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IHA submits comments about OPSS 340B proposal

The U.S. Supreme Court earlier this summer struck down the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' policy for varying reimbursement rates for hospitals participating in the 340B drug pricing program. CMS said in its 2023 hospital outpatient prospective payment system proposed rule it anticipates reverting back to its prior policy.

[IHA submitted comments saying it is in support](#) of:

- Reverting to the prior lawful policy of paying average sales rate plus 6% for calendar year 2023, despite whether a drug was acquired through the 340B program.
- Promptly repaying hospitals the difference between the average sales rate plus 6% and actual payment for drug claims.
- Holding the hospital field harmless for the illegal policy from calendar years 2018-2022.

IHA will be submitting additional comments in the coming weeks about other provisions of the proposed rule. [Email Erin Cubit](#) at IHA with questions.

IHA advocacy team weekly roundup

The IHA advocacy team met with the Medicaid Matters Coalition advisory group and the Medical Assistance Advisory Council this week. The Medicaid Matters Coalition is comprised of nonprofit organizations partnering to improve Medicaid in the state. The group met Wednesday to discuss its 2023 legislative priorities and strategies.

The Medical Assistance Advisory Council met Thursday and received updates from:

- Amerigroup Iowa.
- Delta Dental of Iowa.

- Iowa Total Care.
- MCNA.
- Medicaid Director Liz Matney.

The council includes members appointed by Gov. Kim Reynolds and professional members voted in by the council.

This week, the advocacy team also:

- Met with members of Sen. Chuck Grassley's staff Friday to discuss the rural emergency hospital designation.
- Completed state legislative candidate interviews.
- Received updates from the mental health and disability services regions.

Donations coming in midway through IHA PAC campaign

The IHA PAC campaign is 72% to its goal of \$125,000. Donations to the IHA PAC continue to outpace donations from the same time last year. Total contributions are \$90,513. IHA is thankful for the new [Ben Franklin Club-level donors](#) whose support keeps the momentum going:

- Brian Dieter, president and CEO, [Mary Greeley Medical Center](#).
- Doug Cropper, president and CEO, [Genesis Health System](#).
- Clay Holderman, president and CEO, [UnityPoint Health System](#).

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Spots still available for ISHE fall conference

It's not too late to register for the upcoming Iowa Society for Health Care Engineering Fall Conference. Participants will learn about improving environmental factors to ensure patient safety.

Conditions of participation deficiencies have increased in the last several years, and Nancy Ruzicka, Ruzicka Healthcare Consulting in Altoona, will examine those in the physical environment and environment of care. Participants will review Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services categorical waivers and guidance for health care

Adam Moench, account manager with Phigenics in Edina, Minnesota, will discuss keeping water-management programs in compliance with industry updates. Moench also will analyze new policies from The Joint Commission, including the new environment of care prepublication requirements, and their effects on future surveys.

[The conference is scheduled from Thursday, Sept. 15-Friday, Sept. 16.](#) A preconference session and welcome reception is scheduled for Wednesday. [Email Autumn McGill](#) at IHA with questions.



ServiShare webinar highlights supply-chain strategies

Patients depend on health care supplies for the lifesaving care they need. Natural disasters, pandemics, regulatory actions, recalls and other supply-chain issues can put patients' lives at risk. ServiShare partners Supply Risk Solutions and Vizient Supply Assurance will offer strategies for creating supply-chain transparency, monitoring threats and handling disruptions.

Other topics include:

- Collaborating with other health care providers and critical suppliers.
- Learning strategies to minimize supply-chain disruptions.
- Recognizing common barriers to purchasing supplies.

[The Cut Patient Care Supply Disruptions webinar](#) is scheduled from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24. [Email Joah Hogan](#) at IHA with questions.

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Iowa news

- [Iowa COVID-19 cases drop to lowest point in over a month](#)
- [Via Health Services to open 32-bed all-women memory care unit](#)
- [Few counties collect information on at-home COVID-19 tests](#)

National news

- [FBI thwarts cyberattack at Omaha hospital](#)
- [Updated COVID-19 boosters are coming in weeks](#)
- [Outlook 'deteriorating' for nonprofit hospitals, Fitch says](#)

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Online education

- [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

- [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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