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New version of DATABANK coming in August

The IHA Council on Health Information has approved transitioning the DATABANK platform and input template to a new version in August 2021. This new version will be used for the submission of July 2021 data.

DATABANK is a monthly collection of hospital utilization, income statement and balance sheet data. The platform change will allow customization of the Iowa input template, including the addition of four new fields:

- Outpatient visits: In-person clinic visits.
- Outpatient visits: Telemedicine clinic visits.
- Payroll: Contract labor hours.
- Payroll: Contract labor amounts.

DATABANK also will have expanded reporting capabilities through this update.

DATABANK will host a training session about the upcoming changes for Iowa hospitals from 10-11 am Wednesday, Aug. 4. Following the training sessions, access will be granted to the new platform.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the DATABANK training session.

Email [Allison Martin](#) at IHA with questions.



AHA leader provides blueprint for successful PAC fundraising

Make your campaign fun! That's the advice of AHA Director of Political Action [Shari Dexter](#). Dexter led a webinar Wednesday that covered rules of the road in running a hospital PAC campaign as well as ideas about who and how to solicit. Making the ask personally leads to the most success.

Dexter drove home the point that to get the right decisions made for hospitals and health systems the right people need to be in office. A healthy IHA PAC will support those candidates and legislative leaders that are hospital allies and advocates.

IHA staff along with AHA stand ready to help members with their campaigns. For the webinar recording link or for other PAC campaign support, email [Rachel Sigler](#) or [Becky Anthony](#) at IHA.

Submit information to AHA to help with efforts to maintaining 340B eligibility

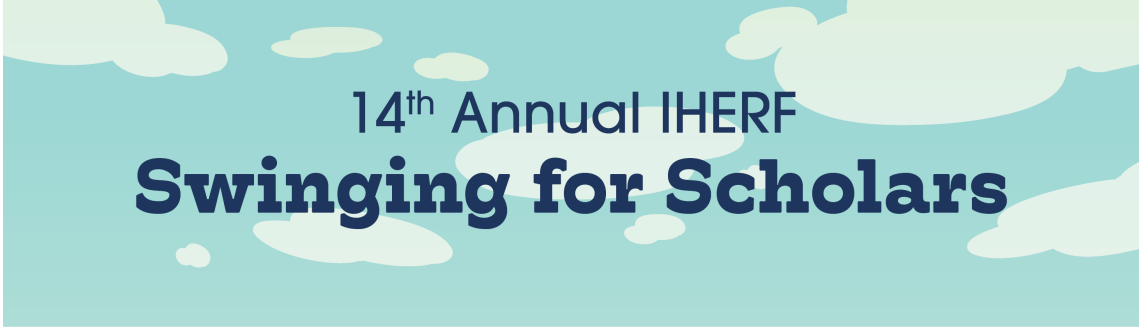
Congress is considering legislation that would provide temporary relief for hospitals that participated in the 340B drug pricing program but had to leave the program because of patient-mix changes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Changes in a hospital's patient mix can affect a hospital's disproportionate share hospital (DSH) adjustment percentage, pushing it below the threshold required for participation in the 340B program. For hospitals enrolled in the 340B program as a DSH hospital, free-standing cancer hospital or free-standing children's hospital, the DSH adjustment percentage threshold is 11.75%. For sole community hospitals and rural referral centers, the DSH adjustment threshold is 8%.

The legislation Congress is considering would ensure any 340B hospital that experienced a drop in their DSH adjustment percentage below the requisite threshold percentage because of the pandemic would maintain their 340B status through the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

To ensure hospitals maintain eligibility for the 340B program, the AHA created an online form for hospitals that believe their eligibility is at risk. Click [HERE](#) to complete the form.

Email [Molly Collins Offner](#) or [Aimee Kuhlman](#) at AHA with any questions.



14th Annual IHERF Swinging for Scholars

Three Iowa counties ranked in top 25 list for health care access

A recent US News & World Report and Aetna Foundation evaluation placed three Iowa counties on its nationwide list of the top 25 communities for health care access: Johnson County, Cerro Gordo County and Marion County.

The ranking evaluated communities based on three metrics: the percentage of the population without health insurance, the availability of hospital beds and the availability of primary care providers. The overall score includes metrics such as unemployment rates, access to large grocery stores and prevalence of heart disease.

4. Johnson County

- Access to care score: 97.4
- Performed best in hospital bed availability and primary care provider availability.
- Overall score: 68.7
- IHA members in the county: [Mercy Iowa City](#), [University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics](#) and [University of Iowa Health Network Rehabilitation Hospital](#)

11. Cerro Gordo County

- Access to care score: 93.1
- Performed best in primary care provider availability.
- Overall score: 63.9
- IHA member in the county: [MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center](#)

23. Marion County

- Access to care score: 85.5
- Performed best in hospital bed availability.
- Overall score: 72.2
- IHA members in the county: [Knoxville Hospital and Clinics](#) and [Pella Regional Health Center](#).

Click [HERE](#) for the full list of counties.

Apple says 28 of its products may interfere with medical devices

Apple recently updated its list of products that may interfere with medical devices, including the iPhone 12 and Apple Watch.

A study published in Heart Rhythm found that the high-voltage shock therapy function of a patient's defibrillator was suspended when the iPhone 12 was close to the left side of the chest. According to Apple, magnets and electromagnetic fields may interfere with medical devices like implanted pacemakers and defibrillators containing sensors that respond to magnets and radios when in close contact.

Apple recommends keeping several Apple products more than 6 inches apart from the medical devices or more than 12 inches apart when the Apple products are charging wirelessly.

Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of Apple products that may interfere with medical devices.

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- [The Great Resignation Webinar:](#) Tuesday, Aug. 17.
- [A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care After COVID-19:](#) Thursday, Aug. 19.
- [Swinging for Scholars and All-District Meeting:](#) Thursday, Sept. 2.
- [Iowa Quality Residency Program:](#) Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021-Friday, April 8, 2022.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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