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Today's headlines:

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- ServiShare partner, COPIC, takes hassle out of claims process
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IHA advocacy team weekly preview

The IHA advocacy team continues to advocate for Iowa hospitals between legislative sessions. IHA was again selected to be a voting member of the Iowa Department of Human Services' Medical Assistance Advisory Council. IHA was one of three professional entities to have their two-year terms renewed.

The advocacy team this week also will be participating in the Tertiary Care, Psychiatric Intensive Care and Forensic Work Group. The group makes recommendations to the Iowa Department of Human Services about psychiatric intensive care. IHA and DHS also will meet with a hospital-specific work group to give feedback about the implementation of services.

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

Agencies alert private sector about ransomware threat

The FBI, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Treasury and Financial Crimes Enforcement Network urged organizations to take protective actions against the MedusaLocker ransomware. MedusaLocker uses vulnerabilities in the Remote Desktop Protocol to access victims' networks and encrypt their data.

The joint cybersecurity advisory recommends organizations, including hospitals and health systems:

- Enable and enforce multifactor authentication.
- Prioritize remediating known exploited vulnerabilities.
- Train users to recognize and report phishing attempts.

ServiShare partner, COPIC, takes hassle out of claims process

COPIC's claims management process helps hospitals focus on taking care of patients. COPIC developed programs to address emotional health, reputation and knowledge about the claims litigation process. COPIC stands with health care organizations every step of the way with support including:

- Care for the Caregiver. This program pairs a COPIC-insured person with a peer who also has been through a lawsuit and can provider an empathetic and helpful ear.
- Multiple claims analyses built around in-depth reviews and skilled assessments.
- Public relations and reputation support. COPIC offers access to a communications professional who can help manage media coverage, crisis communications and reputation issues.

COPIC and Assured Partners have partnered because they believe medical liability insurance should provide trusted support when health care organizations need it most.

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.

HHS promotes voluntary pledge initiative to reduce health sector emissions

The Department of Health and Human Services is encouraging health care organizations to join its voluntary initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by signing its health care sector stakeholder pledge. The Health Care Sector Commitment to Emissions Reduction and Resilience, in partnership with the White House, will take efforts to address the harmful impacts of greenhouse gas emissions, especially in high-risk communities in the U.S.

The Office of Climate Change and Health Equity will work with organizations that have signed the pledge and other interested groups as HHS and its partners offer technical support to accelerate these efforts.

Email signed pledges to HHS Friday, Oct. 28.

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Iowa news

- Probable monkeypox case reported in Iowa, but public risk is low
- Iowa man gets 27 months in prison for sharing VA patient's health info
- Wages and nursing staff turnover in Iowa nursing homes

National news

- What an increasingly anxious workforce means for patient care
- How much health insurers pay for almost everything goes public
- CMS taking steps toward nursing home minimum staffing requirement

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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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