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Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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### Contact legislators about certificate-of-need process

The IHA advocacy team continues its work to defeat [SF 2255](#), a bill that would eliminate the certificate-of-need program for all health care entities except long-term care facilities. **That is why it is critical Iowa hospital advocates contact their state legislators in the Senate and House to tell them to vote against this bill.**

The bill has not yet hit the Senate debate calendar. A proposed amendment to the

bill would increase the threshold from \$1.5 million to \$10 million for new equipment and includes a provision that any facility smaller than 40,000 square feet would be exempt from the certificate-of-need process.

IHA is against the original bill and amendment because it will defeat the certificate-of-need process by allowing almost any health care facility, except hospitals, to circumvent the process.

IHA is grateful to the hospital CEOs who made personal phone calls, sent text and emails, and set up meetings to emphasize a complete elimination of the certificate-of-need process and the proposed amendment would hurt lowans' access to quality health care.

To contact your senator, click [HERE](#).

The action alert to contact your state representative will be available after 8 a.m. [HERE](#).

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### **COVIDTests.gov open for repeat orders**

Americans can start ordering free COVID-19 test kits from the federal government again. The government will mail the tests to people who order them through the U.S. Postal Service.

There is an order limit of two per residential address, ordered one week apart. Each order contains four rapid antigen tests and will ship in 7-12 days.

The government first opened COVID-19 test orders in January, but limited orders to four tests per address. The government planned to distribute 500 million free test kits, but fewer than 300 million were ordered by the end of February.

To order free COVID-19 tests, click [HERE](#).

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### **Learn to become a better delegator in new leadership webinar**

Delegation of tasks is an important part of leadership, but leaders often struggle with it. Effective delegation is vital to help leaders succeed and advance their careers.

Jeff Whitehorn, an executive coach and former hospital CEO, will share delegation strategies he learned during his leadership journey in the Lessons in Leadership: Delegate More to Achieve More webinar.

Participants will:

- Discover four strategies to become a better delegator.
- Identify specific tasks a leader can delegate to others.

The webinar is scheduled from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, April 19.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## **Servishare and AssuredPartners collaborate with COPIC for expert liability insurance**

In today's changing health care environment, high-quality support is critical to hospital needs. Whether it's helping organizations deal with a regulatory issue or urgent after-hours situations, knowing there is someone who can answer questions provides peace of mind.

[COPIC](#), a leading medical liability insurance provider, offers an all-hours risk management hotline that connects clients with one of its on-staff physicians. A separate legal helpline also is available to answer regulatory, legal and business compliance questions.

Topics COPIC can address include:

- Actions an organization can take if a patient posts something negative on social media.
- Adding a HIPAA-approved amendment to medical records when a patient requests it.
- How to handle divorced parents' differing views about immunizations for their child.

AssuredPartners, a longtime ServiShare-endorsed partner, collaborated with COPIC because they believe medical liability insurance should do more to help health organizations manage the changing demands of health care.

To learn more about COPIC and its services, email [Ford Singbush](#), [Anne MacFarland](#) or [Cameron James](#) with AssuredPartners.

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## **Cybersecurity companies offer hospitals free services**

As the federal government's growing concern about Russian cyber retaliation increases, three cybersecurity companies launched the Critical Infrastructure Defense Project.

Cloudflare, CrowdStrike and Ping Identity announced Monday they will offer four months of free services to hospitals and power and water industries after consulting with government experts. Services offered include:

- Multifactor authentication for logins.
- Protections from denial-of-service attacks to any size organization already not a customer.
- Security triage program with recommendations for cybersecurity priorities for the next month.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

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## Iowa news

- [892 hospitals at risk of closure nationwide: 40 in Iowa](#)
- [Physician responds to lower COVID-19 cases in Iowa](#)
- [Vulnerable Iowans grapple with continued COVID-19 risk](#)

## National news

- [90% of nurses are considering leaving the profession before 2022 ends](#)
- [Even a mild case of COVID-19 can cause brain changes](#)
- [Excess health care spending up for primary-care physician turnover.](#)

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## Upcoming events

- [The Art of the Interview](#): Tuesday, March 8
- [Iowa Hospital Auxilian and Volunteer Conference](#): Wednesday, March 9
- [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
- [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
- [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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## 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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