

Click [here](#) if you are having trouble viewing this message.



Thursday, May 19, 2022

## Today's headlines:

- [Complete AHA DEI survey by Thursday](#)
- [Iowa Hospital Physician Leadership Forum meets May 25](#)
- [Reynolds signs HF 736, Medicaid overpayment bill](#)
- [Earn face-to-face credit hours at Summer Leadership Forum](#)
- [FDA approves Pfizer COVID-19 booster for kids](#)
- [COVIDTests.gov open for third round of orders](#)

---

### Complete AHA DEI survey by Thursday

Tomorrow, May 20, is the last day to complete the American Hospital Association's [biennial diversity and health equity benchmark survey](#).

The survey should be completed by organizational leaders who focus on health equity or diversity and inclusion initiatives. AHA and its Institute for Diversity and Health Equity will use information from the survey responses to understand, assess and address issues about diversity, equity and inclusion in health care. The survey also will be a resource for hospital advocates, policymakers, academic researchers, health care leadership and stakeholders.

Twenty-six Iowa hospitals have completed the survey and 10 have started it.

Email completed surveys or questions to [surveysupport@aha.org](mailto:surveysupport@aha.org).

The 2022 Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Survey is separate and is not to be confused with the AHA Health Equity Roadmap.

---

### Iowa Hospital Physician Leadership Forum meets May 25

The second quarter virtual meeting of the Iowa Hospital Physician Leadership Forum will focus on the 340B drug program. Donna Petty, principal, specialty programs, SunRx, will present. Erin Cubit, IHA senior director, advocacy, will brief the group on IHA's advocacy efforts regarding 340B.

Tammy Chance, D.O., IHA board member and medical director of quality initiatives at Boone County Hospital, chairs the group. The virtual meeting is set for 8:30-9:30 a.m. and requires advance registration. Email [Ellen Waller](#) at IHA for the full agenda and registration.

---

#### Iowa Hospital Physician Leadership Forum

**Charge:** As part of the Iowa Hospital Association's (IHA) mission to represent Iowa hospitals

and support them in achieving their missions and goals, IHA supports the Iowa Hospital Physician Leadership Forum to engage physician leaders on issues advancing quality care and services and the alignment of physicians and hospitals.

The Physician Leadership Forum also seeks to provide:

- Input to inform IHA advocacy and policy efforts.
- Direction on tools and resources including education, information, data and analytics to assist members in advancing care coordination and providing high-quality care.
- A collegial environment to support new physician leaders and to identify, discuss and address issues of mutual interest and concern.
- Promote participation in IHA physician-focused education and other appropriate IHA events.

## Reynolds signs HF 736, Medicaid overpayment bill

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed [House File 736](#) Tuesday afternoon. The bill, supported by IHA, ensures health care providers receive Medicaid payments for services when a patient is initially listed as eligible for coverage but later is determined to be ineligible.

To receive payment, providers must verify patient eligibility, obtain necessary prior authorization before delivery of service, document the eligibility verification and include the documentation in the patient file.

IHA will continue to advocate easing the complexities in Iowa's Medicaid program.



## Earn face-to-face credit hours at Summer Leadership Forum

The IHA [Summer Leadership Forum](#) brings nationally recognized leaders in the health care field to IHA members. With the return of an in-person event, attendees can earn face-to-face education credits.

By attending the forum, IHA members can earn 1.5 qualified education credit toward their advancement or recertification in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Attendees also can earn 6.25 face-to-face education credits toward IHA's Hospital Board Certification Program.

Topics discussed include:

- Implementing diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives to produce better outcomes for employees and patients become more diverse.
- How to work with today's more-educated patient and the impact on health care services.

- Ways to address burnout by focusing on personal stories.

There will be a reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines.

[Email Autumn McGill](#) at IHA with questions.

---

## FDA approves Pfizer COVID-19 booster for kids

The Food and Drug Administration [authorized a single Pfizer COVID-19 booster dose for children](#) 5-11 who completed the Pfizer vaccine primary series at least five months before. The FDA authorized the vaccine for this age group last October.

The FDA also updated its emergency-use authorization for [COVID-19 treatment Paxlovid](#). A new 150 mg/100 mg dose pack of Paxlovid was approved for patients with moderate renal impairment, and includes a morning and evening dose.

---

## COVIDTests.gov open for third round of orders

With COVID-19 cases on the rise nationally, Americans can order free COVID-19 test kits from the federal government for the third time. The government will mail the tests to people who order them through the U.S. Postal Service.

Previous ordering periods allowed a maximum of four test kits per household. This round doubled that, allowing eight test kits per household.

Visit [COVIDTests.gov](#) to order the tests.

---

## NewsStand

### Iowa news

- [ChildServe nears opening of 23,000-square-foot rehab unit](#)
- [Winnebago board approves essential service declaration](#)
- [UnityPoint Health Hospital Officially Opens](#)

### National news

- [Christus Health blocks ransomware attack](#)
- [Second COVID-19 booster for most vulnerable offers benefits](#)
- [As COVID-19 cases rise, officials plead for more funding](#)

Click [HERE](#) to read daily NewsStand postings.

---

## Online education

- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 24 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Celebrate Everything](#): Wednesday, May 25
- [Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program](#): Thursday, June 2
- [Common Life Safety Code Deficiencies](#): Thursday, June 14
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, June 28
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

## In-person meetings

- [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
- [Iowa Alliance in Home Care Summer Conference](#): Thursday, June 23

## 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.



*Your resource for Iowa hospital and health system jobs.*

# HospitalCareers.com



[Share](#)

[Tweet](#)

100 EAST GRAND, SUITE 100, DES MOINES, IA 50309-1835 | P 515.288.1955 F 515.283.9366 |  
WWW.IHAONLINE.ORG

Click [here](#) to unsubscribe or to change your Subscription Preferences.