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No Surprises Act in the spotlight for Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys conference

Erin Busch, attorney, and Barbara Person, partner, with Baird Holm will provide an in-depth discussion about the No Surprises Act to kick off the 2022 Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Conference. Using their experiences with their clients, Busch and Person will review:

- Alternative dispute-resolution processes.
- Balance billing.
- Good faith estimate requirements for uninsured and self-pay patients.
- Scenarios hospitals and providers are likely to face.

The annual conference also will feature a state legislative update from IHA Director of Advocacy and Legal Counsel Jennifer Klein and a review of notable Iowa appellate opinions from Colleen Anderson Hartley with Dentons Davis Brown, Rebecca Brommel with Dorsey and Whitney and Chandler Hall with Baird Holm.

Other topics include:

- Certificates of merit.
- Implicit bias.
- Noncompete contracts.

The 2022 Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys is scheduled from 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Thursday, May 19.

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HRSA program to stop accepting COVID-19 claims

The Health Resources and Services Administration [announced](#) its COVID-19 Uninsured Program will stop accepting claims for testing and treatment at 10:59 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, and claims for vaccination at 10:59 p.m. Tuesday, April 5.

The program provided reimbursement to health care providers generally at Medicare rates for testing uninsured people with COVID-19, treating insured people with a COVID-19 diagnosis and administering COVID-19 vaccines to people without insurance.

A separate program, the [HRSA COVID-19 Coverage Assistance Fund](#), will stop accepting claims at 10:59 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. It reimbursed providers for COVID-19 vaccine administration to underinsured people whose health plans do not include COVID-19 vaccination as a covered benefit or covers COVID-19 vaccine

administration but with cost-sharing.

The decision was made because of insufficient funding. HRSA will pay claims submitted before the deadlines subject to the availability of funds.

Provider relief fund reporting due March 31

Health care providers who received provider relief fund payments exceeding \$10,000 total between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2020, must report how they used the funds to the Health Resources and Services Administration by March 31. Those who do not report face enforcement actions like repayment or exclusion from receiving or retaining future provider relief fund payments.

The deadline to use the phase 2 funds was Dec. 31, 2021.

Click [HERE](#) for more reporting requirements.

Correction: Regional Health Services of Howard County email domain change

In the Thursday, March 10, edition of IHA Today, it was incorrectly stated that all staff and associated email domains will change to @avera.org. Instead, Regional Health Services of Howard County physicians and certain executive members will have avera.org email effective April 1. All other employees with Regional Health Services of Howard County in Cresco will have emails ending in rhshc.com.

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Iowa news

- [How Iowa's second year of the pandemic compared to its first](#)
- [Dementia care needs will far surpass Iowa's caregiver numbers](#)
- [GOP defections lead to defeat for bill on COVID-19 vaccines, lawsuits](#)

National news

- [CDC eases mask guidelines for fatigued nation](#)
- [35 companies to produce generic versions of Pfizer's COVID-19 pill](#)
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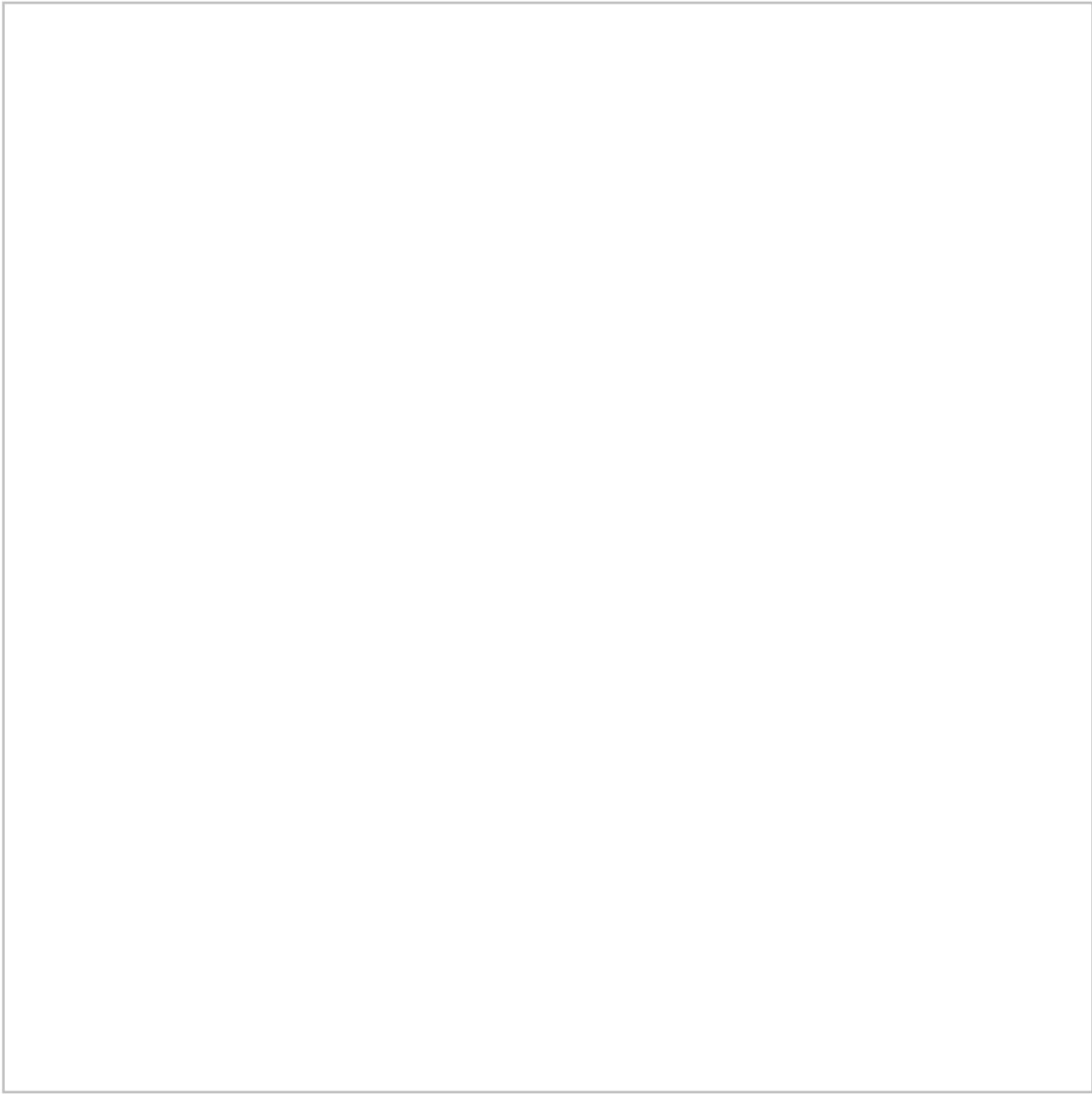
Upcoming events

- [You're the New Leader: Now What?](#): Tuesday, March 22
- [Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum](#): Wednesday, March 23
- [Understanding Hospital Board and Medical Staff Responsibilities Under Medicare COPs](#):

- Tuesday, April 12
- [Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality Spring Conference](#): Wednesday, April 13
 - [Iowa Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration Spring Conference](#): Thursday, April 14
 - [Delegate More to Achieve More](#): Tuesday, April 19
 - [IHA Governance Forum](#): Friday, April 22 - Saturday, April 23
 - [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Health Care](#): Monday, May 2 - Monday, Sept. 12
 - [Creating Successes: IHA's Summer Series for Health Care Leaders](#): Tuesday, May 3 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
 - [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act \(EMTALA\) Series](#): Wednesday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 25
 - [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 17 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
 - [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Conference](#): Thursday, May 19
 - [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 24 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
 - [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

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