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Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022

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### Iowa Medicaid clarifies hospital readmissions policy

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and Iowa Medicaid released an informational letter providing clarity for [inpatient readmissions within 30 days for the same condition](#).

In 2015, informational letter 1585 said Iowa Medicaid would begin combining original claims with claims for readmission that occurred within seven days of discharge. Before the change, hospitals received two full diagnosis-related group payments for the separate admissions.

After the 2015 change, the additional net reimbursement for the adjusted hospital claim is zero but, in some instances, combining both claims saw a day outlier or cost outlier payment beyond the original payment.

Iowa Medicaid clarified:

- Review for admission should be based on the DRG and not diagnosis codes.
- Per diem information should be used in identifying readmissions instead of relying on diagnosis codes.
- Claims should be combined by the provider before submitting to managed care organizations.

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### Thank you to the 2022 Iowa Hospital Heroes

IHA and Iowa hospitals are grateful to our hospital staff who ensure hospitals provide quality care every day. Twelve hospital heroes were recognized at IHA's 2022 Annual Meeting, and each is being highlighted in IHA Today. This issue features Michelle Arensdorf, RN, from [MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center](#). Thank you to all the 2022 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 2023 IHA Annual Meeting scheduled from Oct. 10-11. [Email](#)

[Craig Borchard](#) at IHA with questions.

## Michelle Arensdorf, RN

Michelle is a dedicated, compassionate and loving community health nurse who has devoted the past 33 years to taking down barriers and biases that lead to inequities in care within the community. Her devotion is demonstrated by the critical leadership role she has played in the deployment of the MercyOne Mobile Medical Unit to respond to disparities. She has had thousands of patient encounters with the mobile unit, working with veterans, kids and rural communities. She has coordinated 23 pediatric COVID-19 vaccination events, organized blood drives and a food pantry, which has disbursed 46,000 pounds of food.



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### Revisit the 2022 Annual Meeting with showcase video

If you missed the 2022 IHA Annual Meeting, or if you need inspiration from this year's keynote speakers, a new showcase video is available.

The video presents all three plenary session keynotes along with two bonus sessions featuring the two speakers headlining the clinical leaders' sessions.

- Steve Cadigan with new perspectives on becoming the employer of choice in today's highly competitive workforce environment.
- Hayley Arceneaux sharing her journey from cancer to provider to astronaut.
- Michael O'Neil and Katherine Virkstis on rethinking the patient experience as the human experience by linking it with clinician wellbeing.

Two bonus sessions:

- The Past, Present and Future of Nurse-led Innovation.
- Nursing Engagement: Balancing Quality Care With Compassion.

The [2022 IHA Annual Meeting Showcase video](#) is available to buy on IHA's Digital on Demand store. The video is available for 60 days after your initial purchase. [Email Joah Hogan](#) at IHA with questions.

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### Michael McCoy, M.D., named acting CEO for Great River Health

The [Great River Health](#) board of directors has appointed Michael McCoy, M.D., as acting president and CEO. Dr. McCoy joined the health system in 1990 and was chief medical officer since 2015. Dr. McCoy's appointment was announced after former president and CEO [Matt Wenzel announced his resignation](#) Friday, Oct. 14.



## IP Pathways: MFA can prevent network attacks

ServiShare partner IP Pathways said despite October being Cybersecurity Awareness Month, cybersecurity attacks are on the rise and show no signs of slowing. There is one way to prevent most malicious cyberattacks: multifactor authentication.

In a recent blog post, IP Pathways discusses ways bad actors can infiltrate networks and the [benefits of implementing multifactor authentication](#) companywide. [Email Maile Janssen](#) at IP Pathways with questions.

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## NewsStand

### Iowa news

- [Millions are losing access to maternal care. Here's what can be done.](#)
- [Agency director: State has learned from Medicaid transition missteps](#)
- [Costly but critical: Nurses travel the nation to blunt staffing shortage](#)

### National news

- ['Escape variants' gain traction in U.S.](#)
  - [The cost of nurse turnover](#)
  - [The risks of 'medium COVID-19'](#)
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### Online education

- [Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [Patient Rights: An Overview](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29
- [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#): Thursday, Dec. 1
- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, Dec. 6
- [CMS Updates](#): Thursday, Dec. 15

### In-person meetings

- [Performance and Process Improvement - Leadership "Yellow Belt" Workshop](#): Tuesday, Oct. 18 - Wednesday, Oct. 19
- [Charge Nurse Leadership Development Workshop](#): Monday, Oct. 24 - Tuesday, Oct. 25
- [Administrative Professionals Conference](#): Tuesday, Nov. 1
- [340B Day](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8
- [IHA Leadership Development Program](#): Wednesday, Nov. 16 - Tuesday, May 16
- [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Nov. 30

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- [Trustee resources](#).

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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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