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IHA advocacy team weekly preview

Today, IHA staff will virtually attend the Iowa Department of Human Services' Council on Human Services meeting. During the meeting, the council will be presented for adoption an administrative rule about diabetic education for Medicaid members and will receive an update from Director Kelly Garcia about the department and an update of the Medicaid Strategic Plan from Medicaid Director Liz Matney. Click [HERE](#) for the meeting agenda. IHA will report on any pertinent information following the meeting.

On Friday, members of the advocacy team will attend the National Alliance on Mental Illness Iowa's annual conference and meet with Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives Pat Grassley to discuss IHA's 2022 legislative priorities. Follow-up stories to both meetings will be included in Saturday's IHA Today.

Thank you to the 2021 Iowa Hospital Heroes

IHA and Iowa hospitals are grateful to our hospital staff who ensure Iowa's hospitals provide quality care day in and day out. Eleven heroes were recognized at IHA's 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, and each will be highlighted in IHA Today. This issue features Garrett Feddersen, D.O., and Kyle Glienke, M.D., from [Buena Vista Regional Medical Center](#) in Storm Lake. Thank you to all the 2021 heroes and hospital staff for your work and compassion.

If you have someone you want to nominate as a hospital hero, take note for next year's recognition at the 2022 IHA Annual Meeting, Oct. 4-6. Click [HERE](#) to submit nominations by Friday, April 29, 2022. Email [Craig Borchard](#) at IHA with questions.

Garrett Feddersen, DO & Kyle Glienke, MD

Emergency Room Medical Director and Chief of Medicine/Critical Care
Buena Vista Regional Medical Center, Storm Lake

Garrett Feddersen, DO, and Dr. Kyle Glienke, MD, have supported each other and the entire hospital staff throughout the pandemic. They often share their



understanding and compassion when staff would break down from the stress and fear of the unknown during the early stages of the pandemic. They were always available for anyone who needed to talk out their frustrations and fears. From the beginning, both understood that the area's multicultural communities would need safe and effective ways to provide testing and treatment information. In addition, doctors Feddersen and Glienke provided leadership in developing the hospital's surge plan. Because of this preparation, staff members were prepared to take the best possible care of patients from the start.



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Register to attend CMS' COVID-19 vaccine webinar for rural communities

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Office of Minority Health is hosting a COVID-19 vaccine webinar for rural communities from **noon-1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15.**

This webinar will offer attendees the opportunity to learn more about federal COVID-19 resources, toolkits and information. Attendees also will receive information about health care workforce mandates and health care coverage for the COVID-19 vaccine. Speakers will include representatives from CMS, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and two community partners.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

To learn more, visit <https://go.cms.gov/ruralhealth> or email RuralHealth@cms.hhs.gov.

Reminder: Advanced Leadership Academy project presentations today

Participants in the 2021 Advanced Leadership Academy will present their performance-improvement projects from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today during a [livestream](#).

Project topics are:

- Streamlining organizational prior authorizations.
- Developing a comprehensive cancer care center.
- Building systemwide EMR downtime procedures.
- Developing behavioral health resources in the emergency room and for children.
- Improving the patient experience by preventing patient deconditioning.
- Adding a Medicare diabetes prevention program and a fibromyalgia focused and fit program.
- Creating recruitment and retention tools to help your workforce.
- Examining the impact of early palliative care on oncology patients.
- Using strategic planning to effectively request new positions.

Join these outstanding leaders as they share the results of key issues they tackled at their facilities. Join for the session that sparks your interest or for the whole day.

The Advanced Leadership Academy equips hospital leaders who have been on leadership succession tracks with the skills and knowledge to engage in operational factors. Participants are nominated by their hospital CEOs.

The nomination process for the 2022 class of the Advanced Leadership Academy is now open. Click [HERE](#) to nominate a leader in your organization to build your bench strength and to show your support for their growth as a hospital leader. Nominations are due Feb. 18, 2022.

Email questions to [Corey Martin](#) at IHA.

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Iowa news

- [Sioux County mobile effort helps people in crisis](#)
- [Maternal Substance Use Disorder Clinic improves access to care](#)
- [Sanford Health confirms two more high-level resignations](#)

National news

- [Pfizer's antiviral pill cut COVID-19 hospitalization, death 89% in trials](#)
- [Does my child really need the COVID-19 vaccine?](#)
- [U.S. COVID-19 deaths get even redder](#)

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Upcoming events

- [2021 Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Physical Environment Update](#) Nov. 9.
 - [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Nov. 16
 - [Surprise Billing Requirements](#): Wednesday, Nov. 17
 - [IHA Leadership Development Program](#): Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 - Wednesday, April 6, 2022
 - [Can't Pour From an Empty Cup: The Crisis in Nursing and Pandemic Care](#): Tuesday, Nov. 30
 - [Governance and Accountability for the Rising Costs of Health Care Information Technology](#): Thursday, Dec. 2
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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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