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2022 IHA Annual Meeting returns to in-person event

After two years of virtual meetings, hospital leaders and advocates will meet in-person at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines for the [2022 IHA Annual Meeting](#). Iowa's largest gathering of hospital leaders and colleagues is scheduled from Tuesday, Oct. 4 to Wednesday, Oct. 5, with a preconference workshop at the IHA Conference Center Monday, Oct. 3.

This year's conference will help hospital leaders recharge and rebuild after grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic, workforce shortages and a myriad of issues. The meeting will be filled with sessions for hospital leaders, trustees, clinical staff and everyone in between. Engaging keynote speakers include:

- Steve Cadigan, global talent strategy and company culture expert.
- Hayley Arceneaux, childhood cancer survivor, physician assistant at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and SpaceX crew member.
- Michael O'Neil, founder of [GetWellNetwork](#).

Participants also can visit IHA's vendor exhibits hosted by industry leaders. Unless otherwise noted, education sessions are available to attend for free by:

- IHA member hospitals and health systems employees.
- IHA associate members and annual meeting sponsors.
- IHA personal membership group members.
- Healthcare Financial Management Association.
- American College of Healthcare Executives of Iowa members.

In the weeks leading up to the Annual Meeting, watch for highlights and information about speakers and sessions. [Email Corey Martin](#) at IHA with questions.

CMS issues final rule for hospital inpatient and LTCH final rule

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released its fiscal year [2023 final rule for the hospital inpatient and long-term care hospital prospective payment system](#) this week.

The final rule will [increase inpatient prospective patient payments by a net 2.6% compared to 2022](#). The increase reflects:

- A 4.3% rate update. The update is a 4.1% market basket update, less 0.3 percentage points for productivity plus 0.5 percentage points required by statute.
- A 1.7% cut for outlier payments.

The final rule also will [increase net long-term care hospital perspective payments by \\$71 million](#) in fiscal year 2023, relative to previous levels. It also caps decreases for annual payment system updates to MS-LTC-DRF relative weights and the wage index. This will help maintain year-to-year stability.

IHA and Iowa hospitals advocated for a rate increase in the originally-proposed rule because of the economic situation in the U.S. IHA is pleased to see the updated rates in the final rule.

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



IHA PAC contributions outpacing 2021 campaign

The IHA PAC continues to see success as contributions steadily come in. [Total contributions are \\$77,293](#) \$15,000 more than the same time last year. As the IHA PAC comes closer to its goal of \$125,000, IHA is thankful for the [new Ben Franklin Club-level donors](#) who have kept the momentum going since the July 21 PAC report:

- Erin Muck, CEO, [Crawford County Memorial Hospital](#).
- Shelly Russell, CEO, [Mitchell County Regional Health Center](#).

- Matt Sells, CEO, [Shenandoah Medical Center](#).

[Learn more about IHA's advocacy efforts online.](#)

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Register for new leadership training workshop

Learn how using process-improvement tools like Lean and Six Sigma can create a more efficient and collaborative team with a new two-day workshop. [The Performance Process Improvement – Leadership Yellow Belt Workshop](#) will be led by Sarah Pavelka, Ph.D., director-at-large for the National Association for Healthcare Quality Board, who will introduce management tools for hospital leaders.

Participants will learn how to apply new leadership models and techniques to their organization including:

- Applying the principles of Lean and Six Sigma to the health care environment.
- Creating a foundation for process-improvement at their organizations.
- Identifying practical tools for quality improvement.

The workshop is scheduled from Tuesday, Oct. 18 to Wednesday, Oct. 19. [Email Tori Hanson](#) at IHA with questions.

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Varnum Group offers executive coaching from health care leader

Dan Varnum, president and executive coach of IHA associate member [Varnum Group](#), brings his more than 30 years of executive experience to his leadership training. Varnum Group offers coaching for C-suite officers, physicians and physician executives.

Varnum Group understands how busy health care leaders can be. Unlike formal training programs, Varnum Group allows executives to develop over time by offering personalized coaching experiences for clients. [Email Dan Varnum](#) to learn more about ways to grow as a leader.

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Iowa news

- [VA of Central Iowa to celebrate opening of new primary care clinic](#)
- [Donation aims to boost stroke care](#)
- [Nurse earns scholarship from hospital foundation](#)

National news

- [Three COVID-19 forecasts to know](#)
- [Millions of Americans have long COVID-19. Many no longer work.](#)
- [National committee emphasizes health equity in updated guidelines](#)

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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. 8
- [Patient Rights: An Overview](#): 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
- [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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- Previously recorded [webinars and presentations](#) including project presentations from the Advanced Leadership Academy.
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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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