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IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

Governor issues proclamation about nonessential elective surgeries and procedures

Gov. Kim Reynolds today issued a proclamation that included provisions about nonessential or elective surgeries and procedures. IHA is further evaluating the proclamation and will be providing additional guidance on nonessential or elective surgeries and procedures next week. In the meantime, we are providing the answers to some questions about today's proclamation [here](#).

SBA issues interim final rule on PPP eligibility for public hospitals

Today, the Small Business Administration released an [interim final rule](#) stating that "a hospital that is otherwise eligible to receive a Paycheck Protection Program loan as a business concern or nonprofit organization (described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code) shall not be rendered ineligible for a PPP loan due to ownership by a state or local government if the hospital receives less than 50% of its funding from state or local government sources, exclusive of Medicaid." IHA has been advocating for clarification on the eligibility of Iowa's public hospitals for the PPP loans. With the release of this interim final rule and additional funds provided for the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, IHA encourages public hospitals to work with their lenders to apply for this support.

Federal lawmakers introduce legislation to expand telehealth

Today, Rep. Cindy Axne (D-IA), Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH) and Rep. French Hill (R-AR) [introduced legislation](#) to expand telehealth availability for those needing important therapeutic services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency COVID-19 Telehealth Response Act ensures that physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, audiologists and clinical social workers can receive telehealth reimbursement from CMS while providing necessary health care services.

COVID-19 revenue cycle webinar FAQ available

Stroudwater Revenue Cycle Solutions has developed an [FAQ](#) as a companion piece to their March 27 webinar titled Revenue-cycle Crisis Management: COVID-19. Please be aware that this FAQ reflects information available at the time of the webinar, and information may have changed. Contact Stroudwater's Laurie Daigle at Ldaigle@stroudwater.com or 603-553-5303, with questions or concerns.

Free webinar opportunities

- 9-10:30 am Tuesday, April 28, **Latest Stark Law Updates, Including Recent CMS Waivers.** This webinar will cover the Physician Self-Referral Law (the Stark Law), including the latest developments, as well as discuss the status of proposed regulatory reforms and the recent CMS waivers associated with COVID-19. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, April 29, **Inspiration Speakers Series: Kevin Kush.** Kush has been involved in coaching and

teaching for more than 30 years. He spent 21 of those years working with at-risk youth at Boys Town in Omaha, Nebraska. As a head football coach, he compiled a remarkable record of 164 wins and just 58 losses with 13 of those teams finishing in the top 10. Kush was featured on ABC World News Tonight as their Person of the Week. Register [here](#).

- 1-2:30 pm Thursday, April 30, ***Urgent Legal Issues and Opportunities for Iowa Hospitals under Recent COVID-19 Legislation.*** Hospitals are struggling with a variety of urgent legal issues as they make difficult decisions because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This presentation will address key aspects of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act); and the most-recent information available on the evolving issues Iowa hospitals, as employers, must address in the face of this pandemic. Register [here](#).

- 10-11 am Friday, May 1, ***The Impact of COVID-19 on Workers' Compensation.*** This worldwide pandemic has affected each of us in many ways. Your employees may have concerns about exposure-related illness and absence from work. We will talk about the impact of COVID-19 on workers' compensation, including what hospitals can do to support employees during this uncertain time. Register [here](#).

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