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Saturday, June 4, 2022

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IHA critical access hospital financial analysis released

An IHA critical access hospital financial analysis was released last week providing all-payer comparative financial ratios and metrics for critical access hospitals compared to benchmark groups. The financial ratios are calculated using standard accepted formulas, as defined by agencies. The model also includes a summary tabular sheet and a dictionary with calculation instructions.

The source for the financial information in the model is the Healthcare Cost Report Information System database provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This database includes Medicare cost report data for all U.S. hospitals and is updated on quarterly. This version reflects first quarter 2022 data submitted by hospitals up to March 31.

This analysis was emailed to critical access hospital CEOs and CFOs. Please email [Rachel Sigler](#) at IHA if you did not receive your analysis.

Health system advisory group looks to future priorities

The IHA Health System Advisory Group met May 31, discussing the 2022 legislative session as well as 2023 priorities.

The IHA Advocacy Team summarized the 2022 legislative session, noting the state legislature passed several bills aimed at easing the health care workforce shortage including expanding the Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment and the Health Care Loan Repayment programs. The advocacy team also discussed American Rescue Plan Act funds distributed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Several priorities from 2022 were identified as priorities for the 2023 legislative session including workforce, tort reform and Medicaid reform. Additional priorities discussed were:

- Cybersecurity.
- Noncompete clauses.

- Violence against health care workers.

The group also discussed using grassroots advocacy to reestablish trust and relations among the public, legislators and health care organizations.

Expanded mental health services available to Iowa Medicaid members

Iowa Medicaid members enrolled with a managed care organization have access to an expanded array of [mental health and substance use disorder services](#). The services, referred to as B3 services, are authorized as a 1915(b)(3) waiver exemption by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

B3 services available include:

- Community support.
- Intensive psychiatric rehabilitation.
- Peer and parent support.
- Residential substance use disorder treatment.
- Respite.
- Wraparound services.

People not enrolled with a managed care organization do not have coverage for B3 mental health and substance use disorder services.

Join AHA ‘Seizing the Conversation’ initiative to highlight the crucial role of hospitals

The American Hospital Association called on all hospitals to raise their voices and share their “stories behind the hospital H.” Their new [“Seizing the Conversation” initiative](#) will highlight the important roles hospitals play in their communities.

The AHA is asking hospitals to:

- Gather examples and share stories.
- Identify hospital ambassadors to share hospital stories through op-eds, news releases and other AHA-supported media opportunities.
- Share hospitals’ pandemic experiences.

AHA will spotlight member organizations and will highlight how hospitals:

- Benefit patients through research and innovation.
- Benefit their communities.
- Improve access to care.
- Improve health and wellness in their communities.
- Provide COVID-19 care and vaccinations.

Email [Alicia Mitchell](#) or [Emily Gustafson](#) at AHA with questions.

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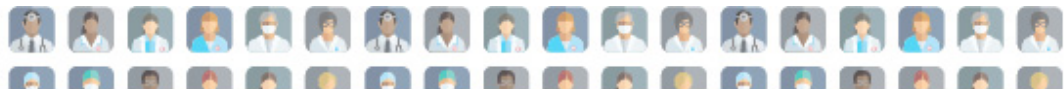
- [Common Life Safety Code Deficiencies](#): Tuesday, June 14
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, June 28
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

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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