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Tuesday, June 7, 2022

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IHA advocacy team weekly preview

With the close of the 2022 legislative session, the IHA advocacy team continues to work with partner organizations and hospital advocates to set the stage for the 2023 legislative session.

Today, the advocacy team is virtually attending a tertiary care, psychiatric care and forensic care workgroup regarding a mental health summit later this month and identifying benchmarks for success in psychiatric intensive care and forensic care.

Members of the advocacy team also will join the Rural Healthcare Workforce Strategic Planning and Stakeholder workgroup. The group includes representatives from the Iowa Medical Society, Iowa Pharmacy Association and the Iowa Health Care Association. The group is discussing action items based on its strategic plan to advance Iowa's health care workforce.

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

Hospital Heroes submissions due next week

The deadline to submit Hospital Heroes nominations is a week away. The [Hospital Heroes Award](#) is presented to hospital employees who acted courageously in a moment's crisis or who selflessly served their hospitals and communities through their careers.

IHA will recognize 10 hospital employees at the 2022 Annual Meeting who embody the passion and purpose of the community hospital mission every day. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, June 15.

Email [Craig Borchard](#) at IHA with questions.

Ransomware attacks on health care organizations up 94%

Cybersecurity firm Sophos surveyed 5,600 IT professionals and interviewed 381

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 health care professionals from 36 countries for its report [The State of Ransomware in Healthcare in 2022](#). Sophos reported [ransomware attacks on health care organizations globally increased by 94% year over year](#).

Health care organizations are reminded to take [simple steps to lower the risk of a ransomware attack](#) including:

- Email system configuration.
- Incident response plans.
- Network segmentation.
- Use of multifactor authentication.
- Vulnerability management.

Resources are available from the [Health and Human Services 405\(d\) task group](#).



ServiShare PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Include food service in patient experience

Julie Halfpop, R.D.N., director of nutrition services with ServiShare partner [Martin Bros. Distributing](#), highlights the importance of food service in the patient experience.

Customer expectations are changing, and patients expect quality food during their hospital stays. [In a recent webinar](#), Halfpop highlighted:

- Generational food preferences.
 - Sample patient menus.
 - Tips to enhance the image of food and nutrition services.
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NewsStand

Iowa news

- [Alcohol use was a problem in Iowa. Then the pandemic hit.](#)
- [What to do if you can't find baby formula](#)
- [Regents approve 6% University of Iowa hospitals rate hike](#)

National news

- [U.S. COVID-19 cases fall for first time since March](#)
- [10 signs your board has a strong pulse](#)
- [Congress action necessary to prevent rural hospital closures](#)

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Online education

- [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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