



KHA's Current Report
September 27, 2024

President's Perspective – Let's Connect in October and Plan for the Future

I always look forward to the fall round of [District Meetings](#) each year. It is an opportunity for us to meet face-to-face and discuss important and timely issues, but even more important is the opportunity to plan for the future. Starting next week, during our Fall District Meetings, we will gather your input on the direction you want the Kansas Hospital Association to take for the next three years. I look forward to your input as we finalize our strategic direction.

CEOs and administrators have traditionally attended the District Meetings, but it has been good over the past few years to see more hospital board members, CFOs, HR executives and senior staff members attend these meetings. I encourage any of our hospital members who are interested in these topics to please join us:

- Hospitals' Financial Health
- Public Education Campaigns on Medicare Advantage, 340B Program and Hospitals' Financial Health
- Workforce Retention and Recruitment
- KHA 2025-2027 Strategic Planning
- How Hospitals Are Using AI
- State and Federal Advocacy
- KHSC and APS Services
- Regional and State Resources and Strategies

In addition to District Meetings, we can engage and impact the association's work through our KHA boards and committees. The service our members provide on KHA committees is the essential work of the association. Thank you if you can serve on one of our 26 KHA policy groups (boards and committees). The call for volunteers for the 2025 committee will be sent to CEOs and administrators next week. If you would like to serve or continue to serve on a KHA committee, please let your CEO or administrator know.

I look forward to networking with you at the District Meeting of your choice. Please register if you have not done so already. Thanks to our sponsors, these meetings are provided at no charge. Thank you to APS, KAMMCO, KHSC and Qualivis. Dates and links to more information follow. See you soon!

District	Date	Location	City
South Central	Oct. 2	Hutchinson Regional Medical Center	Hutchinson
Northeast	Oct. 3	Saint Luke's South Hospital	Overland Park
Southeast	Oct. 4	Labette Health	Parsons
North Central	Oct. 8	Ellsworth County Medical Center	Ellsworth
Southwest	Oct. 10	Kearny County Hospital	Lakin
Northwest	Oct. 11	HaysMed	Hays



--Chad Austin

QHi Back to Basics Training Session – Focus on Financial Reporting – Oct. 1

Please join us from 11:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 2, to review the [QHi](#) reporting tool. This session will focus on a review of data entry options for financial measures. This will include a walkthrough of the QHi Financial Statement Upload process. Participants will also learn the basics of selecting financial measures, adding users and running/scheduling reports.



--Sally Othmer

Reimbursement Form for Involuntary Patient Holds New Updated Link

In 2023, the Kansas Hospital Association worked with the legislature to pass a program allowing reimbursement to hospitals for round-the-clock patient observation and the transportation costs of involuntary admission of patients to state hospitals. The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services updated its website, and the forms for reimbursement are now updated. The form can be found by visiting [KDADS Form for Involuntary Patients](#). You can view the website and get all the information by visiting <https://www.kdads.ks.gov/state-hospitals>.

Hospitals seeking reimbursement must fill out a [W-9 form](#) for payment.

A webinar overview of the program can be found at [KHA/KDADS Webinar of Involuntary Commitment Patient Observation and Transportation Reimbursement](#). A copy of the presentation can be found at [KDADS Presentation](#).

For additional information or questions, email kdads.reimburse@ks.gov or [Scott Brunner](#).

--Tara Mays

CNA Course Time Limit Clarification from KDADS

This week, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services clarified time limits for classroom time versus clinical time in Certified Nurse Assistant programs.

KDADS has concluded that classroom time for a CNA course should not exceed eight hours per day and not exceed 9:00 p.m., with breaks and lunch excluded. KDADS also concluded that Part II clinical times for CNA programs should not exceed 12 hours per day, with breaks and lunch excluded, and not exceed 9:00 p.m.

KDADS reminds CNA programs to contact the Kansas Department of Labor when teaching students under 18 years of age to ensure compliance with the state's child labor laws.

--Jaron Caffrey

KHA HIDI Advantage Optics Update and HIDI Academy Learning

[Advantage Optics](#), the online reporting tool accessed from the [HIDI Advantage User Portal](#), is where your KHA hospital-level data resides. This week, the site was updated with the July 2024 data and now contains October 2018 – July 2024 inpatient, outpatient and emergency department discharges. This includes Executive Snapshot Dashboards, located under Market Optics.

As a reminder, HIDI recently launched the HIDI Academy. This new service is designed to enhance the learning experience for users by providing access to HIDI-specific Market Optics training modules and resources through a user-friendly interface.

For assistance with access to Advantage Optics or the HIDI Academy, please contact [Dee Lewis](#) or [Sally Othmer](#) at (785) 233-7436.

--Sally Othmer

Health Observances and Recognition Days for October

Month-Long Observances

- ADHD Awareness Month (National)
- Audiology Awareness Month (National)
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month (National)
- Bullying Prevention Month (National)
- Chiropractic Health Month (National)
- Contact Lens Safety Month
- Dental Hygiene Month (National)
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month (National)
- Eat Better, Eat Together Month
- Eye Injury Prevention Month
- Health Literacy Month

- Healthy Lung Month
- Home Eye Safety Awareness Month
- Liver Cancer Awareness Month
- Medical Librarians Month (National)
- Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month
- Orthodontic Health Month (National)
- Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month
- Pharmacists Month (American)
- Physical Therapy Month (National)
- Prenatal-onset Group B Strep Disease Recognition Month
- Spina Bifida Awareness Month
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month

Week-Long Observances

- Oct. 6-12 – Health Care Supply Chain Week (National), Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week, Mental Illness Awareness Week, Physician Assistants Week (National) and Primary Care Week (National)
- Oct. 6-13 – IAHS HealthCare Security and Safety Week
- Oct. 8-12 – Dialysis Technician Recognition Week (National)
- Oct. 12-20 – Bone and Joint Health Action Week
- Oct. 13-19 – Infection Prevention Week (International)
- Oct. 20-26 – Healthcare Quality Week (National), Pharmacy Week (National) and Respiratory Care Week
- Oct. 21-25 – Health Education Week (National)
- Oct. 23-31 – Red Ribbon Week

Recognition Days | Events

- Oct. 1 – International Day of Older Persons
- Oct. 5 – Meningitis Day (World)
- Oct. 6 – Cerebral Palsy Day (World)
- Oct. 7 – Child Health Day and Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day
- Oct. 9 – Healthcare Security and Safety Officer Appreciation Day
- Oct. 10 – Depression Screening Day (National), Mental Health Day (World) and Sight Day (World)
- Oct. 11 – Day of the Girl (International)
- Oct. 12 – Hospice and Palliative Care Day (World)
- Oct. 13 – Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- Oct. 15 – Handwashing Day (Global), Latino AIDS Awareness Day (National) and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (World)
- Oct. 16 – Food Day (World), Restart a Heart Day and Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Action Day

- Oct. 18 – Mammography Day (National)
- Oct. 19 – Pediatric Bone and Joint Day (World)
- Oct. 20 – Osteoporosis Day (World)
- Oct. 21 – Check Your Meds Day (National)
- Oct. 22 – Stuttering Awareness Day (International)
- Oct. 26 – Prescription Drug Take Back Day (National)
- Oct. 29 – Psoriasis Day (World)
- Oct. 30 – Hypophosphatasia Day (World)

The Kansas Hospital Association and Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development are pleased to bring you the [2025 Calendar of Health Observances & Recognition Days](#). Yet another example of our commitment to providing health care strategists with practical, timely resources. This calendar is designed to help you plan your 2025 community health events, internal and external communications, social media campaigns and more. The 2025 calendar is easy to navigate, interactive and features more than 230 health observances and recognition days. Don't miss out on receiving calendar updates from SHSMD sponsor Baldwin Publishing. Not only do they provide you with a Health Observance Guide with ALL the content you need to post every day for the following month, they also give access to healthy recipes, cooking videos, branded cookbooks, recipe calendars, wellness content and solutions.

Access the 2024 Calendar of Health Observances & Recognition Days to help you plan for the remainder of the year.

[Download the 2024 Calendar](#)

--Jan Fenwick

Federal and National News

CMS Releases Medicare Shared Savings Program Final Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [released](#) a [final rule](#) regarding the impact of significant, anomalous and highly suspect billing activity on Medicare Shared Savings Program financial calculations in calendar year 2023. CMS determined that two specific HCPCS codes -- A4352 and A4353 -- displayed significant, anomalous and highly suspect billing activity. Because of the findings, CMS will adjust selected shared savings program calculations to exclude all Medicare Parts A and B payment amounts on DMEPOS claims associated with A4352 and A4353 in CY 2023.

CDC Issues Health Update on Mpox Clade I Outbreak

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently issued a [health update](#) that provides additional information about the ongoing outbreak of the clade I monkeypox virus that causes mpox, in central and eastern Africa, particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This alert offers updated situational awareness, vaccination and travel guidance.

Transmission in endemic regions typically occurs through contact with infected wildlife, but person-to-person spread via close or sexual contact also has been reported. While clade I mpox has not been detected outside central Africa, travelers to affected regions should be aware of the risks and consider vaccination if they anticipate certain sexual exposures. Monitoring continues in the U.S., where the ongoing clade II mpox outbreak remains a concern.

MLN Connects Provider eNews Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued the following updates to *MLN Connects Provider eNews*:

- [CMS Roundup \(Sept. 20, 2024\)](#)
- [Cardiovascular Disease: Talk with Your Patients about Screening](#)

Before You Go ...

- A National Institutes of Health [study](#) shows that fewer than half of U.S. jails provide any form of medication to individuals with opioid use disorder. Findings from the study highlight critical gaps in treatment access in correctional facilities, where almost two-thirds of people have a substance use disorder.
- For the first time in decades, public health [data shows](#) a sudden decline in drug overdose deaths across the [U.S. National surveys](#) compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention already show an unprecedented decline in drug deaths of roughly 10.6 percent.
- Many individuals using medications to combat addiction, like methadone and buprenorphine, are [losing](#) their Medicaid coverage due to the expiration of federal pandemic protections. Researchers at the nonprofit think tank KFF estimate that more than 1 million low-income Americans depend on the federal-state program for life-saving addiction care.