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Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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IHA advocacy team weekly preview

Campaign season is in full swing. An unprecedented number of seats are open for the 2022 midterms, and the IHA advocacy team continues to schedule candidate interviews and attend candidate events.

The advocacy team is:

- Participating in meetings with the American Hospital Association and other state hospital associations. Issues on the agendas include workforce shortages, insurer accountability, sustaining hospital finances and the wind down of the national public health emergency. Washington updates from House and Senate leadership are also on the docket.
- Meeting with Iowa College Aid to discuss administrative rules for the Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program. They also will discuss changes to [SF2383](#), Gov. Kim Reynolds' workforce bill and its impact to health care workforce recruitment programs.
- Meeting with the [Master Builders of Iowa](#) this week to discuss [SF183](#). The bill allows Iowa public bodies to use the Construction Management At-Risk delivery method and prohibits the use of single-contract design-build delivery methods. The bill goes into effect Friday, July 1.

Follow-up stories will be in the Saturday edition of IHA Today.



Help grow Iowa's health care workforce at Swinging for Scholars

[Registration for the 15th Annual Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation Swinging for Scholars Golf Outing](#) is open. The event is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Tournament Club of Iowa in Polk City and begins with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The event will conclude at 2 p.m. with lunch and golf awards.

The golf outing is IHERF's primary fundraiser to support its Health Care Careers Scholarship Program. The program awards more than \$200,000 in scholarships annually to encourage individuals to pursue a career in health care or for current health care professionals to further advance their career.

The goal of this program is to fill Iowa health care positions currently in highest need by offering financial support. Each award recipient commits to working one year in an Iowa hospital for each year of scholarship award.

[Email IHA](#) with questions.

AHA tackles workforce issues with new report

The American Hospital Association's Board Task Force recently released a report to help hospitals and health system combat workforce issues.

[Strengthening the Health Care Workforce](#) was developed with input from AHA members. The first section released includes strategies and considerations to help hospital and health system leaders:

- Address staff well-being.
- Support behavioral health initiatives.
- Prevent workplace violence.

In the coming months, AHA will add sections about:

- Creative staffing models.
- Data and technology.
- Diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Recruitment and retention strategies.



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COPIC resources available about Iowa's Candor Law

The Iowa Candor Law creates a framework for health care providers and facilities to address adverse medical incidents that preserves the provider-patient relationship, allows for open communication and supports improvements in patient safety. It formalizes a non-adversarial process with open communication about what happened, why it happened and what can be done to prevent it.

COPIC offers an [Iowa Candor Law Resources page](#) that includes a [guide to the law](#), downloadable consent and other forms, and a patient FAQs.

Email [Ford Singbush](#), [Anne MacFarland](#) or [Cameron James](#) at AssuredPartners with questions.

[AssuredPartners](#), a ServiShare-endorsed partner, teamed with COPIC to provide medical liability insurance to help hospitals manage the changing demands of health care.

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Iowa news

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- [UI Health Care first in state to use minimally invasive laser surgery for patients with epilepsy](#)

National news

- [The U.S. is underreacting to monkeypox](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccines saved 20M lives in 1st year, scientists say](#)
- [Pfizer says tweaked COVID-19 shots boost omicron protection](#)

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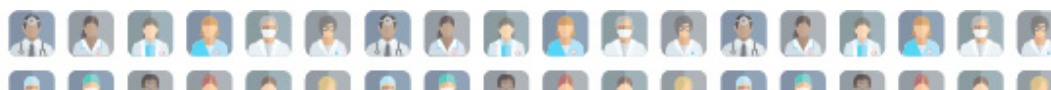
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

In-person meetings

- [IHERF Swinging for Scholars Golf Outing](#): Thursday, Sept. 1

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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