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Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022

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IHA submits REH, CAH conditions of participation comments to CMS

Yesterday, IHA submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services about the [conditions of participation for rural emergency hospitals and updates to the conditions of participation for critical access hospitals](#).

IHA expressed support for CMS efforts to align the REH conditions of participation with that of CAHs and clarifying several issues within the rules. IHA expressed concerns with quality requirements and laboratory services as well as expressing the need for flexibility in some circumstances to the 24-hour average annual length of stay. IHA encouraged CMS to account for challenges in rural communities including transportation and ambulance availability.

With the CAH conditions of participation, IHA supports the changes, but urged CMS to take caution with the updates and not add excessive burdens to the hospitals.

[Email Erin Cubit](#) at IHA with questions.

Bill would extend Medicare-dependent and low-volume adjustment programs

To extend the Medicare-dependent hospital program and low-volume hospital adjustment, the Assistance for Rural Community Hospitals (ARCH) Act has been introduced by Reps. Carol Miller (R-W.VA) and Terri Sewell (D-Ala.)

The Medicare-dependent hospital program, established in 1987, allows eligible hospitals to receive the sum of their prospective payment system payment rate plus three-quarters of the amount of their cost per discharge that exceeds the proposed payment system rate. As proposed, the ARCH Act would extend the program an additional five years, helping provide financial stability to rural hospitals.


The low-volume adjustment factor accounts for the relation between cost and volume, leveling the playing field for low-volume providers and improving access for care in rural areas. The ARCH Act also proposes a five-year extension for the low-volume adjustment factor.

Sen. Chuck Grassley has introduced a similar bill in the Senate. IHA is pleased the U.S. House and Senate are committed to the financial sustainability of rural hospitals to ensure access to high-quality, affordable care.

Meet the IHA board nominees: Anthony Coleman, D.H.A.

At its August meeting, the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees approved the Governance Committee's recommendation for the IHA Board. The nominees will be featured in IHA Today.

The 2022-23 slate of officers and nominees will be confirmed by IHA members at the House of Delegates meeting Oct. 4 at the [IHA Annual Meeting](#).

A professional headshot of Anthony Coleman, a Black man with a short beard and mustache, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. The background is a light blue gradient.

IHA Board Nominee
Anthony Coleman, D.H.A. – President/CEO
Broadlawns Medical Center, Des Moines

Anthony Coleman, D.H.A., has been the president and chief executive officer of Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines since Dec. 6, 2021.

Dr. Coleman was vice president of operations and assistant hospital administrator for Kaiser Permanente's San Bernadino service area in California. He also was a Naval officer, chief operating officer and chief financial officer during his 20 years of service with the United States Navy.

Dr. Coleman earned his doctorate in health administration and policy and a master's degree in health administration from the Medical University of South Carolina. He earned his bachelor's degree in workforce, education and development from Southern Illinois University.

IHA advocacy team weekly preview

The IHA advocacy team continues meeting with legislative leaders this week as they prepare for the 2023 legislative session. The team discussed legislative priorities with Reps. John Forbes (D-Urbandale) and Michael Bergan (R-Dorchester) on Monday.

The advocacy team also is wrapping up its interim work with certificate-of-need and Medicaid work group meetings. The groups' recommendations will be integrated into the drafting of IHA's 2023 legislative priorities.



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The 2022 IHA PAC goal is in reach! With more support flowing forward into these final weeks of the campaign, the \$125,000 goal can be reached this year. To date, members have generated \$93,858 or 75% of this year's goal. The campaign deadline is Friday, Sept. 30.

[Leadership contributions received over the past week include:](#)

- Gary Botine, vice president and chief financial officer, [Mary Greeley Medical Center](#).
- Barry Jacobsen, CEO, [Myrtue Medical Center](#).
- Michael McCoy, M.D., chief medical officer, [Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center](#).
- Ann Schumacher, president, [CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs](#).

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- [CMS Updates](#): Thursday, Dec. 15

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- [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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