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Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021

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State and federal proclamations and waivers extended

On Friday, Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a new disaster-emergency proclamation that maintains the most-recent waivers and emergency protocols for the COVID-19 pandemic. The full proclamation can be found [HERE](#).

Key provisions remaining in the proclamation under Health Care System Regulatory Relief concern:

- Certificate of need and exceeding bed capacity.
- Consistency between state law and federal waivers.
- Licensure for physicians and medical professionals licensed outside of Iowa.
- Tuberculosis screenings.

Gov. Reynolds continued to extend language waiving administrative rule or law that creates inconsistency with federal law. This means federal waivers still will be honored. A list of federal waivers can be found [HERE](#).

The existing provisions will be maintained until Sunday, Nov. 14, when Gov. Reynolds will determine what portions of the proclamation should be extended.

On the same day as the state of Iowa, the US Department of Health and Human Services renewed its [COVID-19 public health emergency declaration](#) for 90 days, which went into effect Monday, Oct. 18. The extension will help hospitals and health systems combat COVID-19 in their communities.

Email [Erin Cubit](#) at IHA with questions or concerns.

HRSA announces \$100 million loan repayment program

On Thursday, Oct. 14, the Human Resources and Services Administration announced it will direct \$100 million to the National Health Service Corps to help address the health care worker shortage.

The funding will award grants to the 50 states, District of Columbia and US territories to help operate their own educational loan repayment program for primary care providers working in areas with health professional shortages.

The funds will come from the American Rescue Plan, and \$25 million per year will be distributed for four years to states with awards ranging from \$80,000 to \$1 million per year. The program is scheduled to run from May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2026.

The Iowa Hospital Association spoke with Gov. Kim Reynolds' office about the funding and will continue to monitor the program. IHA will notify hospitals as more information becomes available.

To read the funding-opportunity notice, click [HERE](#).

Iowa's Revenue Estimating Conference meets

On Friday, the Revenue Estimating Conference met to review estimates for the general fund for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The conference estimates that net receipts for the state will grow by 1.5% each year for FY 2022 and 2023, and that they will reach \$8.805 billion in FY 2022 and \$8.941 billion in 2023.

During the meeting, members of the conference noted the financial recovery Iowa is experiencing has been stronger than expected because of federal stimulus money. Holly Lyons, director of fiscal services for the Legislative Services Agency, reported the state's economy is still affected by the delta variant of COVID-19 despite the estimated financial increases.

Lyons added unemployment remains higher than pre-COVID-19 numbers and that disruption to the supply chain continues. The conference will meet again in December to make revenue estimates that will be used to set the spending limits for the legislature during the 2023 session.

Healthy Iowans progress report available

IHA partnered with the Iowa Department of Public Health to create [Healthy Iowans: Iowa's Health Improvement Plan 2017-2021 – Is Iowa's Health Improving?](#) The plan included goals, objectives, strategies, and resources to protect and improve the health of Iowans.

IDPH releases annual reports with progress updates including positive and negative trends. According to the [executive summary](#), it is still too early to assess the full impact of the program, but almost 54% of the plan's health-improvement measures already met their 2021 goals.

The plan includes these health improvement measures:

- **Acute disease** including adolescent and flu immunizations.
- **Addictive behaviors** including substance abuse and tobacco use.
- **Chronic disease** including cancer, diabetes and heart disease.
- **Disaster preparedness** including network infrastructure, planning and notification.
- **Environmental health** including water quality and radon.
- **Health equity and social determinants of health** including safe and affordable housing and income/poverty.
- **Healthy living** including obesity, nutrition and physical activity, dental services and sexually transmitted diseases.
- **Health system improvements** including evidence-based decision making, transportation, insurance and primary care services.
- **Injury and violence** including falls, motor vehicle crashes, adverse

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- **Life course** including maternal, infant, childhood, adolescence and adulthood care.
- **Mental health, illness and suicide** including lack of services.

To read the full report, click [HERE](#).

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- [First hospital system in Louisiana creates Medicare Advantage plan](#)
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- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): Oct. 20.
- [Iowa Quality Residency Program](#): Oct. 21, 2021-April 8, 2022.
- [Making Your HVAC Systems Pandemic Ready with Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization](#): Oct. 26.
- [CMS Update on PAMA Lab Reporting Requirements. Who needs to report?:](#) Oct. 26
- [Workers' Compensation Conference](#): Oct. 27.
- [2021 Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Physical Environment Update](#) Nov. 9.
- [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Nov. 16
- [IHA Leadership Development Program](#): Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 - Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- [Can't Pour From an Empty Cup: The Crisis in Nursing and Pandemic Care](#): Tuesday, Nov. 30

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

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