



Date: April 30, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Webinar - 1-2 p.m.

This program is complimentary for IHA-member hospitals and health systems.

The webinar will be recorded and made available to all registrants following the program.

Beginning June 1, Illinois acute care hospitals without licensed pediatric beds must follow new requirements in order to provide inpatient or observation care for patients ages 14 and under. One notable change is having a comprehensive consultation agreement with a hospital that has a pediatric unit or is a children's hospital.

IHA and the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) have teamed up to offer members an opportunity to engage with key staff from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regarding the new regulations. Participants will get an overview of new pediatric care requirements and will be able to ask questions of IDPH staff charged with implementing them.

At the conclusion of this program, participants should be able to:

- Describe the rationale behind the new pediatric bed rules.
- Outline the new Department of Public Health rules for hospitals that do not have licensed pediatric beds.
- Summarize hospital responsibilities and requirements under these new regulations.
- Identify how the Department of Public Health plans to enforce the new rules.

- Chief Operating Officers
- General Counsels
- Chief Medical Officers
- Chief Nursing Officers
- Directors of Surgery

- Directors of Emergency Departments
- Compliance Officers

**Lance Kovacs, MA****IHA Senior Director, Health Policy & Regulation**

Kovacs serves as IHA's lead on key regulatory issues that impact hospitals. He covers a wide array of policy issues, including Certificate of Need, the Hospital Licensing Act, Perinatal and Maternal Levels of Care, supplier diversity, and healthcare professional licensure. Kovacs is also the hospital community's lead on responding to public option proposals. He has been at IHA for over six years and has over 15 years of experience in regulatory and government relations roles for medical professional associations and the State of Illinois.

**Karen Senger, RN, BSN****Division Chief, Health Care Facilities and Programs, Illinois Department of Public Health**

Since 2016, Senger has managed programs and staff that survey and license providers on behalf of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Her previous experience as a registered nurse includes general surgical unit manager, clinical nurse staff educator, risk manager, quality assurance coordinator, director of nursing at a small hospital and a director of nursing for a county health department.

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