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Saturday, June 18, 2022

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## IHA advocacy team weekly roundup

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed several bills into law this week, including workforce bills that expand loan repayment and scholarship programs. IHA supported:

- [HF2549](#). A bill creating a mental health professional loan repayment program within the College Student Aid Commission.
- [HF2165](#). A bill modifying eligibility provisions for scholarships under the Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Last-Dollar Scholarship program.

Other bills signed this week included:

- [HF2420](#), the Newborn Safe Haven Act.
- [HF2169](#). A bill regarding the administering of immunizations and vaccines by pharmacists and nurses.
- [HF2384](#). A bill outlining applicability provisions for pharmacy benefit managers, pharmacies and prescription drug benefits.

The 2022 legislative session ended May 25. Any bills passed during the last three days of session must be signed by Gov. Reynolds in 30 calendar days or the bill fails to become law. The IHA advocacy team will release the 2022 legislative summary after the window passes.

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## IHA submits comments for FY23 hospital IPPS proposed rule

Yesterday, [IHA submitted written comments](#) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding the 2023 fiscal year proposed inpatient prospective payment system rule. The proposal increases Medicare inpatient prospective payment system rates by a net 3.2% compared to fiscal year 2022. The proposed rule is for hospitals that show meaningful use of electronic health records and submit quality measure data.

IHA expressed concern with the payment rate increase. IHA believes the proposed FY23 payment update for IPPS hospitals along with the agency's proposed cuts to disproportionate share hospital payments and the dramatic increase in the proposed high-cost outlier threshold would result in a net decrease in payments to IPPS hospitals in FY23 compared to FY22.

CMS will review comments to the proposed rule and release the final rule this summer. The rule will take effect Saturday, Oct. 1. Email [Erin Cubit](mailto:Erin.Cubit@ihaonline.org) at IHA with questions.

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### **Review latest CMS emergency preparedness regulations in webinar**

Spots are still available in the upcoming [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Conditions of Participation](#) webinar.

Nancy Ruzicka, a consultant on state and federal rules, regulations and interpretative guidelines, will discuss the latest updates to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services emergency preparedness interpretative guidelines and commonly cited emergency preparedness deficiencies.

Ruzicka also will review basic policies and procedures to comply with regulations and interpretative guidelines and required training and exercises.

The webinar is scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, June 28.

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### **DEI resources available through IHA**

[The Health Equity Action Library](#) is a knowledge bank of the latest diversity, equity and inclusion information available for health care organizations. The American Hospital Association curated six key resource areas:

- Collection and use of data to drive action.
- Community Collaboration for solutions.
- Culturally appropriate patient care.
- Diverse representative in executive leadership and governance.
- Equitable and inclusive organizational policies.
- Systematic and shared accountability.

The library makes it easier for health care advocates and professionals to better understand opportunities, challenges and strategies that may help them begin or advance their health equity journey.

Iowa hospitals and health systems are encouraged to continue their health equity journeys by enrolling in AHA's [Health Equity Roadmap](#) and signing [IHA's Pledge to Champion Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity](#).

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## NewsStand

### Iowa news

- [UnityPoint CIO named to list of women power players in health IT](#)
- [UIHC joins efforts toward health equity](#)
- [COVID-19 hospitalizations up, new cases down as pandemic continues gradual rise in Iowa](#)

### National news

- [Hospital CEO exits surge](#)
- ['Part of a new normal:' COVID-19 reinfections are here to stay](#)
- [Study: Ivermectin continues to show no benefit among COVID-19 patients](#)

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### Online education

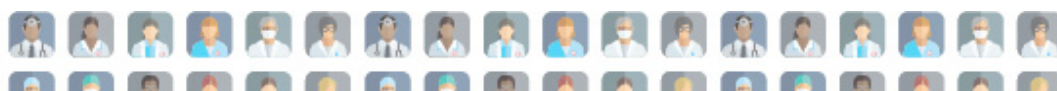
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, June 28
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

### In-person meetings

- [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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