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Governor Signs HB5183 at Mount Sinai Hospital

IHA and hospital leaders were in attendance as Gov. Quinn signed legislation (**HB5183**) on Aug. 21 to establish minimum standards for ambulance services that provide critical care transportation, a new advanced level of EMS patient transport. “This new law will ensure that the staffs in advanced critical care ambulances are properly educated, trained and licensed,” the Governor said. He reaffirmed his commitment to “decent health care for all,” and described host **Mount Sinai Hospital** (Chicago) as a place where “compassion and passion meet.”

In his remarks, IHA Senior Vice President John Bomher said, “On behalf of hospitals throughout Illinois, IHA applauds the leadership of Governor Quinn in signing this legislation, underscoring his commitment to a high quality health system and strong EMS system. By developing uniform standards for critical care transport, HB5183 will help assure that patients receive the right care, at the right time, in the right place.” The bill was sponsored by Rep. Donald Moffitt (R-74,

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Calendar of Events

Aug. 31: [Two Hospital-Physician Integration Case Studies: Success and Failure](#)

Sept. 2: [Continuous Service Readiness Seminar and](#)

Galesburg) and Sen. David Koehler (D-46, Peoria). Rep. Moffitt was also in attendance.

The legislation amends the Emergency Medical Services Act to authorize the Illinois Department of Public Health to establish standards regarding staff, education, licensure and treatment for ambulance providers. Where available, hospitals may elect to use critical care transport when transporting patients.

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CMS Releasing Hospital-Acquired Conditions Sept. 23

CMS officials announced this week that hospital-specific information on eight hospital-acquired conditions will be made publicly available Sept. 23 on the Hospital Compare web site. Hospitals will have an opportunity to preview their specific information starting Sept. 14 for one week only.

The information, derived from Medicare claims data, relates to the following hospital-acquired conditions:

- Retained foreign object
- Air embolism
- Blood incompatibility
- Stage III and IV pressure ulcers
- Falls and trauma
- Vascular catheter-associated infections
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections
- Manifestations of poor glycemic control.

IHA's Quality Care Institute will provide members with additional information about the new Hospital Compare release as it becomes available. CMS has posted a fact sheet on its web site on "[Hospital-Acquired Conditions in Acute Inpatient Prospective Payment System Hospitals](#)," which includes specifications for the eight conditions.

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Highlights of IHA Leadership Summit

Be sure to join your colleagues for IHA's most important event of the year, the Leadership Summit: *Great Leaders, Great Strategies: Working Together to Transform Health Care*.

IHA President Maryjane Wurth will deliver her address, describing her experiences and insights gained during her first year as president and the Association's goals and strategies for helping members navigate the challenges of the changing health care environment. Other

Workshop

Sept. 9 & 14: [34 Patient Safety Practices Every Health Care Facility Should Know](#)

Sept. 14: [Organized Labor Goals: How They Will Directly Impact Providers' Strategic Plans and Operations](#)

Sept. 16: [CMS Never Events: Infections Escaping Never Land - Keeping Never Events from Happening](#)

Sept. 16: [Recent Changes in Fraud and Abuse Laws Affecting Hospitals](#)

Sept. 21: [Controlling Therapy Costs for Rehabilitation Programs in Acute Care Hospitals](#)

Sept. 23: [The Joint Commission 2010 Leadership Standards: Ensuring Compliance](#)

Sept. 23: *Hospital Engineers Webinar Series: [An Exploration of How Proper Airflow Control Can Help Achieve Safety and Increase the Bottom Line](#)*

Sept. 23-24: [IHA Leadership Summit 2010: Great Leaders, Great Strategies: Working Together to Transform Health Care](#)

Sept. 28: [Emergency Water Supply Planning for Hospitals & Health Care Facilities](#)

Sept. 29-30: [Constituency on Volunteers/Administrators of Volunteer Resources Leadership Retreat](#)

Sept. 30: [Medical Staff Standards MS.01.01.01: Ensuring Compliance with The Joint Commission Standards](#)

Sept. 30: [Developing a Business Plan](#)

highlights include an address by former CMS administrator Mark McClellan, M.D., expert strategist Stephen Gelineau speaking on physician alignment, presentations by the Democratic and Republican Illinois gubernatorial candidates, and much more.

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The Summit is set for Sept. 23-24 at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena. Early bird registration discounts are available through Sept. 10. More details and registration information are [available here](#).

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IHA Webinar on Hospital-Physician Integration is Aug. 31

IHA's webinar, "[Two Hospital-Physician Integration Case Studies: Success and Failure](#)," will include a discussion of integration options, valuation insights and compensation structures, as well as lessons learned from two actual hospital-physician integrations.

The program will also explore transitional affiliation compensation concepts which are now emerging as hospitals move from quantity-based to quality-based incentives necessary in the accountable care organization (ACO) environment.

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Health Law Symposium to Focus on Health Care Reform

The Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys (IAHA), an affiliate society of IHA, will hold its 28th Annual Health Law Symposium on Oct. 26 at Chicago's Navy Pier. One of the premier health law programs in the country, the symposium offers 28 speakers and 13 sessions on a wide variety of health law issues.

The centerpiece of this year's program is a panel discussion on the effect of health reform on Illinois, featuring the directors of the Illinois Dept. of Insurance and the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services as well as the chief medical officers of **Advocate Health Care**, Oak Brook, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. IHA members receive a special rate for the full-day program. [Click here](#) for details. IAHA's mission is to keep attorneys and health care executives abreast of the latest developments in health law.

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Abandoned Newborn Information Packet Changing

HB5459, which was recently signed into law ([PA 096-1114](#)),

simplifies the packet of information that safe havens, including hospitals, must offer to parents relinquishing a newborn under the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. The Dept. of Children and Family Services and the Office of Vital Records are finalizing new brochures for the packet. Hospitals must still provide a list of counseling services and adoption agencies. IHA will publish a detailed memo when the brochures are completed by the agencies.

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Briefly Noted

- | [Public Act 96-1340](#), effective July 27, 2010, requires health care professionals to properly identify their licensure in their offices, on their person, and in any “advertisement” naming the health care professional. [Click here](#) for IHA’s detailed memo on this topic.
- | The Illinois Dept. of Public Health has informed IHA that health care facilities may need to change their Internet settings if they are experiencing problems [accessing the Health Care Worker Registry web site](#). IDPH has provided two documents on troubleshooting help with this and other potential glitches.
- | The application deadline for FFY2012 hospital wage index reclassifications are due to the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board on Sept. 1. Applications and instructions are available on the [CMS website](#). IHA members have been sent a detailed memo and hospital-specific information.
- | In an Aug. 24 [letter](#) to the leadership of the Senate Finance Subcommittee, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated that health reform legislation could reduce the projected budget deficit by \$30 billion over the next 10 years. The combined health care and revenue provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the companion reconciliation bill would reduce the projected deficit by \$28 billion in 2020, and the education provisions of the reconciliation bill would reduce the deficit by \$2 billion over the same time period, the CBO analysis estimated.
- | National Suicide Prevention Week is Sept. 5-11, with [World Suicide Prevention Day](#) on Sept. 10. For a list of what other organizations are doing, [click here](#).

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Studies and Surveys in the News

- | The most recent monthly [Thomson Reuters poll](#) of consumer confidence shows Americans are more worried about their

ability to pay for and access health care than they were before health reform was enacted. The poll of 3,000 consumers indicated that confidence in health care has fallen by 5% since December 2009. Pollsters think the trend is probably the result of public criticism of the bill rather than what the bill actually contains.

- | A new [report](#) from the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) says that the science and regulatory abilities of the Food and Drug Administration must be upgraded to improve federal public health emergency countermeasures. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius requested the report following issues encountered with the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine distribution.
- | A new [Harris survey](#) says that the number of “Cyberchondriacs,” or people who surf the Internet for medical information, has risen from 154 million to 175 million in the past year, compared to just 50 million in 1998. More than half of respondents have discussed information they found online with their physicians.

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