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Provider relief fund reporting portal now open

The Health Resources and Services Administration has opened the provider relief fund [reporting portal](#). Providers can begin reporting their use of federal emergency funds for health care-related expenses or lost revenues attributable to COVID-19. Providers who received relief fund payments from April 10, 2020 through June 30, 2020, can now enter the portal and will have until Sept. 30, 2021, to submit the required information to HRSA.

The Department of Health and Human Services also posted additional [reporting resources](#) for the provider relief fund. This includes updated [Submitting Reporting Information](#) and [data entry worksheets](#).

HRSA is providing a Reporting Technical Assistance webcast at 2 pm today. Click [HERE](#) to attend.

Register for next IHA MCO call

Remember to register for the upcoming IHA conference call to connect hospitals with representatives from the state's Medicaid managed care organizations and the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. Please register individually for each call:

- Wednesday, July 14 - <https://dpregister.com/sreg/10152217/e2525b414b>
- Wednesday, Sept. 8 - <https://dpregister.com/sreg/10152219/e252f9166c>
- Wednesday, Nov. 10 - <https://dpregister.com/sreg/10152245/e26a1db0b2>

These calls provide an opportunity to raise concerns and ask questions about Medicaid issues. The calls take place every other month. Please email [Susan Horras](#) at IHA with questions.

Learn to make donation asks and encourage political engagement

IHA PAC is offering a new webinar to help leaders solicit donations and encourage political engagement. AHA Director of Political Action [Shari Dexter](#) will lead "How to Promote Political Engagement and Conduct a Solicitation in Your Hospital" from **noon-1 pm Wednesday, July 14**.

The webinar will help leaders in their fundraising efforts as they work toward the IHA PAC's

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fundraising goal of \$125,000 by Labor Day.

To register for the webinar, click [HERE](#).

For additional PAC brochures or customization of materials to help with fundraising, email [Rachel Sigler](#) at IHA. Campaign kit materials also can be found online [HERE](#).



ServiShare partner offers complimentary staffing webinar

What are optimal staffing levels in your hospital or across your health system? [ServiShare partner Medical Solutions](#) can help your organization identify staffing patterns and forecast future needs based on industry trends.

Medical Solutions is offering a complimentary webinar, "Strategies to Optimize Your Staffing Levels Post COVID-19," July 14 to discuss optimal staffing and market trends. From 10-10:30 am, company representatives will present:

- An in-depth look at the effects of the pandemic on core hospital staff.
- A review of unemployment statistics in the first quarter of 2021, comparing nursing and other professions.
- An overview of bill rate data from the past three quarters, as well as other indicators.
- Insight into how superior clinical and compliance teams help efficiently optimize staffing levels.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

If you would prefer a one-on-one discussion, please contact [Courtney Dobernecker](#) at 402-225-0483, or [Nick Hovermale](#) at 402-704-1374.



Medical kits, surgical packs recalled because of serious safety risks

Avid Medical has recalled several of its medical convenience kits because of fungal contamination risk from an applicator used to sanitize skin before surgery or catheter procedures, the Food and Drug Administration [announced](#) last week. The FDA has not received associated injury reports, but skin-preparation products contaminated with this type of fungus can cause serious infection, illness or death, the agency said. The company alerted customers to the recall on April 9 and instructed them to discard any inventory on hand.

In other news, DeRoyal Industries has recalled surgical procedure packs that contain 1% lidocaine mislabeled as 0.5% bupivacaine. Though both lidocaine and bupivacaine are local anesthetics, their dosing is different. If 1% lidocaine is given to the patient instead of 0.5% bupivacaine, the patient may experience pain during the procedure. The FDA has not received associated injury reports. The company alerted customers to the recall May 14 with instructions to discontinue their use.

Health care professionals may report adverse reactions or quality problems associated with these devices to the FDA MedWatch program.

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- [Family Medicine Residency Clinic welcoming new patients in Cedar Falls](#)
- [Two new public grants to support COVID-19-related care equity, vaccine access](#)

National news

- [Study finds COVID-19 vaccine lotteries don't increase vaccination rates](#)
- [5 emerging trends in health IT](#)
- [Rural ambulance services are in jeopardy as volunteers age and expenses mount](#)

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Upcoming events

- [The Emotional Impact of Covid-19: Leading Your Team to an Emotionally Healthy Workplace:](#) Thursday, July 15.
- [CPHQ Virtual Conference:](#) Wednesday, July 21.
- [PAMA Lab Test Private Payer Rate Reporting:](#) Thursday, July 22.
- [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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