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IHA advocacy team weekly preview

Today, the IHA advocacy team is hosting a regulatory webinar to review the [conditions of participation for rural emergency hospitals](#) and proposed payment policies. Nancy Ruzicka, a consultant on state and federal rules, will lead the webinar. The webinar will be recorded and will be available on [IHA's Digital on Demand](#) in the coming days.

The advocacy team this week also will:

- Attend the American Hospital Association PAC retreat.
- Conduct nine interviews for legislative candidates across Iowa.
- Meet with the Iowa Department of Human Services to continue discussions about psychiatric intensive care rates for Iowa Medicaid.

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

Register for swing-bed regulatory webinar

Hospitals with fewer than 100 licensed hospital beds are eligible to participate in the swing-bed program. Nancy Ruzicka will lead a [regulatory webinar about Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' swing-bed program regulations](#).

Ruzicka will discuss the differences between the requirements for critical access and other rural hospitals, requirements to participate, interpretative guidelines and patient eligibility. C-suite members, compliances officers, legal counsel, nursing leadership, quality improvement staff and risk managers are encouraged to attend.

The webinar is scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Nov. 8. [Email Tori Hanson](#) at IHA with questions.

HHS releases tool to estimate emergency supply needs

To help hospitals better prepare for emergency situations, the Department of Health and Human Services created an interactive tool for hospital emergency planners and supply chain staff. [The Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals tool](#) provides interactive modules to estimate supplies hospitals may need immediately during various mass casualty incidents and infectious disease emergencies.

The tool recommends the average par levels for specific supplies hospitals may need based on hospital characteristics. The tool is comprised of hospital pharmacy, personal protective equipment, burn supply and trauma supply modules.

HHS will host an [informational webinar about the tool](#) from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15.

AHA releases second section of rural workforce guide

The American Hospital Association is creating a rural health care workforce guide that includes strategies, resources and case studies from hospitals and health systems nationwide. The [Strengthening the Health Care Workforce: Strategies for Now, Near and Far](#) guide was informed by the AHA Board of Trustees' Task Force on Workforce.

The guide is being released in three sections. The newly released second section offers immediate and longer-term strategies to help hospitals and health system leaders navigate workforce challenges and opportunities. It includes data, analytics and technical support.

The first section offered strategies and resources to support workforce well-being and behavioral health and to prevent workplace violence. The third section will focus on strategies and staffing models to support recruitment, retention, diversity, equity and inclusion. It will be released in September.



SOC Telemed offers insights to telehealth and workforce

Industries are struggling to recruit and retain staff, particularly health care organizations. Chris Gallagher, a cardiologist and CEO of Servishare partner [SOC Telemed](#), recently spoke with [Healthcare IT News](#) to discuss how telehealth services can help combat physician shortages.

Dr. Gallagher said specialty telemedicine can help solve myriad problems including nurse burnout, patient retention, readmissions and physician shortages while making a difference to hospitals' bottom lines. Cognitive specialties like psychiatry, infectious disease, cardiology, maternal medical and critical care can be delivered by telemedicine in the inpatient and outpatient settings.

[Email Jake Kercheval](#), vice president of business development with SOC Telemed, to learn more.

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- [Regents approve 33% budget increase for North Liberty hospital](#)

National news

- [How COVID-19 changed Americans' health for the worse](#)
- [How COVID-19 shifted the side gig landscape for nurses](#)
- [Summer boosters for people under 50 shelved for updated fall boosters](#)

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Online education

- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Creating Successes: IHA's Summer Series for Health Care Leaders](#): Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29
- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, Dec. 6
- [CMS Updates](#): Thursday, Dec. 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
- [IHA Annual Meeting](#): Monday, Oct. 3 - Wednesday, Oct. 5

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