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CMS proposes boosting OPPS payment rates by 2.3%

Earlier this week, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a proposed outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS)/ambulatory surgical center rule that would increase Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system rates by a net 2.3% in calendar year 2022 compared to 2021. As urged by AHA and IHA last year, CMS proposes to reverse the phased elimination of the inpatient-only list that was finalized in CY 2021.

Other items in the proposed rule include:

- The use of CY 2019 claims data for CY 2022 OPPS and ambulatory surgical center rates setting.
- Continue to pay for 340B drugs at average sales price minus 22.5%.
- Several modifications to the hospital price transparency rule, including significant increases to the civil monetary penalty for noncompliance. Currently, the penalty is set at a maximum amount of \$300/day. CMS proposes to scale this up based on a hospital's bed count, with a minimum of \$300/day for small hospitals (30 or fewer beds) and an additional \$10/bed/day for larger hospital with a daily cap of \$5,500.
- A request for information to seek public input about a broad range of issues that should be considered in establishing the new Rural Emergency Hospital provider type. CMS is particularly interested in feedback about health and safety standards, payment policies and quality measures for rural emergency hospitals. Iowa hospital leaders are encouraged to provide feedback.

CMS will accept comments about the rule through Sept. 17, with the final rule expected around Nov. 1.

For a full list of items included in the proposed rule, click [HERE](#).

To read the full proposed rule, click [HERE](#).

Please email [Eric Cubit](#) or [Susan Horras](#) at IHA with any questions.

Registration now open for donor intent and anatomical gift webinar

Health care C-suite executives and hospital attorneys are encouraged to register for IHA's new webinar Donor Intent and Iowa's Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act from 10-11:15 am

Wednesday, Aug. 18.

This session will give an overview of Iowa's Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act as more cases are seen involving first person authorization for donation and various forms of family objection. The act protects a donor's anatomical gift from revocation by family members. Participants also will learn about provisions that allow family members to make an anatomical gift when the decedent has not elected or refused to give.

Joseph Porter, an attorney with Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman in Cedar Rapids, will lead the discussion. Porter specializes in business and commercial litigation matters.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for the webinar.



14th Annual IHERF Swinging for Scholars

Join CMS today on call about surprise medical billing rule

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced a stakeholders call at 2:30 pm today to discuss the surprise medical billing interim rule, Surprise Billing Part 1.

The call-in number is 888-455-1397; the participant passcode is 8758359.

The departments of Health and Human Services, Labor and Treasury released part 1 of regulations implementing the No Surprises Act on July 1. The interim final rule addresses several provisions in the law including:

- The ban on balance billing for certain out-of-network services.
- The notice and consent process that some providers may use to bill patients for out-of-network services.
- How patient cost-sharing must be calculated.
- The complaint process for any potential violations.

To read more about the interim final rule, click [HERE](#).

ISU seeks regent approval for Master of Healthcare Analytics program

Iowa State University hopes to create for working health care professionals a new program that will address the need for a "better understanding of health care operations." By using data from health care devices, procedures and policies, the Master of Healthcare Analytics and Operations program will help health care workers create more effective and efficient health care systems.

Ivy College of Business at ISU offers a Master of Business Analytics program, but the program does not sufficiently address health care system needs. To address the need for a health care program, the college submitted a [proposal](#) to the Iowa Board of Regents. The 30-hour program will be an online format with a small required in-person component.

The ISU program will have some overlap with Drake University's Master of Science in Health Informatics and Analytics programs but would require additional courses in operations and supply chain management. The regents will consider the request during its [next board meeting](#) on July 28.

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- [Donor Intent and Iowa's Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act](#): Aug. 18.
- [A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care After COVID-19](#): Aug. 19.
- [Swinging for Scholars and All-District Meeting](#): Sept. 2.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Virtual Fall Conference](#): Sept. 16-17.
- [Iowa Quality Residency Program](#): Oct. 21, 2021-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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