

# IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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## The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

### Funding available to help cover integration cost with Prescription Monitoring Program

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy and the Iowa Department of Public Health announced a reimbursement opportunity to cover the cost, or partial cost, of electronic health record and pharmacy dispensing software integration with the Iowa Prescription Monitoring Program. This opportunity is time sensitive, and priority will be given to applications received by Sunday, May 31. Funding also will be based on merit and the potential for the integration to affect the health of Iowans and improve patient care. Additional details on the opportunity can be found in the [application](#). For more information about the benefits of program integration and the steps involved in the process, please contact the state of Iowa's Prescription Monitoring Program vendor, [APPRISS](#) or your software vendor.

Applicants will be notified by Monday, June 15. Funds must be expended no later than Thursday, Aug. 20. Awardees must submit an invoice to the Board of Pharmacy accompanied by invoices from the awardee's software vendor or APPRISS. The deadline for reimbursement claims is Monday, Aug. 31.

### CMS issues additional blanket waivers

Today, CMS [announced](#) additional blanket waivers for providers. The new waivers, found [here](#) by the red text reading "New since 4/21 Release," cover a variety of subjects, including hospital capacity, workforce, paperwork and record-keeping, and telehealth.

CMS also issued [additional FAQs](#) clarifying Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act requirements, flexibilities and considerations for hospitals and other providers during the pandemic.

### CEO update call

The next hospital CEO call is scheduled from 1-2 pm Wednesday, May 6. Click [here](#) to register.

### Free webinar opportunities

- 10-11 am Friday, May 1, ***The Impact of COVID-19 on Workers' Compensation***. This worldwide pandemic is affecting individuals in many ways. Employees may have concerns about exposure-related illness and absence from work. This webinar will examine the impact of COVID-19 on workers' compensation, including what hospitals can do to support employees during this uncertain time. Register [here](#).
- 1-2 pm Friday, May 1, ***Town Hall Series: Financial Relief for Employers***. Presented by ServiShare partner LMC/AssuredPartners, this webinar will cover:
  - Depreciation, interest expense deduction and retroactive relief.
  - Loan forgiveness considerations.

- o Paycheck Protection Program Round 2.
- o Payroll tax deferral and employee retention credit.
- o The latest interim ruling.

Register [here](#). LMC/AssuredPartners also has created a COVID-19 resources page [here](#).

- 10-11 am Friday, May 1, **COVID-19 Federal Funding Recovery Overview**. IHA is cohosting this webinar with other state, regional and metro hospital associations and Hagerty Consulting to share information on federal funding programs for disaster recovery. During this webinar, Hagerty Consulting will discuss federal funding programs that provide an opportunity for hospitals to better recover from COVID-19. This webinar will provide:
  - o An overview and best practices for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance program.
  - o Steps for completing registration for this program and future steps.
  - o A question-and-answer session.

Register [here](#).

- 10-11 am Wednesday, May 6, **Telehealth – During and After COVID-19**. This program is an overview of technological, legal, regulatory and liability aspects of telehealth in the context of the COVID-19 emergency. Updated with new regulatory information specific to the COVID-19 emergency declaration, this session 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 an award-winning international speaker, 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](#).
- Noon-1 pm Tuesday, May 12, **Planning for the Future With COVID-19**. Emergency plans tend to focus on events that might last 24-72 hours, not the months-long situation we have faced with COVID-19. This most-recent opportunity to use emergency plans has likely created some needs to improvise solutions. This webinar will help capture early lessons and provide a framework for shaping the future. Register [here](#).

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