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IHA advocacy team weekly preview

During the July 16 pharmacy issues work group meetings, members were tasked with collecting stories and data about the effects of pharmacy benefit managers and the 340B pricing programs. The work group met Monday to discuss the information collected and continue planning priorities for the 2023 legislative session.

The advocacy team this week also will:

- Continue conducting interviews for legislative candidates across Iowa.
- Meet with the Iowa Department of Human Services and other stakeholders to create a psychiatric intensive care rate for Iowa Medicaid.
- Learn more about an emergency department peer recovery program.

Look for Saturday's edition of IHA Today for follow-up stories.

Register for upcoming Iowa Medicaid town hall meeting

Iowa Medicaid members and health care providers can participate in [separate virtual town halls where Iowa Medicaid and the Iowa Department of Human Services will address questions or concerns](#).

The town halls are scheduled the fourth Thursday of the month with the next meetings scheduled Thursday, July 28. [Providers will meet from 4-5 p.m.](#) and [members will meet from 5-6 p.m.](#)

Future meetings are scheduled:

- Thursday, Aug. 25.
- Thursday, Sept. 22.
- Thursday, Oct. 27.

Providers are encouraged to share this information with members who may be interested in attending a town hall meeting.

Two professional certification opportunities available

The Iowa Healthcare Collaborative and the Iowa Department of Public Health are offering certification opportunities for critical access hospitals. The organizations are partnering to offer a [certified professional patient safety and certified infection control training programs](#) for interested staff.

Participants in the programs will obtain, improve and retain critical skills and knowledge to perform hospital clinical, quality and safety instructions. After completing the training, participants will take certification exams. The exams are offered at no cost to hospitals, but have limited seating.

The patient safety certification is offered by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. The examination covers five patient safety domains:

- Culture.
- Leadership.
- Measuring and improving performance.
- Patient safety risks and solutions.
- Systems thinking, design and human factors.

The infection control certification is offered by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology and the examination consists of 150 multiple-choice questions covering basic skills and knowledge.

Register for the training programs by Wednesday, Aug. 31 and [email Melissa Perry](#) with the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative with questions.



Still time to register for Swinging for Scholars

There's still time to register for the [15th Annual Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation Swinging for Scholars Golf Outing](#). Participants can register as individual golfers or a team of four.

The fundraising event is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Tournament Club of Iowa in Polk City and begins with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The event will conclude at 2 p.m. with lunch and awards.

The golf outing is IHHERF's primary fundraiser to support its Health Care Careers Scholarship Program. The program awards more than \$200,000 in scholarships annually to encourage students to pursue careers in health care or for current health care professionals to further advance their careers.

The goal of this program is to fill Iowa health care positions in highest need by offering financial support. Each award recipient commits to working one year in an Iowa hospital for each year of scholarship award.

[Email IHA](#) with questions.



Data center migration provides operational benefits

With a recent spate of Midwest data center closings, organizations are tasked with migrating their data to new locations. ServiShare partner [IP Pathways](#) says in a [recent blog post that migrating to a new data center can be an opportunity](#) for organizations, rather than a burden, with a well-executed migration strategy.

Organizations can evaluate and assess data protocols and ensure its infrastructure and services are met. Data migration also can affect day-to-day operations by providing:

- Better efficiency.
- Cost savings.
- Environmental responsibility.
- Increased security.

To learn more about creating a data migration strategy, [email Maile Janssen](#), health care account manager, with IP Pathways.

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Iowa news

- [UI's Carmen tabbed as one of 23 children's hospital CIOs to know](#)
- [Legislation can help prevent fentanyl overdoses](#)
- [Why Iowa voters are being asked if EMS is an essential service](#)

National news

- [Hospitals struggle with staff shortages as COVID-19 funds run out](#)
- [Inflation to erode nonprofit hospital margins, Fitch reports](#)
- [Drugmakers slow to prove fast-tracked medicines really work](#)

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Online education

- [Basics of Proposed Rural Emergency Hospital Conditions of Participation and Payment](#): Tuesday, Aug. 2
- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Creating Successes: IHA's Summer Series for Health Care Leaders](#): Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Tuesday, Nov. 15

In-person meetings

- [IHERF Swinging for Scholars Golf Outing](#): Thursday, Sept. 1
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Fall Conference](#): Thursday, Sept. 15 - Friday, Sept. 16

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