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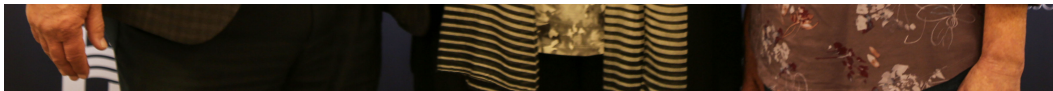
IHERF receives Broadlawns donation

The [Broadlawns Medical Center](#) Guild donated more than \$31,000 to IHA's Iowa Hospital and Education Research Foundation Health Care Careers Scholarship Program last week.

"We are grateful for this generous donation from Broadlawns," said IHA Executive Vice President Perry Meyer. "With the support of our member hospitals and hospital leaders, IHERF supports more students interested in health care and ensures Iowa's hospitals have a strong workforce for years to come."

IHA established the IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship Program in 2004 to help address the shortage of health care professionals and encourage young Iowans to establish or continue their careers with Iowa hospitals. The first scholarships were awarded in 2005; now, more than 685 students have benefited from the program.





IHA Executive Vice President Perry Meyer accepts a check from Broadlawns Guild President Gail Miller (middle) and Past-President LuAnn Vondracek. The \$31,158.85 donation will be used to support IHERF's Health Care Careers Scholarship Program.

Submit proposals for workforce presentations

IHA is developing a webinar series for the fall about workforce issues. The intent is to examine current challenges and provide members approaches and best practices that are working in Iowa hospitals.

Those interested in speaking should [submit proposals with strategies and models for health care organizations](#) in rural and urban settings including:

- Innovative recruitment approaches for positions across health care teams.
- New approaches for engaging and developing staff.
- Partnerships and effective connections with community and higher education that address short-term staffing challenges and long-term solutions for building a health care career pipeline.
- Strategies and creative benefits to retain clinical and nonclinical staff.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Aug. 30. [Email Corey Martin](#) at IHA with questions.

Register for CMS Region 7 Rural Health Week

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Kansas City office will hold its Rural Health Week from June 13-17 featuring sessions for rural health care providers in the Midwest including Iowa.

Sessions are from noon-1 p.m. and will feature a brief presentation followed by listening sessions. Providers can ask questions or let CMS know about challenges, good news or what's on a facility's wish list.

Participants must register for each session separately:

- [Monday, June 13 – Getting to Know CMS](#). Attendees will get a comprehensive look at CMS and how it partners with stakeholders.
- [Tuesday, June 14 – CMS Key Initiatives](#). Take a comprehensive look at health equity and price transparency.
- [Wednesday, June 15 – Federal Partners Meet and Greet](#). CMS will introduce other federal agencies in Region 7 including the Social Security Administration and the Health Resource and Services Administration.
- [Thursday, June 16 – Meet the MAC-WPS](#). Hear from WPS, the CMS Medicare administrative contractor that processes Part A and Part B claims in Region 7. Learn more about billing for telehealth services for mental health services and the repetitive, scheduled, nonemergency ambulance transport prior-authorization model.
- [Friday, June 17 – Mental Health and Substance Use in the Midwest](#). Representatives from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will update attendees about mental health and substance use in the Midwest.

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Iowa news

- [Iowa had high rates of deaths because of alcohol, drugs and suicide during pandemic's first year](#)
- [MercyOne announces new military health care program](#)
- [Policies, priorities can 'Make It OK' for employees seeking mental health support](#)

National news

- [CMS boosts oversight of hospitals with COVID-19 outbreaks](#)
- [Vaccines offer little protection against long COVID-19, study finds](#)
- [COVID-19 boosters offer powerful protection against emerging variants](#)

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Online education

- [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

- [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.



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