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Thursday, May 13, 2021

## Today's headlines:

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## IHA data services receive high marks from IHA members

The IHA Council on Health Information met May 6, with council Chair Robb Gardner, CEO, Henry County Health Center, Mount Pleasant, presiding. During the meeting, the council reviewed the results from the recent Information Center survey of members. Seventy-nine hospital and health system CEOs and council members responded with very positive assessments. Breakout groups discussed the results and future opportunities.

The council also:

- Approved discontinuing survey awareness support for the Rural Hospital Physician Compensation Survey, which Faegre Drinker administers.
- Approved moving to a simplified data-collection process for the hospital community benefit survey.
- Approved moving to the AHA model of providing economic impact data.
- Discussed hosting the MidAmerica Information Summit this September.
- Heard a presentation from CyncHealth, a Nebraska-based health information exchange company.
- Heard a wrap-up of the regional meetings, plans for IPOP enhancements and a report about the IHA DATABANK program upgrading the collection platform starting with July's data.
- Received a report from IHA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee about their mission and strategic priorities.
- Recommended implementing the HANYS data dissemination portal for easy access to historical models.
- Reviewed the status of data partnerships for IPOP, Dimensions, salary survey and board assessment and the benefits of these partnerships.
- Saw a presentation on recently added Dimensions Discovery Datalytics dashboards, including a review of Medicare Part B data.

The IHA Council on Health Information will next meet Thursday, Nov. 11. Email [Perry Meyer](#) or [Sara Hayes](#) at IHA with questions.





## New regulations in effect for interoperability of electronic medical records

[New regulations and guidelines](#) for the interoperability of electronic medical records went into effect May 1. These regulations are in addition to existing medical records conditions of participation for both hospitals and critical access hospitals. The regulations require these hospitals to send an electronic notification of a patient's admission, discharge or transfer to another health care facility or to another community provider or practitioner. Surveyors will begin to check for compliance immediately.

Email [QSOG\\_Hospital@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QSOG_Hospital@cms.hhs.gov) with questions about these new regulations and guidance.



## United Healthcare modifies Optum Pay platform

Based on advocacy for issues concerning fee assessments and limited access, Optum Pay announced Tuesday, May 11, [modifications to basic and premium claims portal access](#).

Beginning Saturday, May 22, basic portal access will include unlimited users for each account. For premium portal access, fees will be capped at \$2,000 per billing cycle per tax ID number.

For more information, email [Susan Horras](mailto:Susan.Horras@IHA) at IHA.

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## Upcoming events

- [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Spring Conference](#): Thursday, May 13.
- [Iowa Trauma Coordinators Virtual Conference Series](#): Friday, May 28-Friday, June 25.
- [IHA Tee Off Golf Classic](#): Thursday, June 3.
- [NOONS IN JUNE: A Summer Leadership Forum Virtual Series](#): Thursday, June 3-Thursday, June 24.
- [Behavioral Affiliate of Iowa Conference Series](#): Friday, June 11-Friday, July 23.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.

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