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Tuesday, June 14, 2022

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IHA advocacy team weekly roundup

Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds is scheduled to sign [HF 2546](#), a bill about psychiatric intensive inpatient care Medicaid reimbursement. IHA supported the bill and is grateful to hospital and behavior health advocates for their support of this issue.

Members of the advocacy team also will attend:

- Iowa maternal health work group session.
- Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Committee meeting.
- IHA's critical access hospital diversity, equity and inclusion work group meeting.
- Meetings with staff from Iowa's congressional delegation to discuss CT media contrast shortages, hospital finances, violence against health care staff and temporary staffing agencies.

Follow-up stories will be included in the Saturday edition of IHA Today.

RHS HC Board Chair George Willis remembered

George Willis, 68, of Cresco died this weekend after a long illness. Willis was the board chair of [Regional Health Services of Howard County](#) for 11 years.

Willis led the hospital through major change and growth during his tenure as board chair including:

- Leading the organization through a system affiliation with Avera Health.
- Overseeing a facility expansion and remodel.

Willis was a strong advocate for rural hospitals and dedicated his time bringing light to the challenges they faced including:

- Advocating for rural hospitals with Iowa's federal delegation.
- Speaking at the American Hospital Association's Rural Leadership Forum.



George Willis
Chair, Board of Trustees
Regional Health Services of Howard County

Organizations urged to protect networks from China-backed cyberthreats

The National Security Agency, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and FBI are urging U.S. organizations [to protect themselves from China state-sponsored cyberattacks](#).

Organizations should apply available patches, replace end-of-life infrastructure, disable unnecessary ports and protocols, and implement a centralized patch-management program to protect networks from common cyber-vulnerabilities and exploitation.

Tactics used to exploit vulnerabilities include:

- Disguising and routing malicious traffic through non-Chinese infrastructure.
- Exploiting home routers.
- Remotely accessing sensitive patient data and medical research through off-site staff and third parties.



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COPIC benefit: Enhanced support for dealing with claims

COPIC is recognized for its strong support and proven expertise in managing medical liability claims. This includes its Care for the Caregiver program, which helps ease the emotional impact of dealing with litigation through confidential peer support. The program also provides access to public relations professionals who help protect an organization's reputation and everything it works for. That's trusted support when it's needed most.

Email [Ford Singbush](#), [Anne MacFarland](#) or [Cameron James](#) at AssuredPartners with questions.

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NewsStand

Iowa news

- [Polk County hospitals are still operating at limited capacity](#)
- [Hartley clinic services to transition to Spencer Hospital](#)
- [Allen College receives \\$1.2M grant to support rural health](#)

National news

- [COVID-19 deaths to rise through June, CDC forecasts](#)
- [AHA-supported bill would direct GAO to study travel nursing industry](#)
- [UsAgainstAlzheimer's launches Brain Health Equity Nurse Fellowship](#)

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Online education

- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, June 28
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

In-person meetings

- [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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