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Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022

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IHA advocacy team weekly round up

The advocacy team met yesterday with State Sen. Mark Costello (R-Imogene) to discuss IHA's 2023 legislative priorities. Sen. Costello sits on the Senate Human Resources Committee as vice chair, Appropriations Committee and chairs the Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

The advocacy team this week also:

- Attended and monitored discussion held by the Administrative Rules Review Committee meeting regarding workforce loan repayment programs.
- Attended the Children's Behavioral Health System State Board meeting.
- Reviewed and discussed the Mental Health and Disability Services Commission's 2023 legislative priorities.

IME creates plan to resume normal business process after PHE

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently [released guidance outlining requirements and expectations for resuming normal eligibility business processes](#) when the federal COVID-19 public health emergency ends. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise is using the guidance to create a phased approach to resuming normal eligibility processes for Iowa.

[Phases 1-3 of Iowa Medicaid's plan](#) have been implemented, and the processes in each phase continue to be executed during the public health emergency. Processes continuing to be implemented include:

- Issuing pre-populated annual medical assistance renewal and review forms.
- Transitioning members to a coverage group for which they are now eligible.

Call [Iowa Medicaid Provider Services](#) at 800-338-7909 with questions.

Apply for rural health network grant

The Human Resource and Services Administration Federal Office of Rural Health Policy is offering 44 awards of up to \$300,000 each for the [2023 Rural Health Network Development Program](#).

The four-year program will support integrated health care networks in:

- Achieving efficiencies.
- Expanding access, coordination and improvements to the quality of basic health care services and outcomes.
- Strengthening rural health care.

Funds can be used to address gaps in service, enhance systems of care and expand the capacity of local health care systems. Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, Nov. 22. [Email Jillian Causey at HRSA](#) with questions.

Nominate a great Iowa nurse

After a two-year hiatus, the former 100 Great Iowa Nurses Award is back. Now called simply Great Iowa Nurses, the program recognizes Iowa nurses who routinely go beyond their duties to ensure safe, compassionate care for their patients.

[The nomination process](#) is facilitated by Mary Greeley Medical Center and is open until Saturday, Oct. 15. Nominated nurses should be:

- Improving the health of their communities by sharing their experience and knowledge.
- Serving as role models for other nurses, especially nurses new to the profession.
- Taking on leadership responsibilities.

Winners will be recognized in a virtual ceremony scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023. [Email Great Iowa Nurses](#) with questions. [Click here to be part of the selection committee](#).

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Iowa news

- [Iowa health system receives \\$753K grant for Epic EHR install](#)
- [Grassley relays Iowa rural hospital concerns to CMS as REH deadline approaches](#)
- [UIHC to end inpatient eating disorder care](#)

National news

- [WHO says 'the end is in sight' for COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Average weekly travel nurse pay declines](#)
- [Telehealth fraud cost Medicare \\$128M in pandemic's first year](#)

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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

- [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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Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

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