

IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

HHS launches COVID-19 uninsured program portal

Hospitals and other health care providers who conduct COVID-19 testing or provided COVID-19 treatment for the uninsured on or after Feb. 4, can request claim reimbursement from the Health Resources and Services Administration through a [new web portal](#). Claims generally will be reimbursed at Medicare rates, subject to available funding. Eligible services may be performed by telehealth, in provider offices and in emergency, inpatient, outpatient and post-acute care settings. To submit claims, providers must:

- Enroll as a participating provider.
- Attest to the patient's uninsured status.
- Submit patient information.
- Submit a claim.
- Arrange for payment by direct deposit.

Participating providers must attest they have checked the patient's eligibility for public and private health care coverage and found the patient to be uninsured. Providers also must agree not to balance bill the patient.

An FAQ can be found [here](#), and information about how to register can be found [here](#).

New USDA rule allowing loan deferrals during coronavirus

The US Department of Agriculture has released a [rule](#) temporarily allowing borrowers in the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program to request deferrals if they are experiencing cash flow issues due to COVID-19. The rule, effective May 12-Sept. 30, defers both interest and principle payments and will be managed by the Rural Housing Service.

Rep. Axne to hold telephone town hall with business, tax and health officials

Wednesday, April 29, Rep. Cindy Axne (IA-03) will host a telephone town hall with officials from the Small Business Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Polk County Health Department and Iowa Workforce Development to update residents of Iowa's 3rd Congressional District on programs and measures available to help them during COVID-19. The town hall begins at 1 pm and will provide the opportunity for district residents to ask questions and share concerns about the effects COVID-19 on their communities.

Register to attend the telephone town hall [here](#).

Federal lawmakers request greater transparency with provider relief funds

Several members of Congress, including Reps. Abby Finkenauer, Dave Loebsack and Cindy Axne, signed onto a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services urging greater transparency with how provider relief funds from the CARES Act are disbursed. Federal lawmakers indicate the financial stress hospitals are experiencing during this time and the need to quickly

support them. Click [here](#) for the full letter.

Free webinar opportunities

- 9-10 am Wednesday, April 29, **COVID-19 and Hospital Case Management: What You Need to Know**. This webinar provides an up-to-date summary of the COVID-19 crisis, the waivers related to hospital case management departments and examples of how other departments are adjusting their operations. It also will discuss the transition of COVID-19 patients throughout the health care continuum as they are discharged from the hospital. 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](#).
- 10-11 am Wednesday, May 6, **Telehealth – During and After COVID-19**. This is an overview of technological, legal, regulatory and liability aspects of telehealth in the context of the COVID-19 emergency. This program, updated with new regulatory information specific to the COVID-19 emergency declaration, is a general introduction to telehealth. It reviews technical, legal, ethical, regulatory and liability implications. It discusses platforms, consent, standards of care, security and documentation requirements and gives some approaches to evolving best practices. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, May 6, **Inspiration Speakers Series: AmyK, Leading and Communicating in Turbulent Times**. A former executive of a billion-dollar global consumer products company and awarded the Vistage UK, International Speaker of the Year, AmyK is a catalyst for producing sustainable solutions to a leader's most-pressing challenges. More than 50,000 executives in more than 10 countries have benefited from her keen insight and intuitive understanding of the issues leaders face. Register [here](#).
- 2-3 pm Wednesday, May 6, **Finding Meaning and Wellness During the Pandemic**. This webinar reviews the landscape of burnout that already affects physicians. The speaker will look at the unique challenges of COVID-19 and its impact on all health care staff. Participants will gain access to a toolkit developed specifically to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Register [here](#).

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