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Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022

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No Surprises Act final rule released

The departments of Health and Human Services, Labor and the Treasury issued the [No Surprises Act final rule](#) updating several key regulations. Updates include clarifying information certified independent dispute-resolution entities must consider when making a payment determination under the federal arbitration process.

The changes conform with rulings made in February and July by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. The rulings vacated the part of the interim final regulations that directed dispute-resolution entities to begin with the presumption that the offer closest to the qualifying payment amount was the appropriate out-of-network payment.

The final rules also:

- Discuss situations in which payers have a down-coded claim.
- Establish new requirements about what information payers must share with providers if a claim is down-coded.
- Provide an [FAQ](#) and [status report](#) for the independent dispute-resolution process.

IHA is reviewing the final regulations and will update members with any concerns.

IHA advocacy team weekly preview

Yesterday, the advocacy team hosted a webinar about the rural emergency hospital conditions of enrollment, provider enrollment procedures and payment policies. For a recording, visit [IHA's Digital on Demand store](#). The advocacy team also met Monday with Iowa Senate Minority Leader Zach Wahls.

In addition, the advocacy team is meeting with several government entities and stakeholders this week including:

- Members of Gov. Kim Reynolds' staff discussing American Rescue Plan Act funds on Tuesday.
- The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Tuesday for monthly check in.
- The IHA Health System Advisory Committee on Wednesday.
- Psychiatric intensive care unit work group on Wednesday.
- Workforce issues work group on Thursday.

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

IHA to host MidAmerican Information Summit

The IHA Information Center staff will host the annual MidAmerica Information Summit Sept. 7-9, at the IHA Conference Center in Des Moines. The event is a national conference for state hospital association data professionals. Nearly 70 data professionals from 32 state and regional hospital associations will attend.

The summit is an opportunity for data leaders nationwide to learn from their peers and hear from experts about topics aimed at improving hospital and patient data use. The agenda includes presentations about:

- American Hospital Association's data programs, data analytics and visualization resources.
- Association data initiatives.
- Quality and patient safety.
- Social determinants of health.

The summit helps IHA staff identify information services that can be developed for IHA member use. Members are provided opportunities to share input about information development through the Council on Health Information and other groups and committees.

Additionally, the summit helps IHA identify data partnership opportunities with peer state hospital associations. To date, 16 state hospital associations have entered into agreements with IHA to implement data programs.

Email questions to [Sara Hayes](#) or [Perry Meyer](#) at IHA.

State anticipates bivalent COVID-19 vaccine rollout

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services is [preparing for the potential federal rollout of bivalent COVID-19 booster dose vaccines](#).

The Food and Drug Administration's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee voted in favor of changing the strain composition of COVID-19 vaccines to include a SARS-CoV-2 omicron component. Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna have both developed bivalent omicron-adapted mRNA vaccines, and it's anticipated the vaccines will be authorized only as a single dose in people who have completed a primary COVID-19 vaccine series.

In anticipation of federal approval, Iowa HHS sent an additional vaccine allocation survey Wednesday, Aug. 17, for only bivalent COVID-19 vaccines. During the anticipated initial rollout of the bivalent vaccines, minimum order quantities will be:

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- 300-dose increments for Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines.

After the initial rollout, the state will receive ongoing vaccine allocations to support bivalent booster vaccination.

careLearning a solution for mandatory training and education

IHA provides [careLearning, a web-based online educational resource, to member hospitals](#). A live product information webinar about the careLearning system is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Anyone with a vested interest in providing education and mandatory training to hospital employees is encouraged to register. This includes staff educators, human resource officer, nursing executives or managers, and compliance officers.

CareLearning is a cost-effective educational tool that helps ensure employees have access to regulatory training and other health care-related courses. Webinar participants will gain practical knowledge about the careLearning system and how it can help organize and manage education.

To register for the demonstration, contact Tony Wegmann at twegmann@carelearning.com or call 304-353-9754.

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Iowa news

- [Iowa health departments to receive more doses of monkeypox vaccine](#)
- [How much could Iowans save in health care costs?](#)
- [14 doctors complete Physician Business Leadership Certification program](#)

National news

- [Monkeypox cases jump 20% in one week, WHO finds](#)
- [Over half of people infected with omicron didn't know it, study finds](#)
- [U.S. to roll back coverage of COVID-19 vaccines, treatments](#)

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Online education

- [Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8
- [Patient Rights: An Overview](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29
- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, Dec. 6
- [CMS Updates](#): Thursday, Dec. 15

In-person meetings

- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Fall Conference](#): Thursday, Sept. 15 - Friday, Sept. 16
- [IHA Annual Meeting](#): Monday, Oct. 3 - Wednesday, Oct. 5
- [Performance and Process Improvement - Leadership "Yellow Belt" Workshop](#): Tuesday, Oct. 18 - Wednesday, Oct. 19
- [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Nov. 30

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