

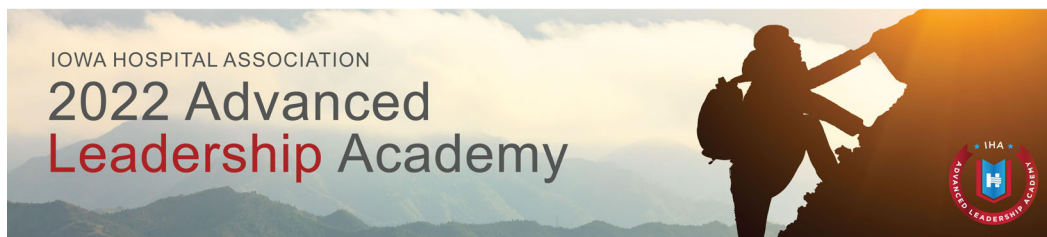
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Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022

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Solutions offered by Advanced Leadership Academy presentations

Join the [2022 IHA Advanced Leadership Academy cohort](#) to learn about innovative approaches to improving hospital operations. Each leader in the Academy has been working on a project to benefit their organization in addition to gaining further insight on key competencies of successful leaders during their meetings over the past six-months. The project presentations will be livestreamed and are [scheduled to begin today at 8:30 a.m.](#)

[Projects are detailed in this summary and include::](#)

- Reducing patient readmissions.
- Implementing respiratory programs at critical access hospitals.
- Improving the tracking process for civil commitments.
- Building quality assurance and performance index dashboards.

Academy leaders will provide tips for implementing the programs into other facilities. [IHA members are encouraged to join the livestream.](#) [Email Corey Martin](#) at IHA with questions.

IHA advocacy team weekly preview

Cybersecurity is an important issue for hospitals and health systems. The IHA

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Cybersecurity is an important issue for hospitals and health systems. The IHA advocacy team met with The Technology Association of Iowa to discuss their legislative priorities regarding cybersecurity. The legislature has been increasingly considering cybersecurity legislation and IHA is engaging with lawmakers about it.

This week the advocacy team is:

- Attending a Brain Health Now webinar. The organization is working with educators, health care professionals and business leaders to end the stigma surrounding brain health illnesses.
- Meeting with the psychiatric intensive care work group Wednesday.
- Meeting with Sen. Waylon Brown (R-Osage) Thursday.

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

Cyber criminals targeting health care payment systems

The FBI reported cyber criminals are redirecting payments intended for health care providers to accounts they control by targeting health care payment processors.

In its alert, the [FBI said at least 68 attacks were reported since June 2018](#). Cyber criminals used publicly available personal information and social engineering to impersonate victims and access accounts. The FBI recommends applying mitigations including:

- Conducting regular network security assessments.
- Regularly patching security threats.
- Updating anti-virus and anti-malware software.
- Using multi-factor authentication for all accounts and login credentials whenever possible.

Report period 3 PRF payment Sept. 30

Health care providers who received provider relief fund payments exceeding \$10,000 total from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2021, must [report to the Health Resources and Services Administration by Friday, Sept. 30](#), about how the funds were used. Failure to report can result in enforcement actions including repayment or exclusion from receiving or retaining future payments.

The deadline to [use the period 3 payments was Thursday, June 30](#).



Melissa Cunningham named MercyOne Primghar administrator

MercyOne Primghar Medical Center welcomed on July 3 Melissa Cunningham as administrator and director of critical access hospitals. Cunningham has worked in the health care field for 16 years as a registered nurse and in leadership roles.

Before joining MercyOne, Cunningham had served as vice president of clinical services and chief nursing officer of Cherokee Regional Medical Center and director of the Abben Cancer Center at Spencer Hospital. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from South Dakota State University.



Kode can fill medical coding needs

Finding qualified medical coders is challenging and causes backlogs and delays in an organization's revenue capture. [ServiShare partner Kode](#) can fill the gap in a hospital's coding needs.

Kode provide an on-demand solution to meet health care organizations' dynamic coding needs. It's unique platform brings together certified independent medical coders with hospitals and physicians who need flexible support to manage their coding. Kode provides organizations with more than 2,000 medical coders with no long-term contracts.

Email [Jim Green](#) or [Reagon Worthington](#) with ServiShare for more information or to schedule a meeting to learn about how Kode can help meet medical coder staffing needs.

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Iowa news

- [COVID has killed nearly 10,000 Iowans. That's not the whole story.](#)
- [How COVID, staff shortages increased Iowa ambulance response time](#)
- [Iowa health department not reporting COVID-19 reinfections](#)

National news

- [Rising health care costs likely to crunch employers](#)
- [Fauci: Anti-vaxxer attitude could cause non-COVID disease outbreaks](#)
- [Unclear eligibility for monkeypox vaccines could impede care](#)

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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
- [340B Day](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022
- [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Nov. 30

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The IHA Digital on Demand store offers:

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- [CEO podcasts](#).
- Previously recorded [webinars and presentations](#) including project presentations from the Advanced Leadership Academy.
- [Trustee resources](#).

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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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