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IHA with MercyOne will host CBS Sunday Morning anchor, Jane Pauley, for a “Zoom-side” chat for the second keynote of IHA’s Virtual Annual Meeting. David Vellinga, former Mercy Health System CEO, will moderate the chat.

Pauley and Vellinga will speak about Pauley’s experience with her diagnosis and treatment of bipolar disorder. Most Americans with bipolar disorder are diagnosed in their mid-20s, but Pauley was diagnosed at 50. She revealed her diagnosis several years later in her autobiography and has been an outspoken advocate for breaking the stigma about mental health disorders since.

Pauley and Vellinga also will discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on mental health. In addition, participants will learn more about Pauley’s decadeslong career.

The [IHA Virtual Annual Meeting](#) is scheduled Oct. 5-7 with 24 breakout sessions. Attendees can participate in sessions covering a variety of topics including:

- Diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Health care finance.
- Leadership.

- Leadership.
- Legal and regulatory issues.
- Workforce.

Click [HERE](#) to see the event agenda.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the Virtual Annual Meeting.

Meet the IHA board nominees: Jennifer Havens

At the August meeting of the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees, the board approved the recommendation of the Governance Committee to nominate the following leaders for first terms on the IHA board:

- Brett Altman, [Cass Health](#), Atlantic.
- Leah Glasgo, [UnityPoint Health – Trinity Regional Medical Center](#), Fort Dodge.
- Jennifer Havens, [UnityPoint Health – Grinnell Regional Medical Center](#), Grinnell.
- Ed Smith, [St. Anthony Regional Hospital](#), Carroll.

Each nominee will be highlighted in IHA Today.

The nominees will be voted on by the House of Delegates at the IHA Annual Meeting in October.



IHA Board Nominee

Jennifer Havens – CEO | UnityPoint Health – Grinnell Regional Medical Center

Jennifer Havens has been with UnityPoint Health for 13 years, starting as director of nursing with Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center. Havens transitioned to the CEO role in 2015 and concurrently served as the vice president of operations for Central Iowa Healthcare as it transitioned to UnityPoint Health – Marshalltown beginning in 2017. In July 2018, she was appointed CEO of UnityPoint Health – Grinnell Regional Medical Center. She is a registered nurse and earned her bachelor's degree from Crichton College and a master's degree from Des Moines University.



Former IHA member, Rudy Carl Snedigar, remembered for his service

Former IHA member and hospital administrator Rudy Snedigar died Thursday, Sept. 2, at Scotland County Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Missouri.

Snedigar was formerly the chief financial officer at Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield and Jefferson County Hospital in Fairfield. He later served as chief executive officer of Clarinda Regional Health Center in Clarinda.

Snedigar is remembered for his service in the United States Marine Corps, his work with the Navajo Nation as chief financial officer for the Navajo Health Foundation – Sage Memorial Hospital and his community volunteering.

Snedigar is survived by his wife, Deborah, six children, grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law, mother-in-law, and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

Condolences can be sent [HERE](#).

CMS prior authorization of repetitive, scheduled nonemergent ambulance transport

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently [announced](#) the following implementation dates for remaining states and territories for the nationwide expansion of the Repetitive, Scheduled Nonemergent Ambulance Transport Prior Authorization Model. The model will begin no earlier than April 1, 2022, in Iowa.

For more information, see the [Prior Authorization of Repetitive, Scheduled Nonemergent Ambulance Transport](#) webpage.

Register for Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Webinar

Registration is open for the Sept. 23 [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Webinar](#). The presentation will discuss the most-current regulations and related interpretative guidelines including required policies, procedures, training and exercises.

Participants will learn to:

- Describe basic policies and procedures to comply with the regulations and interpretative guidelines.
- Describe the latest updates to CMS' interpretative guidelines about emergency preparedness.
- Discuss commonly cited emergency preparedness deficiencies.
- Discuss required training and exercises.

The webinar is intended for:

- CEOs.
- Chief medical officers.
- Chief nursing officers.
- Chief operating officers.
- Compliance officials.
- Emergency preparedness coordinators.
- Engineering staff.
- Nurses.
- Quality professionals/risk managers.

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Iowa news

- [Iowa's 'certificate of need' law hampers health care access](#)
- [Gov. Kim Reynolds: 'COVID isn't going away,' urges vaccinations](#)
- [14 Iowa nursing homes now in outbreak status, state says](#)

National news

- [Number of adults who oppose COVID-19 vaccine at new low](#)
- [Kids account for more than 20% of weekly cases](#)
- [Federal health officials urge White House to push back booster timeline](#)

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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

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