

# IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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## The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

### House Democrats unveil \$3 trillion COVID-19 relief package

House Democrats today [unveiled](#) the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act – a \$3 trillion COVID-19 relief package. Among other health care-related provisions, the package would:

- Eliminate cost-sharing for COVID-19 treatment in most forms of health care coverage.
- Increase the amount of funding available to providers through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and establish a new distribution methodology.
- Modify the terms of accelerated and advanced payments available through the Medicare program.
- Temporarily increase funding to states by increasing their federal medical assistance percentage by 14% and Medicaid disproportionate share hospital allotments by 2.5%.

The House is expected to vote on the bill Friday, and the Senate is not expected to take up the bill in its current form.

### Treasury updates Paycheck Protection Program FAQ

The US Treasury Department has released an [updated FAQ](#) for the Paycheck Protection Program. The updated section deals with safe harbors and how the Treasury Department will approach compliance.

### FEMA revises policy covering costs eligible for public assistance

FEMA recently released [updated guidelines](#) for COVID-19 medical care costs eligible for public assistance. The update clarifies public assistance application eligibility for state, local, tribal and territorial government entities and certain private nonprofit organizations. The policy applies to eligible public assistance applicants only, and it is exclusive to emergency and major disaster declarations for the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, email [Susan Horras](#) at IHA.

### Board of Pharmacy issues criteria for licensing recently graduated pharmacist-interns

Today, the Board of Pharmacy [announced](#) the criteria that pharmacist-interns must meet to obtain licenses to practice pharmacy in Iowa. The announcement contains eligibility criteria, limitations and information on the duration of the license.

### Reminder: 340B hospital survey closes May 15

The 340B hospital survey will close Friday, May 15. This survey is for hospitals paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System that were enrolled in the 340B program during calendar year Q4 2018 and/or Q1 2019. Both [detailed and quick survey methods](#) are available to submit 340B-acquired drug acquisition cost information to CMS.

### ServiShare partner develops COVID-19 mobile apps for hospitals

As hospitals begin to resume elective procedures, communicating information to staff and the public about COVID-19 policies

and protocols is essential. Having the right tools to quickly and safely communicate information can help hospitals better manage operations.

ServiShare partner MobileSmith has developed two COVID-19-specific mobile apps to share information with hospital employees and communities. The apps are secure and HIPAA-compliant.

### Community app

- Optimized care coordination to communicate more effectively with the community.
- Hospital communication app, providing real-time access to virtual or telehealth assessment and screening tools.
- Accurate and regionalized COVID-19 information.

### Staff app

- Secure environment for health system leadership to communicate with stakeholders.
- Hospital mobile app for internal user groups and forums to manage staff deployment.
- Reference libraries for sharing video and other content.

Both apps can be deployed in as little as 72 hours and provide timely push notifications and alerts to convey breaking news, updates and customized facility information.

Click [here](#) to watch a recorded webinar about the apps. For more information, email [Jake Kercheval](#) or [Reagon Worthington](#) at ServiShare.

### CEO update call

The next hospital CEO call is scheduled from 1-2 pm Wednesday, May 20. Click [here](#) to register.

### Free webinar opportunities

- 10-11 am Thursday, May 14, **Care.ai's Autonomous Monitoring System.** Care.ai's autonomous monitoring system can be used to quickly and unobtrusively scan everyone entering a health care facility for temperatures out of normal range. The platform also can be used for patient monitoring, making patient rooms "self-aware" by providing real-time information about the patient and caregivers. Register [here](#).
- 11 am-Noon Thursday, May 14, **Evaluating the Financial Implications of COVID-19 on Iowa Hospitals.** IHA has engaged Clifton Larsen Allen (CLA) to provide financial modeling to analyze the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to short and long-term finances. This analysis includes initial cash flow impact, projected modeling of the "new normal" and potentially recapturing percentages of lost revenues. Following a review of the modeling, IHA members will have the opportunity to ask questions. Register [here](#).
- 2-3 pm Monday, May 18, **The Hospital CFO's Role in Leading Through the COVID-19 Crisis.** What is the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on today's CFO, accounting and finance professionals in the nonprofit sector? What do we need to do to keep ourselves strong and calm through these turbulent times? How can we see opportunities through this fog of uncertainty and lead our organizations through this crisis? This webinar will provide an update on the major legislation affecting organizations. It will outline the key steps to stabilize organizations now and position them for future success. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, May 20, **COVID-19 Funding Sources for Hospitals.** The CARES Act includes several sources of funds for health care providers, including general and targeted distributions under the \$100 billion in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, the Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program and the Federal Reserve Emergency Lending Program. This webinar provides an overview of the terms and conditions for receipt of the CARES Act funds as well as other statutory conditions that health care providers understand. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, May 20, **Inspiration Speakers Series: Kenyon Salo, What is 'The Bucket List Life?'** Salo is one of the top keynote speakers and trainers in the fields of motivation, inspiration and adventure. One of only five members on the Denver Broncos Thunderstorm Skydive Team, he is seen each week flying into the Denver Broncos Stadium at more than 60 mph, ending with a soft tip-toe landing on the 10-yard line. He brings to the stage more than 20

years of successful audience engagement through humor, awe-inspiring moments, prolific storytelling and edge-of-the-seat content. Register [here](#).

- 2-3 pm Wednesday, May 20, **Working With Change**. We live in a turbulent world. Change is the only constant. Health care organizations can either embrace it or shy away and become obsolete. This webinar will help participants prepare for and understand the dynamics of change. Participants will learn the steps of individual and organizational change as well as how they can become more resilient in times of change. Register [here](#).
- 11 am-Noon Tuesday, May 26, **Emerging Physician Recruiting and Retention Paradigms During and Post-COVID-19**. This presentation will review the emerging methods that hospitals, medical groups and other health care facilities are using to retain and recruit medical staff during COVID-19 as well as factors that should be considered as we emerge from the crisis. The program includes original data from a physician survey conducted by Merritt Hawkins in collaboration with The Physicians Foundation that tracks how physicians are being affected by and are responding to COVID-19. Register [here](#).

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