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Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022

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### House passes Inflation Reduction Act

The U.S. House of Representatives approved the [Inflation Reduction Act \(H.R. 5376\)](#) Friday, Aug. 12. The U.S. Senate passed the legislation Aug. 7. The bill now goes to President Joe Biden, who is expected to sign it. The roughly \$700 billion social spending package includes provisions for health care, climate change and tax provisions.

The legislation extends for three years the American Rescue Plan Act's expanded subsidies for coverage purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace and allows Medicare to negotiate prices for insulin and certain other drugs.

IHA is pleased to see the Senate take steps to make health care more accessible to low- and middle-income families through the Affordable Care Act and lower prescription drug costs for Medicare patients. Read more about the legislation in [the Aug. 9 edition of IHA Today](#).

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### Tell your story during August recess

Iowa's federal delegation will be in their home districts during August recess, and the IHA advocacy team is taking advantage of their time home. The advocacy team will meet with Sen. Chuck Grassley's staff Friday to discuss the new rural emergency hospital designation and continue outreach to other members of Iowa's federal delegation.

Hospital leaders and advocates are [encouraged to also meet with federal lawmakers to share the challenges hospitals face](#) including high inflation, increasing costs and workforce shortages.

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### IHA advocacy team weekly preview

The advocacy team is completing its final state legislative candidate interviews this week. The IHA PAC committee will meet Friday to discuss contribution strategies.

The advocacy team also will meet with:

- Iowa Public Information Board.
- Medicaid Matter Coalition advisory group.
- Medical Assistance Advisory Council.

Look for Saturday's edition of IHA Today for follow-up stories.

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### **Register for all-district meeting**

Discuss key topics affecting Iowa hospitals and network with peers at the [2022 IHA All-district Meeting](#) scheduled from noon-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31. The meeting is open to Iowa hospital and health system CEOs, leadership teams and trustees.

Gov. Kim Reynolds has been invited to speak and other agenda items include:

- Recognizing the 2022 IHERF scholarship recipients.
- Learning more about Iowa workforce and population trends.
- IHA board planning session and membership survey updates.

Participants will receive up to one hour of ACHE-qualified education credits for attending.

The meeting will be held in the IHA conference center and kicks off with food trucks and a networking lunch outside. **The registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 19** [Email IHA with questions](#).

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### **Register for pharmacy conditions of participation webinar**

Hospitals are required to create a formalized antibiotic stewardship program after changes to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' conditions of participation. Nancy Ruzicka, a consultant on state and federal regulations, will provide information about CMS' interpretive guidelines in a [regulatory webinar about pharmacy conditions of participation](#).

Ruzicka will discuss:

- Medicine management.
- Minimum security requirements.
- Patient safety measures.
- Pharmacy standards.

Compliance officers, nurse leaders, patient safety employees, performance improvement personnel, pharmacists, physicians and risk management staff are encouraged to attend.

The webinar is scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Dec. 6. [Email Tori Hanson](#) at IHA with questions.

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## ServiShare partner PayZen offers patient financing options

ServiShare's new partner PayZen is a non-recourse patient financing organization that offers patients 0% interest and fee-free payment options to pay their medical bills over time. At the same time, hospitals benefit by:

- Accelerating cash flow.
- Alleviating burden on revenue cycle management staff.
- Increasing patient collections.
- Reducing accounts receivable days.

Hospitals interested in PayZen's offerings or to schedule a demonstration can [email Ed Young](#), vice president of solutions at PayZen.

*Contracting with ServiShare partners is voluntary and at the discretion of each Iowa hospital.*

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## NewsStand

### Iowa news

- [Report: Iowa among safest states for health care data breaches](#)
- [University of Iowa needs state OK for North Liberty hospital cost overruns](#)
- [UI Sports Medicine first in Iowa to offer subacromial spacer for massive rotator cuff injury](#)

### National news

- [CDC drops quarantine recommendation after COVID-19 exposure](#)
- [Flu may be coming back with a vengeance](#)
- [U.S. moves to stretch out monkeypox vaccine supply](#)

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## Online education

- [Creating Successes: IHA's Summer Series for Health Care Leaders](#): Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Review of the Rural Emergency Hospital Program](#): Monday, Aug. 22
- [Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8
- [Patient Rights: An Overview](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29
- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, Dec. 6
- [CMS Updates](#): Thursday, Dec. 15

## In-person meetings

- [IHERF Swinging for Scholars Golf Outing](#): Thursday, Sept. 1
  - [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Fall Conference](#): Thursday, Sept. 15 - Friday, Sept. 16
  - [IHA Annual Meeting](#): Monday, Oct. 3 - Wednesday, Oct. 5
  - [Performance and Process Improvement - Leadership "Yellow Belt" Workshop](#): Tuesday, Oct. 18 - Wednesday, Oct. 19
  - [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Nov. 30
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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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