

# IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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## The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

### **HHS cancels remdesivir data-submission deadline**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has canceled today's deadline for hospitals and health systems to submit data to inform the agency's distribution of its supply of remdesivir. The deadline for submitting data into HHS's TeleTracking system was 10:59 pm today.

Over the weekend, HHS determined that it did not need the additional data at this time. Registered users of the TeleTracking portal received an email announcing the agency's decision to postpone data collection.

Although hospitals do not have to submit COVID-19 admission and intensive care unit occupancy data today, HHS has indicated it intends to ask for updated data again in the next few weeks.

### **Iowa Total Care updates claims submissions and disputes deadlines**

Earlier this year, Iowa Total Care extended the deadlines for claims submissions and disputes. Effective immediately, the initial claims dispute filing extension deadline is moved from Sunday, May 31 to Saturday, Aug. 1.

Initial claims submission dates and deadlines are:

- July 2019-November 2019: Aug. 31, 2020 (previously May 31, 2020).
- December 2019-March 2020: 180 days from date of service.
- April 2020 through COVID-19 pandemic: 270 Days from date of service.

When the pandemic ends, normal billing practices will resume. For more information, click [here](#).

If a provider has a claim decision that appears on any Explanation of Payment or a Provider Remittance Advice received from July 2019-January 2020, that claim is included in this extension if:

- The provider wants to file an initial request for a claims reconsideration.
- That claims reconsideration is related to a claims payment dispute.

Contact your [provider relations specialist](#) with any questions or concerns.

### **ServiShare COVID-19 resources partners website developed**

A [website](#) featuring content and webinars provided by ServiShare COVID-19 resources partners is available. For more information, email [Jake Kercheval](#) or [Reagon Worthington](#) at IHA.

### **Free online COVID-19 CME through the U of Iowa**

The University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine is offering free online CME training for providers. Click [here](#) for the full listing of educational offerings.

### CEO update call

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

### Free webinar opportunities

- 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](#).
- 9-10 am Thursday, May 21, **Lessons Learned From COVID-19 and the Future of Health Care Design**. This panel session evaluates lessons learned to date from COVID-19. Leadership from engineering consultants IMEG explains what was done to prepare for a pandemic inpatient surge nationwide, what has been learned from those activities and how this pandemic will mold the design of health care going forward. 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](#).
- 2-3 pm Tuesday, June 9, **The Times They are a-Changing: Thriving in Uncertainty**. For the health of our communities, it is important for health care workers to thrive and succeed. But COVID-19 places additional stressors on health care workers. This webinar provides information and practical tools that health care workers can use to improve patient care by improving the resilience and well-being of employees and their employers. Register [here](#).

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