



KHA's Current Report
May 12, 2023

President's Perspective – Happy Hospital Week!



(May 12, 2023) – This week, the Kansas Hospital Association has enjoyed celebrating all of you during National Hospital Week. It has been refreshing to see and learn about the activities hospitals are doing with their teams. I am glad we could help highlight Kansas hospitals, health systems and health care workers, as well as the innovative ways you are supporting and connecting to communities across Kansas.

Did you know Hospital Week has been celebrated for more than 100 years? National Hospital Week began as National Hospital Day in the year 1921 as an attempt to inspire community members to support hospitals after the Spanish flu outbreak in 1918. Then, in 1953, National Hospital Day was changed to National Hospital Week.

Additionally, National Hospital Week takes place during the week of Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12. This is why National Nurses Week (May 6-12) is often synced up with National Hospital Week. The holiday shines a spotlight on hospitals, health systems and health care workers who strive to save lives daily.

KHA has teamed up with the American Hospital Association and associations across the country to recognize the 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, and others who provide care to their community. Hospital caregivers have taken on unimaginable challenges and have risen to the occasion repeatedly. We think it is essential others see the impact hospitals make on communities, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our 2023 KHA hospital week video features our members caring for patients, strengthening our communities and keeping Kansans healthy. The AHA hospital week video showcases the pride and resiliency of hospital and health care workers that resonates with this year's theme *We Are Health Care*.

Thank you for the valuable contributions you make each day so hospitals can be there to care for Kansans 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. On behalf of the entire KHA staff, thank you for your commitment to improving the health of your community through compassionate care, constant innovation and unwavering dedication!



--Chad Austin

TALA and Behavioral Health Patients in the ER – May 18

Please join Kansas Hospital Association staff at noon on Thursday, May 18, when Spencer Fane partner, Blane Markley, will discuss hospital obligations under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act and the challenges of treating behavioral health patients in crisis. This webinar is open to anyone at the facility who is interested in learning more about EMTALA and behavioral health patients in the emergency room.



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--Jennifer Findley

Deterra® Drug Deactivation and Disposal System Webinar – May 24

APS is hosting a [webinar](#) for new vendor Deterra® Drug Deactivation and Disposal System, with speaker Megan Schiavone, Business Development Manager, for Verde Environmental Technologies, Inc., at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

[Deterra® Drug Deactivation and Disposal System](#), developed by Minneapolis-based Verde Environmental Technologies, Inc., is a patented process that permanently and irreversibly deactivates and destroys prescription medications, including opioids and fentanyl, as well as over-the-counter medications, most illicit drugs, and vape fluid.

For more information, contact [Dennis George](#) at (913) 327-8730.

--Dennis George

KDADS Webinar Series – June 6 and June 13

Please join Kansas Hospital Association and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services' staff at noon on Tuesday, June 6 and June 13 for an overview of the Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation program, more commonly referred to as nursing facility assessment. This webinar is open to anyone at the facility who is interested in learning about how the CARE Program intersects with hospitals.



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New CFO Orientation – June 8-9

The role of the chief financial officer of a hospital is critical to the planning, implementation and evaluation of the fiscal performance and long-term financial future of a hospital. CFOs that have been promoted from within the hospital or that come from outside the world of hospital finance have a significant challenge to quickly understand their responsibilities within hospital accounting as well as health insurance, financial systems and reporting requirements.

The Kansas Hospital Association is holding an orientation program on June 8-9, designed to provide CFOs with an overview of reimbursement systems like Medicare and Medicaid, a brief introduction to the major private payers, and an overview of hot topics in the world of hospital finance. In addition, KHA will provide an overview of the KHA website and the tools/resources available to help CFOs in their role.

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--Shannan Flach

Kansas Fights Addiction Prevention Grant Opportunity

The second [Kansas Fights Addiction Request for Proposals](#) from the opioid settlement dollars opened on May 8. The RFP focuses on the priority areas of prevention, providers and health systems, and public safety and first responders.

The application closes on June 23 and applicants can apply for up to \$200,000. The confirmation of intent is due May 31. Eligible organizations include non-profits and units of state/local government. The RFP, as well as additional information on deadlines and submissions, frequently asked questions, the grant application and review process, eligible organizations, and allowable strategies can be found on the KFA page on the [Sunflower Foundation website](#). Sunflower Foundation serves as the administrator for the KFA grant program.

--Karen Braman

2023 Kansas Opioid and Stimulant Conference – Call for Proposals

The Seventh Annual Kansas Opioid and Stimulant Conference is accepting presentation proposals online from May 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023 (11:59 p.m.). All conference sessions will be on Nov. 28, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. DCCCA invites proposals that are evidence-based or supported by research, promote audience discussion and engagement, reflect cutting-edge content to address the prescription drug and illicit opioid/stimulant epidemic, share new innovations that can be replicated in communities, and use a variety of presentation techniques to enhance learning. Presentation/workshop proposals should fit into one of the five-session tracks.

- Emerging Trends
- Prevention
- Health Systems and Prescribers
- Public Safety and First Responders
- Treatment and Recovery

Submit your proposal [HERE](#).

--Karen Braman

Insurance Marketplace Certified Application Counselor Training Courses

As Medicaid continues to unwind enrollment through the next 12 months, hospitals may be interested in training an employee to become a certified application counselor. A CAC is trained and able to help consumers, small businesses and employees as they look for health coverage options through the Marketplace, including helping individuals complete eligibility and enrollment forms. To find more information about the CAC Online Training Courses, please visit the [Federal Marketplace website](#).

--Shannan Flach

National Maternal Mental Health Hotline Webinar

The Health Resources & Services Administration is hosting a webinar on maternal mental health for providers and other health care professionals working to ensure the health and well-being of women during and after pregnancy from noon to 1 p.m. on May 22.

HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau Associate Administrator Michael Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP, and Project Director Tiffany J. Williams will present an overview of the [hotline](#) and how its 24/7, free confidential service can benefit your patients. The webinar also will provide key metrics from the Hotline's first year of operations.

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--Karen Braman

Suicide Prevention in Rural Communities – Free Workshop

The University of Rochester Medicine Recovery Center of Excellence, with funding from the Health Resources & Services Administration, partnered with [SafeSide Prevention](#) to provide free workshops focused on suicide prevention training for service providers in rural communities. There are two remaining workshop dates: May 23 and July 25, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Position Available
Chief Executive Officer
Newman Regional Health

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Applicants are encouraged to apply by June 5, 2023

Overview of Responsibilities:

- Provides visionary leadership that inspires the highest levels of performance in the delivery of health care, business and clinical operations to achieve NRH's mission, vision and values.
- Develops with the board of trustees and health system personnel short- and long-range strategic goals and objectives.
- Carries out the policies established by the board of trustees and advises on the formation of these policies.
- Oversees the adequacy and soundness of the organization's financial structure.
- Fosters strong community relations and develops collaborative partnerships that advance the interest of the organization and contribute to the health and well-being of the communities served.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in hospital administration, health care organizational leadership or other related field.
- Minimum of three years of executive health care leadership experience in an acute care hospital. Knowledge and/or experience of Kansas Rural Community and Critical Access Hospitals are preferred.
- Evidence of progressively increasing responsibilities in organizational leadership, division oversight and administrative duties.

If you have a management position available in your organization you would like posted in *Current Report*, email the information to [Jan Fenwick](mailto:Jan.Fenwick@kshealthjobs.net). Also, don't forget to check out www.kshealthjobs.net for other health care openings in Kansas.

--Jan Fenwick

Federal and National News

DEA, SAMHSA Extend COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescribing Controlled Medications

Ahead of the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration issued the ["Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications"](#) – a temporary rule that extends telemedicine flexibilities adopted during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The temporary rule will take effect on May 11, 2023, and extends the full set of telemedicine flexibilities adopted during the COVID-19 public health emergency for six months – through November 11, 2023. For any practitioner-patient telemedicine relationships that have been or will be established up to November 11, 2023, the full set of telemedicine flexibilities regarding the prescription of controlled medications established during the COVID-19 PHE will be extended for one year – through November 11, 2024. The DEA reported that the agency received 38,000 comments on its proposed telemedicine rules, noting the importance of telemedicine in providing access to needed medication while working to put appropriate safeguards in place.

New Training Requirements for DEA Registrants on the Management of Patients with Substance Use Disorders Beginning June 27

Section 1262 of the ['Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 \(PDF | 3.8 MB\)'](#) removed the federal requirement for practitioners to apply for a special waiver prior to prescribing buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder. It also removed other federal requirements associated with the waiver such as discipline restrictions, patient limits, and certification related to the provision of counseling. Separately, section 1263 of the ['Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 \(PDF | 3.8 MB\)'](#) requires new or renewing Drug Enforcement Administration registrants, starting June 27, 2023, upon submission of their application, to have at least one of the following:

- A total of eight hours of training from certain organizations on opioid or other substance use disorders for practitioners renewing or newly applying for registration from the DEA to prescribe any Schedule II-V controlled medications;
- Board certification in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry from the American Board of Medical Specialties, American Board of Addiction Medicine, or the American Osteopathic Association; or
- Graduation within five years and status in good standing from medical, advanced practice nursing, or physician assistant school in the United States that included successful completion of an opioid or other substance use disorder curriculum of at least eight hours.

For more information, see the letter to [DEA Registrants regarding the new training requirements](#) and the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration FAQs regarding the removal of the X-Waiver requirement](#).

New Recommendations for Hepatitis B Screening – May 16

In recognition of Hepatitis Awareness Month, the Health Resources & Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care is hosting a webinar to brief clinicians and other health care providers about the release of [new recommendations for hepatitis B screening and testing](#) at noon on Tuesday, May 16. During the call, Dr. Erin Conners will discuss how the updated recommendations differ from the 2008 recommendations, and explain the rationale for the changes. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about the science supporting these changes and the expected impact of these recommendations. [Registration is required](#). For more information, contact: Chepkorir Maritim, HRSA Nurse Consultant at cmaritim@hrsa.gov.

CDC Updates COVID-19 Infection Control Guidelines

On May 6, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its COVID-19 infection control and prevention [guidelines](#), which address several key issues, including universal masking and COVID-19 testing before nursing home admissions. The CDC guidelines state that facilities should use risk assessments and local metrics to drive masking policies. While county-level data on hospital admissions will remain available, the community transmission rate no longer will be calculated after the end of the public health emergency. The American Hospital Association published a [Special Bulletin](#) with additional details.

CBO Releases April Budget Review, Long-Term Health Care Spending Projections

The Congressional Budget Office released a budget review [summary](#) for April, as well as long-term health care spending projections [reports](#). The CBO projects that major health care spending will increase from 6.6 percent in 2022 to 10.3 percent of gross domestic product in 2052. Much of the growth in spending is expected to come from an aging population. The CBO also published the [April 2023 national expenditure report](#), which updated the fiscal year 2023 budget deficit to \$928 billion.

CMS Adds dQM Resources to eCQI Resource Center

New to the [eCQI Resource Center](#) are details on [digital quality measures](#). The new resource offers a centralized location for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' dQM Strategic Roadmap and related activities to advance digital quality measurement. CMS encourages users to explore the site and submit questions or feedback to ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov.

CMS Proposes Rules to Strengthen Medicaid Access and Quality

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued two [proposed rules](#) to strengthen Medicaid access, oversight and quality. One rule addresses [Medicaid access](#) generally, and the other focuses on [managed care access and quality](#) specifically. Both the [access rule](#) and the [managed care rule](#) are published in the [May 3 Federal Register](#). The 60-day comment period ends Monday, July 3.

Before You Go ...

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is hosting a webinar, *FY 2024 IPF PPS Proposed Rule*, at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, for participants in the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program. [Registration is required](#).
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued the following [updates](#) to *MLN Connects Provider eNews*:
 - [CMS Roundup \(May 5, 2023\)](#)
 - [Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Report Information](#)