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Today's headlines:

- [IME updates emergency payment policy](#)
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- [Congress advances infrastructure package](#)
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IME updates emergency payment policy

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise recently updated its emergency payment policy based on IHA and hospital member feedback. The new policy will be effective for dates of service on or after Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Additionally, a claim for emergent service may include an approved emergent diagnosis code in the primary (first) or secondary (second) position to receive the full reimbursement amount. If the primary or secondary diagnosis on the claim is not emergent, the member will be responsible for any applicable copay amount.

To read the informational letter from the Iowa Department of Human Services and IME, click [HERE](#).

Physician Business Leadership Certification Program completed by 14 doctors

IHA congratulates the third cohort of physicians who completed the Physician Business Leadership Certification Program this week. These 14 physicians participated in five days of curriculum that focused on foundational leadership skills, preparation for health care today, and hot topics for providers.

The program included sessions about:

- Advocacy essentials
- Behavioral health
- CEO-CMO partnerships
- Coaching colleagues
- Crisis and grief leadership
- Data-based decision making
- DISC assessments
- Essential job functions of a CMO
- Health care finance
- Managing difficult physicians
- Negotiations and conflict management
- Social determinants of health and population management

This program would not be possible without the support and collaboration of IHA, the Iowa Medical

Society, the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative, and the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians, as well as the guidance of Drs. Tammy Chance with Boone County Hospital and the IHA board, Brian Privett with the Iowa Eye Clinic and IMS board chair, and Tom Evans with the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative who served as program faculty and provided context to connect the topics and issues to Iowa.

Physicians will be recognized at the IHA Annual Meeting in October.



14th Annual IHERF Swinging for Scholars

Congress advances infrastructure package

As the Senate works to complete their work before the August recess, the bipartisan infrastructure package made significant advancements Tuesday. The Senate passed a \$1 trillion physical infrastructure deal and will send it to the House for consideration. On Wednesday morning, the Senate passed by a vote of 50-49 a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution triggering work to begin on a human infrastructure package. The House is not expected to take up the initial physical infrastructure bill until the Senate passes the human infrastructure bill, which is expected to be in late September or early October.

The \$1 trillion physical infrastructure package includes funding for broadband internet deployment, equity and affordability as well as investments to improve federal coordination and help with response and recovery from cybersecurity incidents. This package does not include the use of provider relief funds to pay for the provisions within the bill but does extend the Medicare sequester for an additional year, through 2031.

The \$3.5 trillion human infrastructure package includes:

- A continuation of expanded Affordable Care Act subsidies.
- Addressing health care provider shortages through action on the Graduation Medical Education program.
- Addressing inequities in health care.
- An expansion of Medicare to cover hearing, dental, and vision benefits as well as lowering eligibility age.
- Filling the "Medicaid coverage gap."
- Home health care benefits for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Reducing prescription drug costs.
- Workforce investments such as the National Health Service Corps, Nurse Corps, and Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education.

IHA will continue to follow the progress of both packages and will provide updates as they develop.

UPDATE

IHA PAC REPORT



IHA PAC halfway to fundraising goal

IHA PAC is just under halfway to its goal of \$125,00 and the donations keep rolling in. [Total contributions are \\$61,200](#), with several new Ben Franklin Club members. The new club level members include:

- Tim Charles, CEO and president, [Mercy Medical Center – Cedar Rapids](#).
- Maureen A. Kahn, president, [Blessing Health Keokuk](#).
- Ronald Kloewer CEO, [Montgomery County Memorial Hospital](#), Red Oak.
- Erin Muck, CEO, [Crawford County Memorial Hospital](#), Denison.
- Robert Ritz, CEO, [MercyOne](#), Clive.

Several hospitals have met or exceeded their IHA PAC campaign goals since the July 29 report. Hospitals that received the Chair's Award this week include:

- [Hegg Health Center Avera](#), Rock Valley, Silver.
- [Spencer Hospital](#), Spencer, Bronze.
- [Regional Medical Center](#), Manchester, Honor Roll.
- [Montgomery County Memorial Hospital](#), Red Oak, Honor Roll.

To see hospital rankings, click [HERE](#)

For more information about the IHA PAC and how to contribute, contact IHAPAC@ihaonline.org.

Contributions to the IHA PAC are accepted only from those who are full-time, salaried hospital employees with managerial roles or higher, hospital trustees and employed physicians. Participation in the IHA PAC is voluntary and has no impact on job status, performance review, compensation or employment. You have the right to refuse to contribute without being subject to coercion or reprisal. Only personal contributions are accepted. Corporate contributions are not permitted. Contributions to a PAC are not deductible for federal or state income tax purposes.

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National news

- [Texas hospital system is prepping tents to deal with rapid surge in COVID-19 patients](#)
- [HHS' 'frequent and significant Changes' to COVID data reporting left hospitals behind](#)
- [Dollar General has what Walmart, CVS don't: access to rural America](#)

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Upcoming events

- [The Great Resignation Webinar](#): Aug. 17.
- [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.
- [COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund: Reporting Requirements and Strategies](#): Aug. 24.
- [Swinging for Scholars and All-District Meeting](#): Sept. 2.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Virtual Fall Conference](#): Sept. 16-17.
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Webinar](#): Sept. 23.
- [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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