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Excellence awards recognize outstanding leadership

Three recipients will be honored with IHA's Young Executive Achievement, Excellence in Leadership, Excellence in Governance awards at IHA's Virtual Annual Meeting scheduled Oct. 5-7. The awards recognize outstanding leadership from hospital CEOs and trustees.

The Young Executive Achievement Award will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 5. The Young Executive Achievement Award recognizes up-and-coming health care executives, age 40 or younger, who have made a significant contribution to health care in Iowa.

The Excellence in Leadership Award, presented Wednesday, Oct. 6, is awarded to an outstanding Iowa hospital or health system executive who shows:

- Achievement in local, state and national health care affairs.
- Contributions to their community.
- Leadership among peers.

The Excellence in Governance Award is given to a hospital trustee who most typifies the traits of strategic vision, diplomacy and leadership. The award will be presented Thursday, Oct. 7.

Nominations are submitted by the recipients' colleagues and hospital leadership. Be sure to register for this year's IHA Virtual Annual Meeting to find out who the

award winners are.

To register, click [HERE](#).

HHS notified of 340B drug pricing violation by manufacturers

On Wednesday, the Health Resources and Services Administration sent letters to six drug manufacturers to alert them that HRSA has contacted the Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General in accordance with the 340B Ceiling Price and Civil Monetary Penalties Final Rule.

This communication was in follow-up to letters HRSA sent the manufacturers in May outlining each manufacturer's violation of the 340B Program requirements by refusing to sell, without restriction, covered outpatient drugs at 340B prices to covered entities that distribute medicines through contract pharmacy arrangements. Because the drug manufacturers have refused to comply with the policies, HRSA referred the issue to the HHS Office of the Inspector General.

The Iowa Hospital Association will monitor this issue and provide updates.

Floyd County Medical Center names Dawnett Willis as CEO

Dawnett Willis has been appointed CEO of Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City effective Monday Oct. 4.

Willis brings more than 20 years of health care leadership, business development and operations experience. She most recently was chief ancillary and operations officer at Pella Regional Hospital. Before that, she was acting CEO at UnityPoint Health in Marshalltown and regional strategy, planning and business development executive for UnityPoint Health Waterloo Region.

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New CEO - Dawnett Willis
Floyd County Medical Center, Charles City

IDPH announces Pedati exit in October

The Iowa Department of Public Health announced Wednesday Caitlin Pedati, MD, state medical director and epidemiologist, plans to leave the agency in late October. Dr. Pedati has been with IDPH since 2018 and played a key role in the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Pedati plans to pursue new career opportunities. IDPH said it will work quickly to fill the position.



Dr. Caitlin Pedati
State Medical Director and Epidemiologist
Iowa Department of Public Health

IHA PAC more important than ever

IHA members understand the importance of advocacy for the health of Iowa hospitals. Funding for mental health services, workforce initiatives and telehealth payment parity are among the issues heading into the 2022 session. IHA's lobbyists and hospital leaders educating elected officials at the Capitol is vital. Yet, face-to-face advocacy is only one part of IHA's long-term government affairs success.

The work to win these issues starts with electing candidates who believe in strong Iowa hospitals. More than \$216,000 was contributed from the IHA PAC to legislators for the 2018 election cycle. In 2020, that amount dropped to \$104,000 because of declining member contributions.

The campaign deadline is inching closer each day and all efforts are in play to reach this year's goal of \$125,000. The IHA PAC Committee is reaching out to the hospitals and health systems that have yet to contribute to join in and help get the last \$25,000 contributed before Tuesday, Oct. 5.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 22, [IHA PAC contributions total \\$100,829](#).

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- [2021 IHA Virtual Annual Meeting](#): Oct. 5-7.
- [Administrative Professionals Program](#): Oct. 20.
- [Iowa Quality Residency Program](#): Oct. 21, 2021-April 8, 2022.
- [Making Your HVAC Systems Pandemic Ready with Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization](#): Oct. 26.
- [Workers' Compensation Conference](#): Oct. 27.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](https://www.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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