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IHA advocacy work groups look forward to 2022 legislative session

IHA and Iowa's hospital advocates celebrated several wins from the 2021 legislative session but are already looking forward. IHA's government relations team and hospital leaders began meeting to discuss IHA's legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session. IHA created five work groups to discuss:

- Behavioral health.
- Hospital operations.
- Maternal health.
- Telehealth.
- Workforce, and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Groups have been meeting since June to discuss goals and ways to achieve desired outcomes. The telehealth work group completed its planning for the 2022 legislative session. The behavioral health, maternal health, workforce and DEI, and hospital operations work groups continue to meet.

All groups will present their goals to the IHA Council on Representation and Advocacy at its Sept. 15 meeting. If approved, the goals will be integrated into IHA's advocacy agenda and presented to the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees in October.

Email questions to the IHA advocacy team at AdvocacyTeam@ihaonline.org.

IPPS rule for FY 2022 finalized

The [Inpatient Prospective Payment System rule for fiscal year 2022](#) has been finalized by CMS. The provisions of the rule go into effect Friday, Oct. 1, and include:

- A repeal of the market-based MS-DRG relative weight methodology CMS had planned to implement in FY 2024.
- A repeal of the requirement that hospitals report their median payer-specific negotiated rates for inpatient services for Medicare Advantage organizations.
- An increase in payment system rates by a net of 2.5%.
- Changes to hospital quality reporting and value programs including reporting the proportion of health care personnel vaccinated for COVID-19 and the ability for CMS to suppress

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- Using the FY 2019 data, rather than FY 2020 data, in estimating FY 2022 inpatient hospital utilization for weight-setting purposes.

Notably, CMS did not finalize the policies for proposals about organ acquisitions or payments for direct graduate medical education and indirect medical education in this rule. They report plans to address these issues in future rulemaking. IHA will monitor future rules released on these issues.



Date set for Iowa House District 37 special election

Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation to officially set a special election date in Iowa House District 37 for Tuesday, Sept. 14. The proclamation follows the death of Rep. John Landon. Iowa law requires a special election to be called within five days following a vacancy in the Iowa Legislature.

Andrea Phillips, former vice chair of the Iowa Democratic Party, announced she will seek election for the open seat. No other candidates have been announced as of Aug. 4. Iowa House District 37 covers the north side of Ankeny, Alleman and rural parts of north Polk County.

To read the governor's proclamation, click [HERE](#).

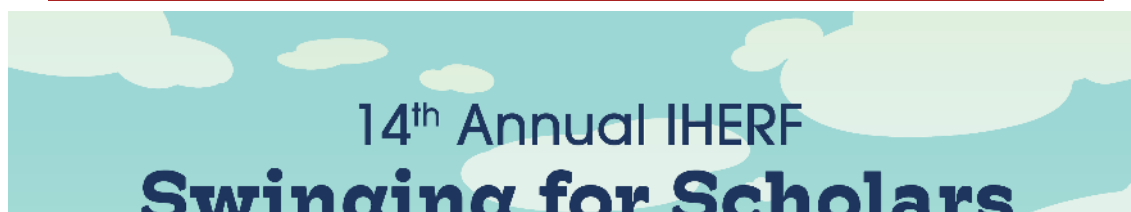
Personal membership group presidents meet, receive IHA updates

Presidents of IHA's personal membership groups (PMGs) met with IHA staff Tuesday, Aug. 3. During Tuesday's meeting, IHA updates for the leaders included:

- Conference and sponsorship opportunities.
- IHA communications projects.
- PMG pages on the IHA website.
- Upcoming 2021 and 2022 IHA events.
- Updated PMG list serves.

PMG presidents provided IHA staff liaisons feedback regarding the value in being a PMG member. The primary benefits continue to be access to customized learning for their professional responsibilities for their organization and the networking opportunities. Another advantage of PMG membership is access to IHA's list serves to share group-specific questions and discussions. Iowa hospital employees can join IHA PMGs at no cost.

For a full list of PMGs, click [HERE](#).



CMS to host webinar about price transparency

CMS will offer a webinar from 1-2:30 pm Wednesday, Aug. 11, focusing on price transparency and ways hospitals can meet the requirements of the Hospital Transparency Final Rule.

Hospitals now are required to provide publicly accessible standard charge information online about the items and services they provide in two ways:

- Comprehensive machine-readable file with all items and services.
- Display of 300 shoppable services in a consumer-friendly format.

This webinar will focus on:

- Reviewing the document [8 Steps to a Machine-Readable File of All Items and Services](#).
- Specific good and bad examples of hospital compliance.
- Ways hospitals can meet the requirements of the [Hospital Price Transparency Final Rule](#).

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

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- [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.
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Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

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