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Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021

Today's headlines:

- HFMA to sponsor multiple sessions at 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting
- IHERF raises more than $140,000 at annual Swinging for Scholars event
- IHA PAC closes in on goal

HFMA to sponsor multiple sessions at 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting

IHA and the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) – Iowa Chapter, are happy to provide six sessions focusing on health care finance, advocacy and decision-making. HFMA's sponsorship of the annual meeting makes these sessions available to all participants at IHA's 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting. Sessions include:

Tuesday sessions

- **T1 – Provider Clarity and Strategies to Recent Rural Health Clinic Payment Changes**. Brian Bertsch, JD, principal of Eide Bailly in Sioux Falls, SD, will describe how the recent Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 will affect rural health clinics and identify strategies for rural health clinics to ensure proper Medicare reimbursement.
- **T4 – Complying with the No Surprises Act.** Martie Ross, principal of PYA in Kansas City, Kansas, will discuss and examine the legislative history of the No Surprises Act and identify specific actions needed to comply with the regulatory requirements.
- **T7 – Medicare Enrollment Changes in 60 Minutes.** Dennis Grindle, CPA, and Gretchin Heckenlively, CPA and FHFMA, at Healthcare Consulting Partners, Seim Johnson, in Elkhorn, Nebraska, will highlight Medicare's final affiliation-disclosure rule and recent enrollment changes, discuss proposed future changes and outline Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System enhancements.

Wednesday Sessions

- **W3 – The Imperative of Critical Thinking and Skepticism to Achieve Success During Change.** Thomas Miller, PhD, MBA, and Director of Analytics and Research Services with the American Society of Anesthesiologists in Schaumburg, Illinois, will introduce critical thinking and positive skepticism and their roles in change management and how to use research and analytics to create strategic planning frameworks.
- **W7 – AHA Washington Update.** Travis Rabey, JD, and vice president of political affairs

- **W7 – AHA Washington Update.** Travis Robey, JD, and vice president of political affairs with the American Hospital Association in Washington, DC, will highlight legislation before Congress and its impact on health care and discuss policy implications of regulations from CMS and HHS. He also will analyze the election environment and potential outcomes.
- **W10 –** Regulatory Year in Review. Michael Chase, JD, MHA and partner, and Abigail Mohs, JD, and associate attorney, with Baird Holm in Omaha, Nebraska, will review major health care regulatory updates, case law developments and other state and federal actions that shape policy and affect operations, compliance activities and reimbursement for hospitals.

HFMA is the nation's leading membership organization for health care financial management executives and leaders with more than 34,000 members. To learn more about HFMA - Iowa Chapter, click HERE.

To register for the Virtual Annual Meeting, click HERE.

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IHERF raises more than $140,000 at annual Swinging for Scholars event

Despite taking last year off, IHERF's 14th annual Swinging for Scholars, Thursday, Sept. 2, was a success with more than $140,000 raised. The funds will help Iowans as they pursue their health care degrees and higher education in their health care-related fields. More than 200 attendees, 156 golfers and 40 sponsors came together at the Tournament Club of Iowa in Polk City.

More than $2 million in health care career scholarships have been awarded to Iowans since the IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship Fund was created 16 years ago. The day's attendees celebrated this year's 60 scholarship recipients. Scholarships awarded this year totaled $210,000.

IHERF awards scholarships of up to $7,000 ($3,500 per year for a maximum of two years) or $1,000 per year for EMT certification to Iowan's enrolled in an accredited program leading to licensure or a clinical laboratory degree. Recipients must commit to working one year in an Iowa hospital for each year of scholarship award.

Click HERE to learn more about the IHERF scholarship program.

Team members from the winning team at the IHERF Swinging for Scholars Golf Tournament on Thursday, Sept. 2, were Monte Neitzel, Paul Pals, Ken Stults, Tom Lesan, Dave Driskell, Pat Duff of Greater Regional Health in Creston and Pat Duff of Assured Partners.

UPDATE

IHA PAC REPORT

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IHA PAC closes in on goal

The IHA PAC is almost 75% of the way to its goal with $92,139 raised as of Sept. 8. More than $15,000 was raised in the last weeks. The goal is to raise $125,000 by IHA's Virtual Annual Meeting in October. Thank you to these Ben Franklin Club level contributors ($1,000 or more) since the Aug. 25 report, with special thanks to IHA's president and CEO-elect, Chris Mitchell:

- Chris Mitchell, President/CEO-elect, Iowa Hospital Association ($5,000).
- Matt Wentzel, President/CEO, Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center.
- Robb Gardner, CEO, Henry County Health Center.
- Susan Horras, Vice President of Finance Policy, Iowa Hospital Association.

Personal checks can be mailed to IHA PAC, c/o Iowa Hospital Association, or donors can contribute online HERE.

Direct questions about the IHA PAC to ihapac@ihaonline.org or 515-288-1955.

NewsStand

Iowa news

- Iowa hospitals, nursing homes face widespread nursing shortage
- Regents quick to OK construction of new University of Iowa hospital
- Iowans not fully vaccinated make up 90.3% of COVID-19 ICU patients

National news

- Ohio judge reverses earlier order forcing hospital to administer Ivermectin
- After traveling nurses quit, hospital blames lack of EHR familiarity
- MA hospital faces class action suit after paying ransomware attackers

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Upcoming events

- IHA All-District Meeting: Sept. 16.
- A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care After COVID-19: Sept. 16.
- Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Virtual Fall Conference: Sept. 16-17.
- Implicit Bias, A Hidden Risk for Ethical Lawyers: Sept. 21.
- Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Webinar: Sept. 23.
- 2021 IHA Virtual Annual Meeting: Oct. 5-7.
- 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 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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