



KHA's Current Report
May 17, 2024

President's Perspective – Happy Hospital Week 2024

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 hospitals' activities with their teams. Your teams truly represent the theme We Are Health Care ... as it is the individuals in your hospitals who make Kansas health care great. I am glad we could help highlight Kansas hospitals, health systems and health care associates. Your health care teams are lifting up communities across Kansas.

Our 2024 KHA Hospital Week video (linked below) leans into our current public perception campaign messaging. KHA also worked with the American Hospital Association to co-brand the new Power of One video (linked below) that the AHA showcased at the AHA Annual Meeting. This video highlights that every second of every hour of every day, the professionals in hospitals and health systems mend bodies, promote wellness and give hope to patients and communities. Hospitals, and health systems, work together to lead innovative change, advocate for patients and train the next generation of caregivers — and it all happens when each individual health care professional joins with their colleagues and many voices become one to change health care for the better. This is a message that resonates far beyond hospital week, so I invite you to use this video with your staff and in your communities in the months ahead.

Thank you for the valuable contributions you each make daily so hospitals can 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!



The link to the video is https://youtu.be/RYxpX6yahOM?si=mShYufe8_y5hLZA4.
--Chad Austin

Getting Paid for Doing Good Work Panel Discussion – May 22

Join the Kansas Hospital Association for a panel discussion at noon on Wednesday, May 22, when panelists share their insights and perspectives to help make sense of current Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and the requirements for addressing social determinants of health.



--Hayley Finch-Genschorck

Noon Briefing: Understanding the New LTC Staffing Standards – May 23

On April 22, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued the Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting final rule. The final rule was issued about seven months after the proposed rule was submitted by CMS on Sept. 6, 2023.

Join the Kansas Hospital Association for a Noon Briefing on Thursday, May 23, when Lacey Hunter, commissioner of survey certification and credentialing commission with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, shares her insight and perspective on the final rule for minimum staffing standards for LTC facilities.



--Hayley Finch-Genschorck

Register Now! Noon Briefing: Defending Your Revenue – June 18

Join the Kansas Hospital Association for a noon briefing on Tuesday, June 18, when Rural Hospital Insurance of America, powered by HealthSure, will host a panel discussion moderated by Michael Patti, risk advisor, RHIA. This panel of experts will share practical strategies and tactics to combat these challenges so your hospital can be stronger in defending the revenue you're entitled to and preventing the unnecessary loss of these precious dollars.



--Hayley Finch-Genschorck

Digital Version of the 2024 KHA Membership Directory Is Now Available

The printed version of the *2024 KHA Membership Directory* is in the printing process and will be distributed to members soon. Until then, we are happy to provide members with a link to the digital version of this publication for your use. To access the digital version, click on the link and enter the password KHAMember. The [digital version](#) of the KHA Membership Directory is an exact replica of the hard copy directory. Both the hard copy version and the digital version are current as of May 1, 2024.

As a reminder, the online membership directory is updated in real-time, so you always have the latest member organization executive staff information at your fingertips. The KHA Membership Directory is a member-only benefit, so both the digital and online membership directories are password-protected. For the online KHA Membership Directory, in addition to entering your KHA website personal username and password, you will need to enter the username KHAMember and @KHA2021 for the password. If you haven't registered for your personal username and password, just complete the requested information. Your information will have to be verified by KHA staff (a confirmation email will be sent to you) before you will be able to access members' only portions of the website. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at (785) 233-7436.

--Jan Fenwick

Social Media Content for Health Observances

Do you have social media channels to fill? Use the Society for Health Care Strategy and Market Development's [health observance calendar](#) as a tool for your external communications and social media campaigns. KHA also creates content for various health observances, and you can find the content in the [KHA Communications Folder](#) on our Box drive. Currently, you will find graphics and messaging around Mental Health Awareness Month. Please download and share as appropriate. Please also see the link to the [National Women's Health Month digital toolkit](#) created by the Office on Women's Health for social media content this month, too.

--Shelby Stacy

Tips for Registering Online for KHA Events

The Kansas Hospital Association is pleased many of you are registering for KHA events online. Registering online for KHA events is easy when you follow these helpful tips. Please forward this information to your staff.

- If an event is available for online registration, go to www.kha-net.org, click on "[Education](#)" and "[Register Online](#)" or go directly to <https://registration.kha-net.org>.
- Select the event you would like to attend using the drop-down arrow and click Next.
- Type in these required fields: first name, last name (do not include your title in this field) and email address (it will add your information exactly how you type it). You will receive a runtime error if you type in an inadequate email address (for instance, one that doesn't contain an @). Click Next.
- Start typing your organization name in the drop-down window (if it doesn't appear, try the acronym or start typing the word "The" first if you are, for example, with The University of Kansas Health System), select it and click Go. All member organizations are in the list. Our system will charge you the non-member rate if you don't select a member organization.
- Check the box next to the event and then click Register.
- Do not leave any required fields blank or you will receive a runtime error.

- Enter the credit card number without dashes or spaces and the expiration date on your credit card as mmyy (NO SLASH). For example, the January 2025 expiration would be 0125. Click only once on the "Process Card" button. Please note: double-clicking on "Process Card" will duplicate the charge.
- If you get an error message, please contact us right away so we can pinpoint the problem before your credit card is processed more than once. KHA will refund you for any duplicate charges; however, we are trying to alleviate any unnecessary processing.
- You will receive an automated email receipt shortly after you register online (or if our staff registers you in-house), as long as your correct email address is in our system. If you are registering other persons on your staff and need to track that information, please don't forget to ask them for a copy of their receipts.

If you have questions and/or if you are unable to register, please contact the [KHA Education Department](#) at (785) 233-7436.

--Cheryl Carson

Jane Ross Memorial Symposium – June 5

The Kansas Emergency Nurses Association invites nurses to attend the [Jane Ross Memorial Symposium](#) on June 5 at Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina. Topics include:

- Healthcare (Then & Now),
- Pregnancy, Trauma and Other Thoughts
- Human Trafficking and Traffic Fatalities and Trends
- Call the Burn Unit: Emergency Care for Patients Needing a Burn Unit
- Pediatric Trauma – Does Blood Loss Really Matter

[Register by May 29.](#)

--Karen Braman

Federal and National News

Nominations for Partnership for Quality Measurement Committees – Deadline June 7

Battelle is accepting nominations through 10:59 p.m. June 7, 2024, for Partnership for Quality Measurement committees supporting the Endorsement & Maintenance and Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review processes. Individuals and organizations may nominate themselves or others using the [PQM nomination form](#). Involvement in these committees is a chance to have Kansas clinical voices heard as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service reviews and makes decisions on clinical quality measures. [Submit a nomination today!](#)

For PRMR Committees

Battelle is accepting nominations for three PRMR committees:

- Clinician
- Hospital
- Post-Acute Care/Long-Term Care

PRMR committee members use their lived experiences and areas of expertise to recommend health care quality measures currently under consideration for use in select CMS programs. Learn more about what to expect as a committee member in the [PQM Guidebook of Policies and Procedures for PRMR and MSR](#).

Measure Set Review members, who review measures for removal from CMS programs, are selected from seated PRMR committee members. If interested in serving on MSR, please indicate this in your nomination form.

For E&M Projects

Battelle is accepting nominations for five E&M projects:

- Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care
- Cost and Efficiency
- Initial Recognition and Management
- Management of Acute Events, Chronic Disease, Surgery and Behavioral Health
- Primary Prevention

E&M committee members review and recommend endorsement decisions about health care quality measures to Battelle. Through this review, E&M committee members ensure the health care measures Battelle endorses are evidence-based, scientifically sound, safe and effective, and are consistent with current professional knowledge. Learn more in the [E&M Guidebook](#). If you have any questions, please contact PQMsupport@battelle.org.

CMS Issues New Memorandum Type

The Centers Medicare & Medicaid Services Quality, Safety & Oversight Group [introduced](#) a new memorandum type, Quality and Safety Special Alert memos. These memos are geared toward specific provider types and serve as reminders of existing obligations or requirements. These QSSAM will not have any modifications to existing survey and certification policies. [QSSAM-24-1-Hospital](#) is the first such issued memo and addresses reporting of abuse and neglect.

CMS Issues Increasing Organ Transplant Access Model Proposed Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [announced](#) a [proposed model](#) that would increase access to kidney transplants for all people living with end-stage renal disease. The [Increasing Organ Transplant Access Model](#) is intended to [improve](#) the quality of care and reduce disparities among individuals seeking kidney transplant services while increasing the efficiency and capability of transplant hospitals. Comments about the proposed rule will be due 60 days after the date of publication in the *Federal Register*.

MLN Connects Provider eNews Available

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

- [Administration Acts to Improve Access to Kidney Transplants](#)
- [Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies: Updated List of Items Potentially Subject to Conditions of Payment](#)
- [Lymphedema Compression Treatment Items: New DMEPOS Benefit Category](#)
- [Hospice: New Requirement for Physicians Who Certify Patient Eligibility Effective June 3](#)
- [Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database: July Update](#)
- [Women's Health: Talk with Your Patients About Prevention, Care and Wellbeing](#)

Before You Go ...

- The American Heart Association Scholars – [EmPowered Scholars program](#) awards scholarships to enrolled undergraduate students who volunteer in their communities to use toward their education expenses. The 2024 application window is open through Friday, June 7.
- The American Society for Health Care Human Resources Administration is hosting a [webinar](#) about "Creating the Destination for Fulfilling Careers in Healthcare" at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21. This webinar is complimentary to both ASHHRA members and non-members. Live webinar attendees can earn one education credit (CHHR, ACHE Fellowship, HRCI, SHRM).