



Iowa Hospital Association
Iowa Hospital Principles for Transparency

Hospital: _____

Date: _____

The Board of Trustees hereby endorses the following principles adopted in the Iowa Hospital Association's Policy Statement on Transparency:

- A. Iowa hospitals support price and quality transparency and strive to communicate information that is useful to patients, families and other health care purchasers.
- B. Iowa hospitals should lead in transparency in their communities by:
 - Providing patients with information that encourages engagement in their health and health care,
 - Empowering patients and other health care purchasers to make value (price and quality) comparisons prior to receiving or purchasing health care services, and
 - Enabling open and clear lines of communications that facilitate conversations with patients and families at the point of care delivery.
- C. Iowa hospitals should lead in transparency of billing practices by:
 - Implementing strategies to communicate information to patients and other health care purchasers; and
 - Assisting patients in better understanding the total value of their care, including estimated out-of-pocket expenses.