

Problem viewing this email? [Click here](#) for our online version

IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

December 9, 2020

The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

Congress urged to fix CARES Act taxation penalty

Nearly 20 health care provider organizations, including the AHA, today urged Congress to enact legislation to clarify that relief funds provided through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and other programs as part of the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic are exempt from taxation, and that entities receiving them maintain the tax deductions attributable to these funds.

"Without such a correction, tax-paying health care providers lose at least 21% of the benefit of these funds," the groups said in a [letter](#) to congressional leaders. "...We do not believe Congress intended such a consequence in enacting the CARES Act and other COVID-19-related legislation."

Reminder: AHA Virtual Advocacy Day set for June 30

Join AHA President and CEO Rick Pollack and AHA Executive Vice President Tom Nickels at 1 pm Tuesday, June 30, for updates on the next COVID-19 relief package and ways to engage with lawmakers virtually.

You must register by 4 pm Monday, June 29, to participate in this AHA members-only event. Click [HERE](#) to register. After you register, you will receive an email with instructions for accessing the event. If you have questions, please call AHA at 800-424-4301.

Double Up Food Bucks granted \$1M for COVID-19 relief

Double Up Food Bucks, a Healthiest State Initiative program, received \$1 million in CARES Act funding to provide emergency relief for lowans facing food insecurity because of COVID-19-related unemployment and income loss. Double Up Food Bucks allows Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program customers to match, up to \$10 a day, purchases of fresh produce made with their EBT card for additional fruits and vegetables. CARES Act funding will help expand the Double Up Food Bucks program to more grocery stores and farmers' markets statewide. A complete list of farmers' markets and stands still operating in the pandemic is available [HERE](#).

CEO update call

The next CEO update call is scheduled from **1-2 pm Wednesday, July 1**. Register [here](#).

Free webinar opportunities

- 9-10 am Tuesday, June 30, **COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund Developments and Strategies: Legal and Accounting Perspectives**. This presentation will provide an overview of the relief fund and each of the payment distributions, include

the latest developments from Health and Human Services and describe best practices and strategies for obtaining and keeping relief funds, including legal, compliance, tax and audit concerns. Register [here](#).

- Noon-1 pm Tuesday, June 30, **COVID-19: Preparing for the New Norm**. This webinar outlines organizational processes, staffing, telehealth, patient safety and other areas likely to be transformed by COVID-19 and ways hospitals can get in front of these developments. Strategies and tactics reviewed are based on consultations the presenters have provided to health care organizations that are working through these challenges. Register [here](#).
- 11-noon Tuesday, July 14, **Embracing the COVID-19 Disruption: Leadership Perspectives on the Future of Acute Care**. Presented by Becker's Healthcare, this webinar will:
 - Discuss the importance of strategic leadership to combat the challenges facing hospitals and health systems nationwide.
 - Share insights on what health care will look like going forward, and how hospitals can prepare now by driving change within their organizations.
 - Showcase examples of innovation and collaboration stemming from the pandemic.
 - Understand how physicians can lead health systems to chart the course for updated care delivery policies and procedures.

Register [here](#).

Click here for the latest
COVID-19
Resources



IOWA HOSPITAL
ASSOCIATION

We care about Iowa's health



Iowa Hospital Association
 100 E. Grand Ave., Suite 100
 Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1800

[Unsubscribe](#)

