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Bob Kroese sets three goals as IHA board chair

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, IHA's House of Delegates confirmed Bob Kroese, CEO of [Pella Regional Health Center](#), as chair of IHA's board of officers and trustees. In his inaugural speech, Kroese outlined three goals for the next year:

- Advocate at the state and federal levels to preserve and protect Iowa hospitals and health care systems.
- Foster collaboration and unity among Iowa's hospitals.
- Work together to create reliable supply chains for all needs in Iowa hospitals and health care systems.

Read the full transcript of Kroese's remarks [HERE](#).

As a reminder, you can access award presentations and breakout sessions on the [LeaderPass site](#) until Saturday, Oct. 30.

DHS to discuss amendments to administrative rules at council meeting

The Iowa Department of Human Services' [Council on Human Services will meet Thursday, Oct. 14](#), to discuss amendments to administrative rules, among other agenda items.

The amendments include:

- Adding language to better describe the income considered in determining client participation.
- Removing exemptions from third-party liability for prenatal services.
- Updating the minimum community spouse resource allowance to allow for the federal amount.

IHA staff will attend the meeting and will update IHA members of changes.

Register for HRSA webinar about applying for COVID-19 relief funds

The Health Resources and Services Administration will host a webinar from 2-3 pm Wednesday, Oct. 13, about how to apply for a portion of \$25.5 billion in COVID-19 relief funds.

Providers must submit a single application by Oct. 26 to request payments from both the \$17 billion phase four provider relief fund distribution and \$8.5 billion in American Rescue Act funds for rural providers.

To register click [HERE](#).

2020 Iowa Hospital Facts released

The online 2020 American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Survey is now complete, and the data is updated on the [Iowa Hospital Facts](#) website.

Iowa hospitals must complete the AHA Annual Survey and the utilization and financial information to follow Iowa Department of Public Health reporting requirements. Hospitals are to report individually, with one survey per Iowa hospital license. Completing the surveys on time is important as the data is used extensively by IHA and AHA for informational activities and reports.

Questions about the AHA Annual Survey can be emailed to [Sari Kurimski](#) at IHA.

Five IHA members recognized for use of IT

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) recently released its "[Digital Health Most Wired](#)" survey results. Five IHA members were recognized for their optimal use of information technology to elevate the health and care of their patients in [ambulatory](#) and [acute](#) care:

- [Broadlawns Medical Center](#) received Level 7 certification for acute care.
- [Genesis Health System](#) received Level 8 certification for acute care.
- [Mary Greeley Medical Center](#) received Level 7 certification for acute care.
- [Mercy Medical Center – Cedar Rapids](#) received Level 9 certification level for ambulatory and acute care.
- [University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics](#) received level 9 certification for ambulatory care and Level 8 certification for acute care.

The certification levels are ranked on a scale from 1 to 10. Organizations in levels 7-8 deploy technologies and strategies to help them analyze their data and are starting to achieve meaningful clinical and efficiency outcomes. Organizations in levels 9-10 are often leaders in health care technologies and push the industry forward. These

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 - [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.
 - [2021 Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Physical Environment Update](#): Nov. 9.
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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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