.
- Immediate jeopardy and condition-of-participation patient-safety deficiencies.
- Physical environment risk assessments.
- Responsibilities of critical access hospitals under the new patient rights condition of participation.
- The Joint Commission's suicide prevention panel recommendations.

[The Provision of Care in Safe Environment – Update About Patient Rights and Suicide Prevention](#) webinar is scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023. [Email Tori Hanson](#) at IHA with questions.

Updates available about staffing agency law

[House File 2521](#), the law regarding health care employment agencies supported by IHA and passed earlier this year, now has more clarifications. On Nov. 30, the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals submitted the final administrative rules to implement House File 2521 to final publication.

IHA associate member [Dorsey and Whitney](#) has provided a [breakdown of the final administrative rule](#) including:

- Definitions of “direct services.”
 - Exceptions to the general prohibition against noncompeting contracts and other contract provisions in health care employment agency contracts.
 - Exceptions to the scope of health care employment agencies.
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CMS clarifies enforcement discretion for GFEs

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services published an FAQ about [the implementation of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021](#), concerning good faith estimates for uninsured self-pay patients. It clarifies HHS is extending enforcement discretion, pending future rulemaking, for situations in which good faith estimates for uninsured self-pay patients does not include expected charges from co-providers or co-facilities.

The FAQ is one of [three FAQs](#) from CMS about good faith estimates for the uninsured.

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Iowa news

- [Emergency medical services in Iowa are operating without a net](#)
- [Iowa ranks 15th in 2022 America's Health Rankings](#)
- [Ideas empowered: Transforming medicine with 3D design](#)

National news

- [Hospitals may unknowingly be sharing data on website visitors with Twitter](#)
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- [Hospitals have not been this full since omicron's height](#)

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Online education

- [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

- [2023 Procedural Terminology and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Updates](#): Tuesday, Dec. 20
- [50 Ways to Love Your Cost Reports](#): Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023
- [Revenue Cycle Performance](#)
- [Provision of care in safe environment- Update about patient rights and suicide prevention](#): Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023
- [Improvement](#): Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023
- [Survey readiness](#): Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023
- [Managed Care Contracting](#): Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023
- [Nursing services conditions of participation](#): Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023
- [Staying secure: Cybersecurity policies and procedures under the HIPAA Security Rule](#): Wednesday, March 8, 2023
- [Discharge planning](#): Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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