



KHA's Current Report
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President's Perspective – Navigating 340B in Challenging Times

Protecting the 340B Program remains a top priority for the Kansas Hospital Association. We continue to engage in activities focused on 340B advocacy, including an event last week with health care leaders from across the region. KHA collaborated with the state hospital associations in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma, along with APS, to host a Regional 340B Roundtable on June 12 in Springfield. Approximately 120 health care leaders attended the event, which was presented by SunRx. More than 20 Kansas hospital leaders participated.

The Regional 340B Roundtable featured several national experts who provided insights and perspectives on 340B compliance, as well as state and federal legislative and regulatory issues, along with program updates. Jason Prokopik, senior manager and pharmacy consultant at Blue and Company, shared key insights with attendees on best practices to ensure compliance and enhance the effectiveness of the 340B program. Ted Slafsky, publisher and CEO of the *340B Report*, presented highlights of activities at the state legislative and regulatory levels. Currently, 19 states have enacted 340B protections, with Oregon and Vermont being the most recent. Jeff Davis, partner at Bass, Berry and Sims, informed attendees about litigation concerning 340B rebate models and provided his perspective on policy considerations at the federal level, including the expected Health Resources and Services Administration's guidance on a 340B rebate model and the administration's proposal to shift oversight of the 340B program to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Leaders from each of the hosting hospital associations shared state-level initiatives and ongoing strategies regarding 340B protections and enforcement. The day concluded with panel presenters who discussed case studies and best practices for administering effective and compliant programs.

KHA's next focus area will be 340B Lunch and Learns for elected officials. These events, hosted in partnership with the Community Care Network of Kansas and the Kansas Pharmacists Association, will educate legislators on the critical importance of 340B in sustaining health care access in Kansas. They are scheduled to take place later this summer and fall, with the first event set for Aug. 21 in Salina. We hope you will join us during these events.

--Chad Austin

Spots Are Filling Fast: Reserve Your Seat at a Complimentary Health Care Preceptor Academy!

Are you ready to sharpen your skills and take your role as a health care preceptor to the next level? This summer, KHA is thrilled to offer a series of complimentary Health Care Preceptor Academies across the state, and seats are filling up quickly!

Whether you're an experienced preceptor or preparing to step into the role, these hands-on, interactive sessions are filled with practical strategies and tools to enhance the preceptor/orientee relationship. You'll leave feeling more confident, connected, and ready to support the next generation of health care professionals.

Upcoming Academy Dates and Locations:

- Pittsburg – July 10
- Emporia – July 18 (Hurry – almost full!)
- Winfield – Aug. 1
- Plainville – Aug. 8
- Lakin – Sept. 19
- Salina – Sept. 25

Each academy offers the same high-impact content, and with only 30 spots available per location, early registration is crucial! These events are free to attend, thanks to generous funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration. Register now to secure your spot:



View the brochure for the August and September Preceptor Academies [here](#).

--Hayley Finch-Genschorck

IT Workforce Funding Available

Does your hospital have IT team members who could benefit from upskilling? Or are you looking to hire new IT staff who may need foundational training? Two registered apprenticeship programs, [Customer Service Tech Support](#) and [IT Generalist](#), are now available to Kansas health care employers at no cost for the next three years.

Each program consists of 150 hours of flexible coursework to prepare workers for vital IT roles. Through Kansas' health care apprenticeship intermediary, TalentGro, hospitals can access these programs and related support services at no cost.

As a reminder, these opportunities are made possible through dedicated funding from the Kansas Apprenticeship Act, which supports hospitals in "apprenticing" up to 20 employees per EIN per year for advancement training and covers the costs of intermediary assistance.

If you want to discover how these IT programs can benefit your current or future workforce, please contact Jaron Caffrey at jcaffrey@kha-net.org.

--Jaron Caffrey

KHA Payer Code Expansion Lunch and Learn Recording Available

This week, Kansas Hospital Association member hospitals joined Austin Wilbers, Programmer/Analyst with the Hospital Industry Data Institute, to host a [lunch-and-learn session](#). During the session, Austin reviewed the [expansion of payer codes](#) and the addition of the [primary language spoken](#) to the KHA discharge [data submission format](#). A recording of the session is available [here](#). Please contact [Sally Othmer](#) or [Dee Lewis](#) with questions regarding KHA discharge data submission. Additional information can also be found on the [KHA website](#).

--Sally Othmer

Sharing Recall Notice Information

The Kansas Hospital Association appreciates when our members share recall notices, as staying updated on new notices can be challenging. One such notice shared with us is a [Power Supply Recall Notice](#) for Zebra printers. There are various ways to find recall notices, but one source is CPSC.gov, which allows users to search for recalls and product safety warnings, as well as set up notifications for product recalls. The image below was shared with KHA from a hospital fire caused by a defective power supply.



--Larry Van Der Wege

AIM OB Emergency Readiness Learning Series Begins June 25

The [Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health](#) is hosting a five-part series focused on obstetric readiness for emergency medical services and emergency departments in rural communities. It aspires to identify opportunities for collaboration between EMS, hospital EDs and local support networks. The series includes recommendations tailored specifically for rural EMS and EDs, featuring innovative strategies such as telehealth and mobile care units. Register to attend any or all of the sessions. Each lasts 75 minutes via Zoom, scheduled from June 25 to Aug. 13. In the first session, experts will summarize the challenges of obstetric care in rural communities and highlight community resources available to support pregnant and postpartum patients. This series is hosted by AIM with funding administered by HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau. It builds on previous HRSA-funded initiatives created by AIM, including the [AIM Obstetric Emergency Readiness Resource Kit](#).

--Karen Braman

DocuSign Phishing Email Campaign

The American Hospital Association advises that it has received credible field reports regarding an ongoing phishing email campaign utilizing the legitimate DocuSign email infrastructure. Reports indicate that these phishing emails have been sent to various healthcare entities. The email appears to originate from a state-level Department of Public Health and requests a signature on a document. Please check the sending address in the email, as it does not end with the usual ".gov" domain.

Visit the Cybersecurity Advisory on Phishing Emails Targeting Health Care | AHA for more information and share it with your IT security team and organization. The FBI has requested that if anyone in your organization receives a DocuSign email with the described phishing scheme, please forward the email as an attachment from your organization, or send the message directly to the FBI at mp_cyberintake@fbi.gov.

--Larry Van Der Wege

Kansas Annual Opioid and Stimulant Conference – Call for Proposals

The Ninth Annual Kansas Opioid and Stimulant Conference is scheduled for Dec. 2 in Wichita. The call for proposals is currently open! If you or someone you know is interested in presenting at the upcoming conference, please submit your proposal at [Call for Proposals](#). The call for proposals will close on July 31.

--Karen Braman

CEO Staffing Changes

The Kansas Hospital Association would like to inform you of the latest member hospital administrator changes since our last hospital list printout in May:

- Kimberly Haverly, administrator, Memorial Health System, Abilene
- Anita Walden, chief administrative officer, Freeman Fort Scott Hospital, Fort Scott
- David Smith, administrator, Mercy Hospital Pittsburg, Inc., Pittsburg
- Michelle Wisbey, interim president and chief executive officer, CKF Addiction Treatment, Salina
- Lori Tackett, MSN, BSN, RN, hospital president, Ascension Via Christi St. Teresa, Wichita

The [Kansas Hospitals and Health-Related Facilities list](#) is available on the KHA website in PDF format (Adobe Acrobat Reader) at www.kha-net.org. Please note: Kansas community hospitals now number 125. A username and password are required. Click on Kansas Hospitals, CEO Directories, Kansas Hospital List and Kansas Hospitals and Health-Related Facilities List. If you have updates, please contact [Cheryl Carson](#) at (785) 233-7436 and provide the start date of the new administrator/chief executive officer, picture, birthday and press release/bio.

--Cheryl Carson

Federal and National News

MLN Connects Provider eNews Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued the following [updates](#) to *MLN Connects Provider eNews*:

- [2023 Doctors & Clinicians Preview Period Open Until June 25](#)
- [Hospital Price Transparency: Respond to Accuracy & Completeness RFI by July 21](#)
- [Medicare Part B Discarded Drug Program: Get the Latest Updates](#)
- [Medicare Part B Blood Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Guidance](#)
- [Medicare Part B Average Sales Price Guidance](#)

Before You Go ...

- The American Medical Association [offers](#) a series of podcasts aimed at enhancing provider confidence regarding patients and cannabis use. Podcast episodes discuss crucial topics such as preventing cannabis use among minors, cannabis and pain management, cannabis use during pregnancy, related psychiatric disorders, and other significant issues.
- U.S. drug deaths among young people are rapidly [declining](#), according to provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The latest available records show that fentanyl and other drugs killed more than 31,000 individuals under the age of 35 in 2021. By last year, that number had plummeted to approximately 16,690 fatal overdoses, CDC data reveal.