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Remember to apply for 340B program recertification

The deadline to apply for 340B drug pricing program recertification is Monday, Sept. 19. 340B-covered entities must annually recertify their eligibility to remain in the 340B program and continue purchasing covered outpatient drugs at discounted 340B prices.

Hospitals must [complete recertification through the OPA Information System \(OPAIS\)](#). Authorizing officials and primary contacts must create their own OPAIS accounts before recertifying. Covered entities that fail to create OPAIS accounts and conduct recertification will be removed from the 340B program.

The Health Resources and Services Administration provided a [slide presentation with more information about the recertification process](#) and [educational resources are available online](#).

IHA advocacy team weekly preview

The IHA advocacy team is completing its policy work groups and developing IHA's 2023 policy position papers. The policy positions will be presented to the IHA Council on Representation and Advocacy and the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees. IHA will notify members when the positions are finalized later this month.

This week, the advocacy team also is:

- Discussing the rural emergency hospital designation with legislative staff.
- Hosting its monthly meeting with the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise.
- Meeting with the Mental Health and Disability Services Commission.
- Meeting with state Sen. Mark Costello (R-Imogene). Costello is the chair of the Senate Health and Human Services appropriation subcommittee.
- Monitoring the administrative rules committee meeting.
- Presenting a legislative preview to the Hawkeye Chapter of the American

Association of Healthcare Administration Management group and the UnityPoint Health Community Network CEO meeting.

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



Improve leadership skills in charge nurse workshop

Charge nurses or other nurse leaders are encouraged to participate in the [Charge Nurse Leadership Development Workshop](#). Jodi Johnson, B.S.N., education manager at Cherokee Regional Medical Center, and Allison Wild, M.S.N., clinical professional development educator with UnityPoint Health-Des Moines, are leading the two-day workshop.

Participants will build their leadership skills by:

- Developing strategies for conflict resolution.
- Discovering practical strategies for managing stress.
- Exploring situational leadership and understanding its effects on leadership style.
- Identifying leadership traits for a successful charge nurse.

Participants will receive 11 nursing contact hours for attending both days. The workshop is scheduled from Monday, Oct. 24, to Tuesday, Oct. 25. [Email Tori Hanson](#) at IHA with questions.

Still time to register for upcoming IHA education offerings

Spots are still available for several IHA November and December educational offerings:

- [Swing-bed Fundamentals](#), scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Nov. 8, will feature Nancy Ruzicka, a consultant on state and federal rules. Ruzicka will discuss the basic Medicare regulations to participate in the swing-bed program.
- [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#), scheduled from Tuesday, Nov. 29, to Wednesday, Nov. 30. Sarah Pavelka, consultant and program director for health care administration at Walden University, will help staff review for the certification professional in health care quality examination.
- Ruzicka will review Centers for Medicare and Medicaid regulations protecting patient rights in the [Patient Rights: An Overview](#) webinar scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Nov. 29.
- Regulatory webinar [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#) will review requirements needed for hospitals to create a formalized antibiotic stewardship

program. Ruzicka will lead the webinar scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Email IHRegistration@ihaonline.org with questions.

Apply for 2023 nonprofit security grant program

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management opened the application period for its [nonprofit security grant program](#). The program provides funding support for physical security enhancements and addressing vulnerabilities that could be exploited in an assailant or armed intruder scenario.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that are:

- Determined to be at high risk of a terrorist attack by the secretary of Homeland Security.
- Described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the code.

Interested organizations must submit in its application a verification of vulnerability assessment completed for each occupied building for which funds are being sought. Assessments cannot be more than three years old and must be completed by one of the following:

- Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or contracted third-party.
- Law enforcement.
- Vulnerability assessment service provider.

Interested organizations must submit a notice of interest by Friday, Nov. 4, and submit completed applications by Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023. Notices and applications must be submitted on the [EMGrants website](#). [Contact Lisa Sexton](#) with the department at 515-218-4002 with questions.



Listen to latest COPIC podcast episodes

Catch up on [COPIC's latest podcast "Within Normal Limits."](#) COPIC, a ServiShare partner, offers insights about timely issues in health care, practice guidance for improving care and avoiding medical liability risks.

The podcast is hosted by Eric Zacharia, M.D., COPIC's director of medical education. The 20- to 30-minute episodes feature discussions with physician leaders and other medical experts. Recent episodes include:

- A Return to Discussing Spinal Epidural Abscess.
- Helping Kids Cope With Anxieties Around Medical Care and Pain

Management.

- Navigating Conversations With Patients About Guns.
- Using Ketamine to Treat Depression.

"Within Normal Limits" is available on popular platforms such as Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify and Amazon.

Email [Ford Singbush](#), [Anne MacFarland](#) or [Cameron James](#) at AssuredPartners with questions about COPIC coverage.

[AssuredPartners](#), a ServiShare-endorsed partner, teamed with COPIC to provide medical liability insurance to help hospitals manage the changing demands of health care.

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Iowa news

- [Waukee approves incentives for Iowa Clinic specialty, surgery center](#)
- [Wellmark, UnityPoint Health partner for new marketplace health plans](#)
- [What to know about Trinity Health's mega deal](#)

National news

- [CVS, Amazon, UnitedHealth using primary care to remake health care](#)
- [Two nurses assaulted each hour on average, data shows](#)
- [More DOs join physician ranks as osteopathic pipeline heats up](#)

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Online education

- [Advancing Health Equity in Iowa's Hospital Systems: Cases from the Frontline](#): Monday, Sept. 26
- [Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [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
- [Charge Nurse Leadership Development Workshop](#): Monday, Oct. 24 - Tuesday, Oct. 25
- [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Nov. 30

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