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Grassley seeks update about 340B drug pricing program referrals

[Sen. Chuck Grassley sent a letter](#) to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General asking for an update about seven drug manufacturer referrals for 340B Drug Pricing Program noncompliance.

In a policy review last year, the Health Resources and Services Administration found the seven manufacturers did not comply with the 340B program, causing

overcharges. HRSA referred the manufacturers to the HHS Office of Inspector General, but no enforcement action has occurred.

IHA members discussed this issue with Sen. Grassley last week in Washington, D.C. IHA appreciates [his work to ensure the 340B program works as Congress intended](#).

Submit IHA Annual Meeting award nominations

Hospitals and health systems have one month to nominate [hospital leaders](#) and heroes for the 2022 IHA Annual Meeting awards.

- **Excellence in Leadership Award** – Presented to an Iowa hospital or health system CEO demonstrating notable achievement in administration of the organization and contributions in the broader areas of health care or health policy.
- **Excellence in Governance Award** – Recognizes an outstanding trustee or board member making a significant contribution to the hospital or health system through their leadership and commitment to excellence.
- **Young Executive Achievement Award** – Presented to a hospital CEO under 40 showing significant positive influence in a hospital or health system.
- **Hospital Heroes Award** – The award is presented to hospital employees who acted courageously in a moment's crisis or who selflessly served their hospitals and communities throughout their careers.

Nominations for the awards are due Wednesday, June 1. Awards will be presented at the [2022 IHA Annual Meeting](#) scheduled Oct. 4-5.

Registration open for IHC Annual Forum

Practices to lead key health care priorities of patient safety, opioids, health equity, and climate change are the focus of the learning at the [Iowa Healthcare Collaborative Annual Forum](#).

Priya Bathija, American Hospital Association vice president of the Value Initiative, and Joe McCannon, team lead at the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity with the Department of Health and Human Services, will lead the sessions.

The two-day virtual forum is scheduled June 14-15.

May 20 final deadline for AHA DEI survey

The American Hospital Association and its Institute for Diversity and Health Equity announced members should complete [the biennial diversity and health equity benchmark survey](#) no later than Friday, May 20.

The survey should be completed by organizational leaders who focus on health equity or diversity and inclusion initiatives. AHA will use information from survey responses to understand, assess and address issues around 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-three Iowa hospitals have completed the survey and nine have started it.

Email completed surveys or questions to surveysupport@aha.org.

The 2022 Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Survey is separate from the AHA Health Equity Roadmap.

Learn more about QAPI programs

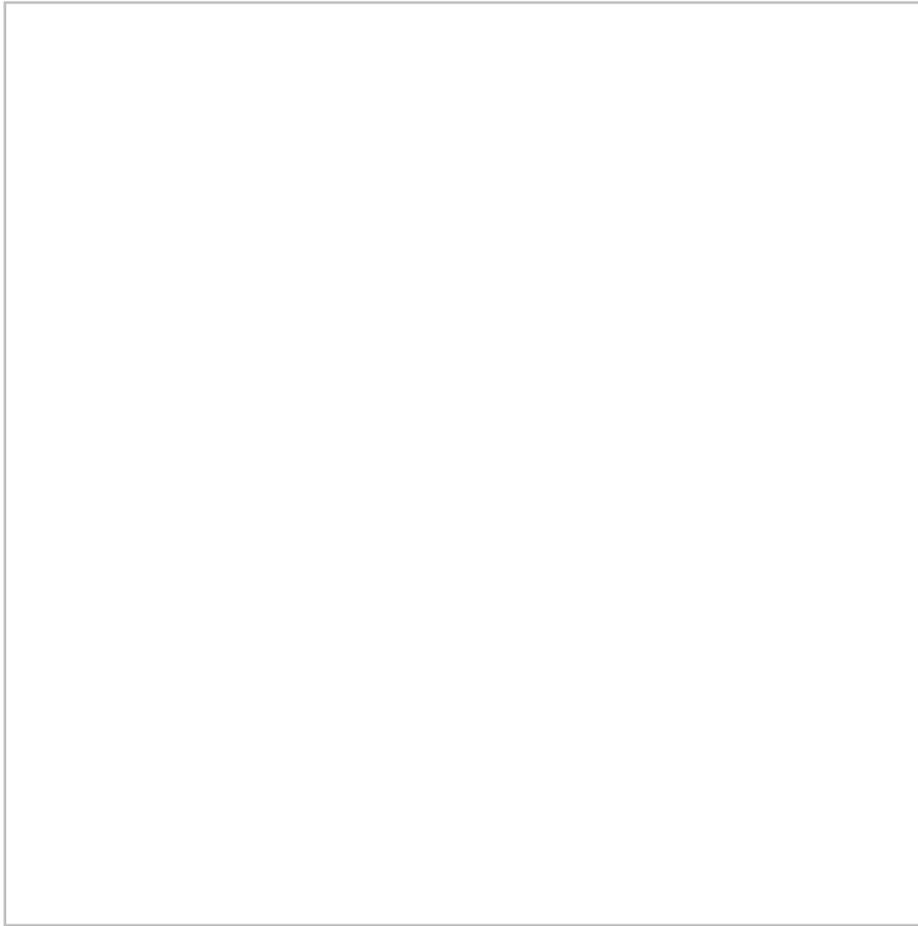
Registration is open for the upcoming [Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program](#) webinar. Participants will discuss the QAPI program conditions of participation for critical access hospitals, which went into effect March 30.

Nancy Ruzicka, a consultant for state and federal rules and regulations, will discuss:

- Basic requirements for a QAPI program.
- Board responsibility for a QAPI program.
- Changes to the general acute hospital QAPI standards.
- Surveyor expectations.

C-suite executives, department directors including ancillary directors, nurses, physicians, legal staff, quality improvement managers and risk and safety officers are encouraged to attend.

[The webinar is scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, June 2.](#)



Training available for Iowa Drug Free Workplace

ServiShare partner, [AssuredPartners](#), and AP Agribusiness will host an Iowa Drug Free Workplace webinar for organizations conducting drug testing of employees.

Haley Pederson, from Employee and Family Resources, will provide a refresher for supervisors who previously received training followed by a two-hour training for people new to the program. The program meets the Iowa training requirements for companies implementing a drug and alcohol testing program.

[The training is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4.](#) The webinar will not be recorded.

[Email Chuck Martinek](#) at AssuredPartners with questions.

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Iowa news

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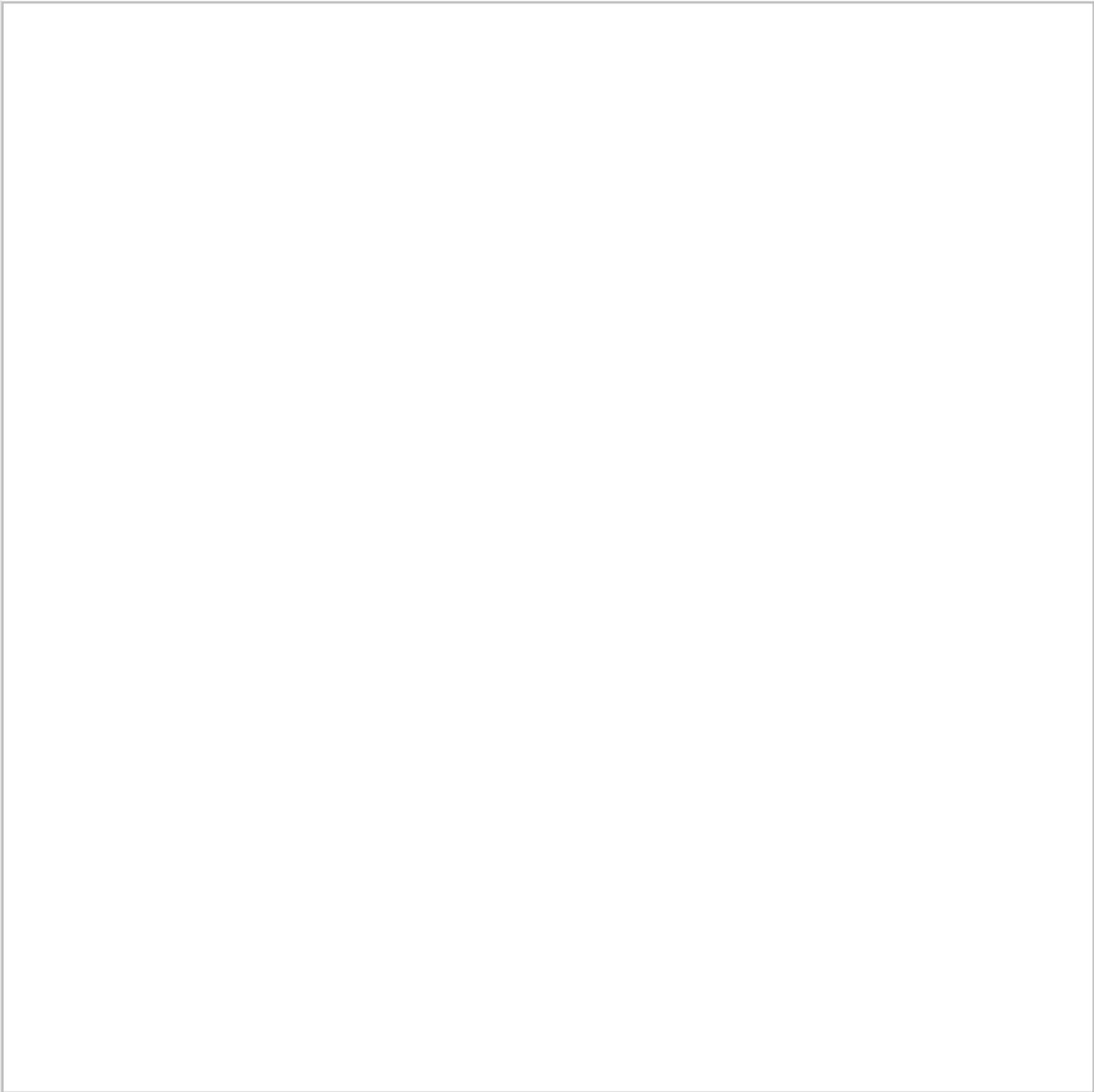
- [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act \(EMTALA\) Series](#): Wednesday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 25
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 17 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 24 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Celebrate Everything](#): Wednesday, May 25
- [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

- [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

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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