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Iowa announces winning bidders for IA Health Link RFP

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services announced [Amerigroup Iowa and Molina Healthcare of Iowa as the winners of the state's request for proposals](#) for managed care organizations.

Amerigroup Iowa was already a managed care organization with Iowa Total Care and will renew its contract to administer health care services through the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. The total number of managed care organizations will be three starting July 1, 2023, when contracts for Amerigroup Iowa and Molina Healthcare of Iowa go into effect.

The state issued the request in February and received five bids from potential vendors.

IHA advocacy team weekly roundup

The IHA advocacy team met with the Iowa Nursing Action Coalition Tuesday. The coalition works to improve health care quality and access to health care for all Iowans. They discussed increasing diversity in Iowa's nursing workforce. They also began planning a future nursing forum.

Additional meetings this week included:

- Meeting with the certificate-of-need work group.
- Meeting with the Medicaid issues work group to review reimbursements.

Meet the IHA board nominee: Doug Cropper

At its August meeting, the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees approved the

Governance Committee's recommendation for the IHA Board. In this edition of IHA Today, we feature board nominee Doug Cropper.

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](#).



IHA Board Nominee
Doug Cropper - President/CEO
Genesis Health System, Davenport

Doug Cropper has been CEO of Genesis Health System in Davenport since 2008.

Cropper has more than 30 years of health care experience, starting as an operating room orderly. Before joining Genesis Health System, he was executive vice president with Inova Health System in Falls Church, Virginia. He also held leadership positions beginning in 1991 at HealthEast, based in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Cropper graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and a master's degree in health care and hospital administration from the University of Minnesota.



HFMA to sponsor multiple sessions at 2022 IHA Annual Meeting

IHA and the [Healthcare Financial Management Association – Iowa Chapter](#), are happy to provide six sessions focusing on health care financial practices, law and administration. HFMA's sponsorship of the annual meeting makes these sessions available to all participants at [IHA's 2022 Annual Meeting](#). Sessions include:

Tuesday

- **T2 – 2023 Medicare Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Rules.** Mike Nichols and Martie Ross, principals of PYA in Kansas City, Kansas, will discuss the 2023 Medicare Hospital Inpatient Final Rule and the Medicare Hospital Outpatient Proposed Rule.
- **T6 – Chief Nursing Officer/Chief Financial Officer Dyad: An Essential Relationship.** Kimberly Nagy, senior executive advisor with Kirby Bates Associates in Orlando, Florida, will discuss creating cooperative executive relations.
- **T10 – Financial Leaders Panel.** Dave Muhs, chief financial officer from Henry County Health Center in Mount Pleasant will moderate a panel of health care

County Health Center in Mount Pleasant will moderate a panel of health care finance experts as they discuss the new normal in a post-COVID-19 world.

Wednesday

- **W2 – Cost Reports, Reimbursements and Strategies.** Jeremy Behrens, partner at Eide Bailly in Omaha, Nebraska, will review the Medicare cost report, its methodologies and reimbursement strategies.
- **W3 – Regulatory Year In Review for the C-Suite.** Michael Chase, J.D., with Baird Holm in Omaha, Nebraska, will provide a fast-paced review of major health care regulatory and case law developments.
- **W7 – Financial Guide for the Rural Health Care Leader During COVID and Post-COVID.** Brian Bertsch, principal with Eide Bailly in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will discuss strategies to improve financial performance and identify top financial indicators.

DEI webinar uses actual situations to address inequities

Using real-life scenarios, participants in the [Advancing Health Equity in Iowa's Hospital Systems: Cases From the Front line](#) will learn to identify societal disparities and guidelines to address health inequities.

Infectious disease physician Megan Srinivas focuses on health equity and will present inclusive frameworks hospitals and health systems can implement. Dr. Srinivas also will discuss inclusive approaches to health to improve clinical outcomes, recruitment, retention and community partnerships.

Clinicians, hospital administrators, diversity officers, physicians and trustees are encouraged to attend.

The webinar is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26. [Email Tori Hanson](#) at IHA with questions.

IHA Today schedule change

As we approach the Labor Day weekend, IHA extends warm wishes to our members and their employees, who through their hard work and service to their patients and their communities, make Iowa a better place to live. There will be no Saturday edition of IHA Today with the regular schedule resuming next week.

NewsStand

Iowa news

- [Suicides underscore concerns for pandemic's impact on Iowa children's mental health](#)
- [Iowa introduces new Health and Human Services agency](#)
- [State OKs university's 33% budget hike for North Liberty hospital](#)

National news

- [FDA authorizes Pfizer's and Moderna's updated COVID-19 booster shots](#)
- [Epic building a 'nationwide health IT infrastructure'](#)
- [Travel nurse pay trends for health care leaders to know](#)

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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
- [Advancing Health Equity in Iowa's Hospital Systems: Cases from the Frontline](#): Monday, Sept. 26
- [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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