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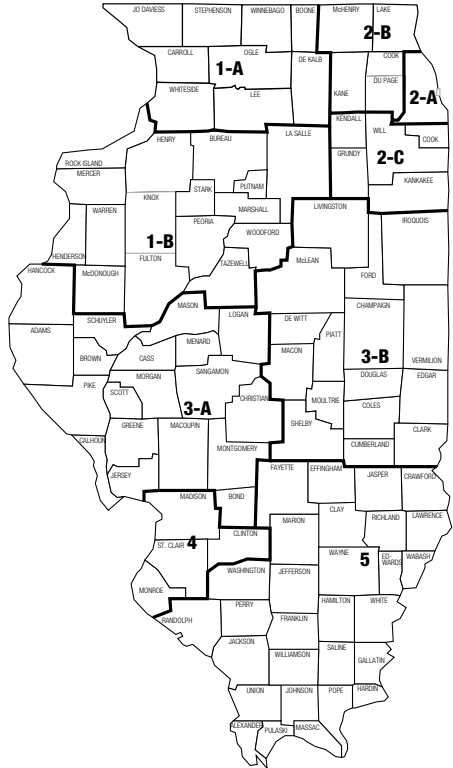
Information for Illinois Health Leaders

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We've prepared this brochure to give you a quick introduction to IHA, how you can participate, and the resources we provide. For additional information, please contact Gail Story in IHA's Executive Office at **630.276.5708** or **[gstory@ibastaff.org](mailto:gstory@ibastaff.org)**.

## YOUR PERSONAL LINKS TO IHA...

IHA has divided the state into nine regions as a way of promoting member involvement and geographic balance in the Association's governance, policy development, and advocacy. Your regional representative will provide you with information pertaining to the members and staff who serve as your personal links to IHA. Please don't hesitate to call on them with your concerns.



Your hospital is in IHA Region \_\_\_\_\_

Your regional president is \_\_\_\_\_

Your regional trustee is \_\_\_\_\_

Your IHA regional representative is \_\_\_\_\_

Your U.S. Representative is \_\_\_\_\_

Your State Senator is \_\_\_\_\_

Your State Representative is \_\_\_\_\_

## **ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION . . .**

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The Illinois Hospital Association, with offices in Naperville and Springfield, represents more than 200 hospitals and health systems and the patients and communities they serve. Our members range from the teaching hospitals that train tomorrow's doctors and nurses, to community hospitals that transform advances in medicine and technology into better lives for patients, to rural facilities that bring high-quality patient care to the less populated areas of our state, to facilities that specialize in caring for children, rehabilitation patients, and other special-needs patients.

Since IHA was formed in 1923, its mission has been to strengthen hospitals and make high-quality, affordable health care available to all Illinoisans. To make this possible, we work to ensure that adequate resources are available for our state's health care delivery system. With health care delivery going through radical changes, that mission is more important than ever.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To advocate for and support hospitals and health systems as they serve their patients and communities.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Illinois hospitals consider Association membership essential to their ability to fulfill their missions.

### **GOVERNANCE AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

The Board of Trustees is the Association's ultimate policymaking body. The Board is made up of 29 trustees, including 14 at-large trustees elected by the voting members of the Association, 9 regional trustees elected directly by the regions, 5 elected officers (chairman, chairman-elect, immediate past chairman, treasurer, and secretary), and the Association's president ex officio. Constituency sections, councils, and ad hoc task forces provide members with opportunities to participate in the Association's policy development process.

#### **POLICY AND ADVOCACY COUNCILS**

The "heavy lifting" of developing Association policy and advocating for its implementation is done by two councils. The Policy Council develops, prioritizes, and recommends policy positions to the Board of Trustees. The Advocacy Council develops strategies for advocating policy positions adopted by the Board. It also monitors and makes recommendations to the Board to ensure that the Association's advocacy activities—lobbying, public and media relations, grassroots campaigns, and litigation—are coordinated and effective.

#### **AD HOC TASK FORCES**

The chairman of each council may appoint ad hoc task forces to analyze specific issues and make recommendations to the council.

## **CONSTITUENCY SECTIONS**

The constituency sections are made up of individuals, organizations, and units of organizations that share common characteristics or interests. They reflect the diversification of hospital services as hospitals increasingly devote more resources to the continuum of care. Advocacy and representation with the legislature, regulatory agencies, third-party payers, and accrediting bodies; data resources; educational programs; and communications materials are some of the member services the constituency sections provide. The Policy and Advocacy Councils may also ask the constituency sections to analyze specific issues and make recommendations.

IHA's constituency sections are listed below. Your hospital is automatically a member of the constituency sections that represent the services your facility offers.

- Behavioral Health
- Disproportionate-Share Hospitals (DSH)
- Post-Acute Care
- Small & Rural Hospitals
- Volunteers

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION...**

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### **SERVICE ON MEMBER GROUPS**

Every year you will be asked to indicate whether you or members of your management team would be willing to serve on various IHA member groups, including the Policy Council, the Advocacy Council, the Strategic Planning Committee, and the constituency section steering committees. These expressions of interest are taken into account when appointments are made.

### **GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY**

Advocating for your interests—in the legislature, before regulatory agencies, and in the courts—is IHA's number-one job. When the Illinois General Assembly or the U.S. Congress is in session, we will ask you to help us persuade your legislators to support or oppose specific legislative proposals. We'll help you make the case by providing institution-specific information on the impact of the proposal, talking points, and other useful advocacy materials.

### **IHA PAC**

IHA PAC, the Association's political action committee, is one of the strongest and most important weapons in our advocacy arsenal. We work to give hospitals and health systems, and the patients and communities they serve, a strong voice in the political process, both in Springfield and Washington, DC. Your gift to IHA PAC works to strengthen the voice of Illinois hospitals and benefits everyone who depends on them. Hospital communities and individuals who have taken leadership positions in supporting IHA PAC are recognized through the Honor Roll (for hospitals) and giving clubs (for individuals).

## **AHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The AHA Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, DC, marks the kickoff of the federal advocacy year for hospitals and health systems. For you as an Illinois health care leader, it's an important opportunity to communicate your concerns to your member of Congress. IHA coordinates the participation of Illinois hospitals at the meeting, sponsoring a legislative briefing and a variety of social events and networking opportunities.

## **IHA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

The voting members of the Association meet annually to elect officers and at-large trustees, elect Illinois representatives to the American Hospital Association's House of Delegates, and take any other action reserved for the members, such as approving bylaws amendments. The Leadership Summit, typically held in September, also offers networking opportunities and presentations by outstanding speakers.

## **REGIONAL MEETINGS**

Regions meet regularly to elect regional officers and to consider issues affecting members in the region. The regional trustee elected by each region is responsible for providing regional input to the deliberations of the Board of Trustees. The Policy and Advocacy Councils may also ask the regions to analyze specific issues and make recommendations.

## **SMALL & RURAL HOSPITALS CONSTITUENCY SECTION ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Small & Rural Hospitals Constituency Section, held in June, provides an opportunity for the leaders of small and rural hospitals to gather and share common goals, discuss future developments, and participate in timely educational sessions. There's plenty of time for recreation, too. Leaders of larger hospitals and systems also are welcome to attend.

## **CONSTITUENCY SECTION MEETINGS**

IHA's constituency sections keep section members abreast of important issues and trends through educational programs offered for a modest fee.

## **RESOURCES...**

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### **COMPDATA**

COMPdata is the most comprehensive source of comparative health information in Illinois. COMPdata provides timely information for market analysis, clinical improvement efforts, strategic planning, financial risk assessments, physician recruitment and retention, and service and product line management. COMPdata is readily available through direct on-line access or indirectly through special customized reports. In addition to meeting your internal analysis needs, COMPdata is an approved vendor for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and The Joint Commission on performance measurements. COMPdata also serves as the data collection resource for several agencies in different states.

## **IHA RESOURCE DIRECTORY**

The Resource Directory offers current and concise information on member institutions, their administrators and department heads. Also featured are a list of member health care networks, with key personnel, affiliated hospitals, and other entities; and a buyer's guide listing suppliers of products and services who want to do business with you.

## **CEO MEMOS**

You will receive timely updates, on an "as needed" basis, with information and analysis of the impact of new legislation, regulations, and court decisions, among other issues.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Illinois Hospital Research and Educational Foundation (IHREF) and IHA provide a wide variety of cost-effective educational opportunities with one goal in mind—helping you and your key staff manage your institution better.

Members can also participate in an Internet-based learning system, *CareLearning*, which can be accessed at [www.carelearning.com](http://www.carelearning.com). IHREF also offers Webinars, short (1 to 2 hours in length), live, interactive presentations using the Internet and telephone conferencing lines.

## **WEB SITE**

IHA's Web site, [www.ibatoday.org](http://www.ibatoday.org), provides "one-stop shopping" on the Web for all of the Association's products and services. Jump online and start getting our daily news summaries, timely updates on legislative issues that affect your organization, advance copies of the *Reporter*, notices of meetings and other events, and more.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

IHA publishes a variety of periodicals and reports to keep you abreast of developments in the rapidly changing health care environment. The periodicals, including the Association's weekly newsletter, *The Reporter*, will be delivered to you automatically in the weekly *Friday Mailing*. All are also available on IHA's web site ([www.ibatoday.org](http://www.ibatoday.org)).

## **FOR-PROFIT CORPORATE ACTIVITIES**

### **ASSOCIATION VENTURE CORPORATION (AVC)**

AVC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), continues to enhance the success of its clients by offering a portfolio of innovative solutions that meet their business and financial needs. AVC's competitive services strengthen the value of IHA membership while helping to secure IHA's financial future.

### **ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT RESOURCES (AMR)**

AMR was created in 1979 to provide cost-effective, high quality insurance and service programs to Illinois hospitals, including:

#### **Insurance Brokerage**

- Illinois Provider Trust
- Illinois Compensation Trust
- Professional Liability Excess Coverage
- Workers' Compensation Specific and Aggregate Excess Coverage
- Directors and Officers Liability Coverage
- Employment Practices Liability Coverage
- Fiduciary Liability Coverage
- Commercial Crime
- Kidnap / Ransom / Extortion Coverage
- Managed Care Errors and Omissions Coverage
- Workers' Compensation Self Insurance and other bonds
- Property Coverage

### **ILLINOIS PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE (IPC)**

IPC is an innovative group purchasing program designed to reduce health care supply chain expenses through:

- Member collaboration
- Volume aggregation
- Industry-leading contract pricing
- Custom contracting
- Technology solutions

### **ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES (IRMS)**

IRMS was developed in 1979 as the managing partner of the IPT and ICT. Both are innovative risk sharing pooled programs exclusively for Illinois 501-63 hospitals.

#### **Services**

- Hospital Professional/General Liability Claims and Risk Management Services
- Workers' Compensation Claims and Loss Control Services
- Group Unemployment Services
- Property and Casualty Actuarial Services
- Illinois Compensation Trust
- Illinois Provider Trust

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**MEDICAL ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY (MAIC)**

MAIC, incorporated in 2004, is a licensed physician liability insurer for the State of Illinois.

**Service**

Physician Liability Coverage

**HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES CREDIT UNION**

HACU is a not-for-profit, full-service financial cooperative begun by the Association in 1980 but now fully owned by its members.



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