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IHA leaders meet with Iowa's federal legislators

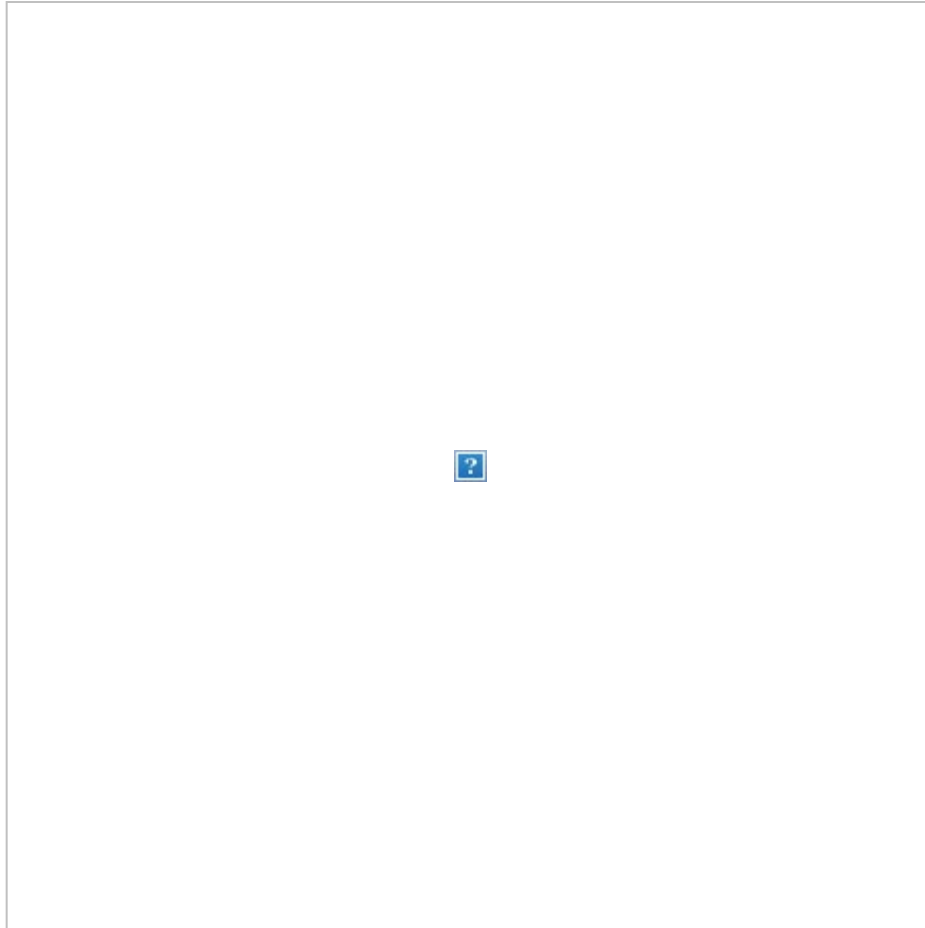
Iowa hospital leaders and IHA staff traveled to Washington, D.C., for the American Hospital Association's Annual Meeting. While there, the Iowa delegation met with Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst and Reps. Cindy Axne (IA-03), Randy Feenstra (IA-04) and Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02).

The hospital leaders and legislators spoke about [policies affecting hospitals](#), especially workforce issues including increasing residency slots eligible for Medicare

funding and staffing agencies. [Other topics discussed](#) included:

- Additional provider relief funds.
- Continued Medicare sequester relief.
- Protecting the 340B drug-savings program.

IHA thanks Sens. Grassley and Ernst and Reps. Axne, Feenstra and Miller-Meeks, and Iowa hospital leaders for their time and efforts this week.



Iowa hospitals leaders and IHA staff met with Iowa's federal delegation this week including Rep. Cindy Axne (IA-01). The cohort from Iowa was in Washington, D.C., for the American Hospital Association Annual Meeting.

UnityPoint Health opens new Marshalltown hospital

The new [UnityPoint Health hospital in Marshalltown became fully operational](#) Wednesday morning with the move of the emergency room and medical/surgical unit to its new location.

The new facility is a \$38.4 million expansion of an existing medical park, located just south of the intersection of Highways 30 and 14. The new hospital retains all services provided by the old hospital that had been in downtown Marshalltown for 108 years.



Kick off 2022 IHA PAC campaign with Tee Off Golf Classic

Following tradition, the [Tee Off Golf Classic](#) will kick off the 2022 IHA PAC campaign. The Tee Off Golf Classic is scheduled Wednesday, June 8, and will start with a lunch program at 10:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. Closing remarks and prizes will be held at 4 p.m. The program and golf will be held at Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona.

Attendees also are encouraged to register for the [2022 Summer Leadership Forum](#) so they can participate in the Summer Forum Welcome Reception following the golf event and the educational sessions Thursday, June 9.

Email [Ellen Waller](#) at IHA with registration questions and [Perry Meyer](#) for specific golf pairings.



Missed a previous CEO podcast? Click the links below to learn more about Iowa's new hospital leaders.

- [Ron Kloewer](#), CEO at [Montgomery County Memorial Hospital](#).
- [Anthony Coleman](#), president and CEO at [Broadlawns Medical Center](#).
- [Jill Groth](#), vice president and site administrator at [MercyOne Oelwein Medical Center](#).
- [David Stark](#), president and CEO at [UnityPoint Health-Iowa Methodist Medical Center](#).
- [Dave Burd](#), president and CEO at [Methodist Jennie Edmundson](#).
- [Catherine Hillestad](#), CEO at [Adair County Health System](#).
- [Ben Davis](#), CEO at [Osceola Regional Health Center](#).
- [Deb Herzberg](#), president and CEO at [Avera Holy Family Hospital](#).
- [Chuck Nordyke](#), CEO at [Clarinda Regional Health Center](#).
- [Cory Nelson](#), CEO at [Sioux Center Health](#).
- [Cindy Carstens](#), CEO at [Stewart Memorial Community Hospital](#).

White House expands access to COVID-19 antiviral pills

[The Biden Administration announced](#) it will allow all pharmacies in the federal pharmacy program to order free oral antiviral treatments from the federal government. The administration wants to double the number of participating pharmacies to 40,000 and launch new [Test-to-Treat locations](#) that offer the Pfizer and Merck pills to treat COVID-19 in patients at risk of progressing to severe

disease.

Pharmacies also can continue to receive the pills through state health departments. The administration said it will work to include telehealth options and more guidance to prescribers and clinicians.

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Iowa news

- [UnityPoint among Becker's 150 top places to work in health care](#)
- [ChartSpan announces partnership with Iowa Hospital Association](#)
- [COVID-19 patients may face more costs as aid programs end](#)

National news

- [Fauci: US 'out of the pandemic phase'](#)
- [Pfizer asks FDA to authorize booster shots for kids ages 5-11](#)
- [CDC says 75% of children and teens had COVID-19 by February](#)

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Online education

- [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
- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 24 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Celebrate Everything](#): Wednesday, May 25
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

In-person meetings

- [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Health Care](#): Monday, May 2 - Monday, Sept. 12
 - [Foundation Professionals for Iowa Hospitals Spring Conference](#): Tuesday, May 3
 - [Iowa Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations Conference](#): Wednesday, May 4
 - [Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership Conference](#): Tuesday, May 10
 - [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Conference](#): Thursday, May 19
 - [Iowa Trauma Coordinators Spring Conference](#): Thursday, May 26
 - [IHA Tee Off Golf Classic](#): Wednesday, June 8
 - [IHA Summer Leadership Forum](#): Thursday, June 9
 - [Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa Conference](#): Thursday, June 16
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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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