

IMAgEs NEWSLETTER



**2022 Changes to the
Idaho Patient Act**

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Changes to Idaho Patient Act: What physicians need to know

The Idaho Patient Act (IPACT) went into full effect on July 1, 2021. However, during the 2022 legislative session, Idaho Medical Association joined with other health care organizations to successfully author and pass HB 778 which will help practices comply with the Idaho Patient Act.

Although the legislation represents a compromise with Melaleuca and isn't everything the IMA and other health care groups desire, the legislation will ease some of the major burdens on practices as they comply with the Idaho Patient Act.

The changes outlined in HB 778 went into effect on March 25, 2022.

For a detailed overview of the changes in HB 778, please visit: bit.ly/IPACTchanges

On May 18 at 12PM MST, IMA will be hosting a webinar presented by Holland and Hart Law to review the new changes to IPACT. Please mark your calendars and look for a future email with the webinar registration link and more details.

For more information, visit the IPACT resource page at www.idmed.org

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IMPAC endorsements for May 17 primary election

The Idaho Medical Political Action Committee (IMPAC) is responsible for the IMA's political fundraising and candidate support.

The IMPAC Board, chaired by Bill Woodhouse, MD, met on April 6, 2022, to contemplate contributions to Idaho candidates running for the Legislature in the 2022 Primary Election on May 17. The IMPAC Board only considered primaries with contested races. With Idaho's political landscape, the only contested races in the primary are on Republican ballots.

IMPAC members review input from physicians and other sources on candidates' backgrounds and their positions on medical issues. Candidates who receive IMPAC support and funding are "friends of medicine" who have established voting records or positions supportive of IMA legislative issues. Special consideration is given to friendly incumbents and members of legislative committees that deal with medical issues.

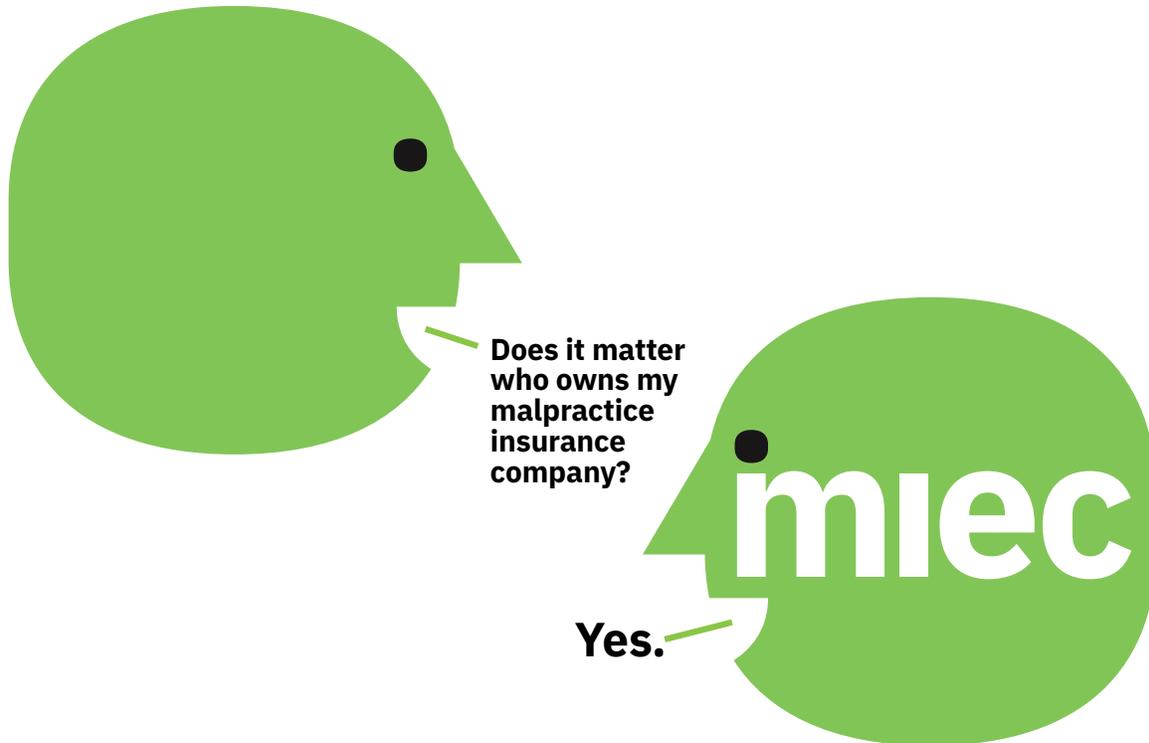
The IMPAC Board is pleased to announce the 2022 Primary Election endorsement list, see below. IMA strongly encourages you to vote in this critically important election on May 17!

*Contributions were also made to the Idaho Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, Idaho Senate GOP Caucus, and Governor Brad Little's campaign earlier this year.

If you would like to donate to IMPAC, please visit [bit.ly/2022IMPAC!](https://bit.ly/2022IMPAC)

Jim Woodward – Senate 1
Mark Sauter – House 1A
Tara Malek – Senate 4
Paul Amador - House 4B
Peter Riggs – Senate 5
Cheri Zao – House 5A
Lori McCann – House 6A
Carl Crabtree – Senate 7
Lynn Guyer – House 7A
Matt Bundy – House 8A
Abby Lee – Senate 9
Scott Syme – House 9B
Scott Brock – Senate 10
Greg Chaney – Senate 11
Chris Allgood – House 11B
Jeff Cornilles – House 12A
Jeff Agenbroad - Senate 13
Kenny Wroten – House 13B
Scott Grow – Senate 14
Mike Olsen – House 14A
Fred Martin – Senate 15
Chuck Winder – Senate 20
Treg Bernt – Senate 21
James Petzke – House 21A
Jeff Ehlers – House 21B
John Vander Woude – House 22A

Shaun Laughlin – House 22B
Jim Patrick – Senate 24
Chenele Dixon – House 24A
Steve Miller – House 24B
Greg Lanting – House 25B
Laurie Lickley – Senate 26
Jack Nelsen – House 26B
Kelly Anthon – Senate 27
Doug Pickett – House 27A
Clay Handy – House 27B
Jim Guthrie – Senate 28
Rick Cheatum – House 28A
Dustin Manwaring – House 29A
Julie Van Orden – Senate 30
Van Burtenshaw – Senate 31
Jerald Raymond – House 31A
Rod Furniss – House 31B
Kevin Cook – Senate 32
Stephanie Mickelsen – House 32A
Dave Lent – Senate 33
Jeff Thompson House 33A
Jon Weber – House 34A
Britt Raybould – House 34B
Mark Harris – Senate 35
Jon Goode - House 35A
Josh Wheeler – House 35B



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No Surprises Act resources

- The American Medical Association has created a second toolkit to assist physicians with the payment process for certain out-of-network care under the No Surprises Act (NSA). Access it here: www.ama-assn.org/system/files/ama-nsa-idr-toolkit.pdf

As you know, the NSA prohibits surprise billing for emergency care and some nonemergency care at in-network facilities. The law and implementing regulations have established a process to determine payment for physicians and other providers that includes an Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) process. As we are still awaiting additional federal guidance on the IDR process, as well as anticipating the opening of the federal online portal through which this process will occur later this month, this toolkit will be updated when new information is available.

- CMS has posted updated frequently asked questions for providers about the No Surprises rules. You can access the FAQs from this website: www.cms.gov/files/document/faq-providers-no-surprises-rules-april-2022.pdf

Public Health Emergency extended

On April 13, Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra extended the United States Public Health Emergency determination for an additional 90 days, effective April 16. This is the ninth such extension since the original declaration. This will allow providers to continue all telehealth, phone, and virtual services as outlined by CMS.

Ivermectin does not prevent COVID-19 hospitalization, a new study says

The anti-parasitic drug ivermectin doesn't reduce the risk of hospitalization from COVID-19, according to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine (www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2115869)

The study serves as more evidence for what health professionals have been saying for much of the pandemic: the cow and horse de-wormer shouldn't be used to treat COVID.

In the large study, researchers in Brazil studied more than 1,300 patients, half of which received ivermectin and the other half a placebo.

In their conclusion, the authors said, "Treatment with ivermectin did not result in a lower incidence of medical admission to a hospital due to progression of Covid-19 or of prolonged emergency department observation among outpatients with an early diagnosis of COVID-19."

There have already been some clinical trials done earlier in the pandemic that showed ivermectin is not effective against COVID-19. [Diaz, NPR, 04/22] Read this full article here: [n.pr/3M08xOX](#)

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HRSA reopens reporting for Period 1 Provider Relief Funds

Due largely to the American Medical Association (AMA) and specialty society advocacy, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has decided to reopen the reporting time for recipients of Period 1 Provider Relief Funds. In IMA's March 31 letter to HRSA, the AMA and 31 national medical specialty societies noted small and rural practices appeared to be particularly impacted by the potential recoupment, and that physician practices were unaware of the deadline.

Those physicians who received more than \$10,000 in provider relief funds and failed to submit their period 1 report should act immediately. Between Monday, April 11 and **Friday, April 22, 2022**, at 11:59 pm ET, providers who have not submitted their Period 1 report may submit a late Reporting Period 1 report request here: www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/reporting-auditing/late-reporting-requests

Physician practices should receive information about how to submit a request directly from HRSA via email. If a provider did not submit a Period 1 report and does not hear from HRSA, the provider may initiate communication by calling **(866) 569-3522**.

During this reopening period, a provider must choose an extenuating circumstance(s) that prevented compliance with the original reporting deadline. While attesting to an extenuating circumstance is required, no supporting document or proof is required. If HRSA approves the extenuated circumstances form, the provider will receive a notification to proceed with completing the Reporting Period 1 report shortly thereafter. Providers will have 10 days from the notification receipt date to submit the late Period 1 report in the PRF Reporting Portal. The AMA will continue to advocate for greater flexibility and more information to ensure physician practices have an adequate opportunity to come into compliance.

IMA Education Webinar Series

Challenges & Changes: Identifying and responding to patient complaints through a culture of safety lens. Identifying hot spots and blind spots impacting patient safety and satisfaction in the practice (1 CEU)

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 12:15 – 1:15 pm (MST)

Register today to join guest speaker Kathy Kenady with MIEC on April 20, 2022. Don't miss this valuable and informative webinar! This webinar will be presented via Zoom, dial-in instructions as well as any presentation materials will be emailed to you the day before the webinar. A registration form is available at idmed.org. Questions? Contact the IMA at 208-344-7888 or

Debunking regulatory myths: Can physicians bill for both preventive and E/M Services in the same visit?

The American Medical Association's regulatory myths series provides physicians and their care teams with resources to reduce guesswork and administrative burdens so they can focus on streamlining clinical workflow processes, improving patient outcomes, and increasing physician satisfaction. The latest myth in the series focuses on whether physicians can bill for both preventive and E/M services in the same visit. Physicians are not prohibited from coding and billing for both preventive and problem-focused E/M services when they are performed during the same appointment, and this resource provides helpful information on when and how to appropriately handle this common situation.

Access this resource here: www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/can-physicians-bill-both-preventive-and-em-services-same-visit

Medical Practice Opportunities

Centurion Health Site Medical Director

Seeking Physicians to join our leadership team in Idaho! Centurion Health is proud to be the NEW provider of healthcare services to the Idaho Department of Correction. With over 30 years of experience, we are a leading provider in this important field. We are seeking a Site Medical Director for the following opportunity: **Idaho State Correctional Center- Kuna, ID- Full-time**

\$15,000 Bonus for joining our team full-time! I would be thankful for the opportunity to speak with you if you would like to learn more. Help us change lives- one patient at a time. Contact Natalie Blasius: natalie@teamcenturion.com, (928) 249-1930

Medical Practice Opportunities (Cont.)

Community Faculty (Preceptor)

Help the next generation of Idaho Family Physicians! Family Medicine Residency of Idaho Nampa Program is seeking local primary care physicians who are interested in providing supervision for Family Medicine Residents in one of our Teaching Health Centers/Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) located in Nampa, ID. As an FQHC, we are supported by a clinical care team that includes a psychologist, dieticians, clinical pharmacist, care coordinators and community health workers. We try to schedule these as 4-hour half-day clinic sessions. The frequency of these half days is negotiable (1-5 per month) and will vary based upon your availability and the residency schedule. We do provide compensation for this time.

Come share your passion for mentoring and teaching, inter-professional team skills, and experience providing outpatient care in rural or under-resourced communities. We are particularly interested in Spanish speakers, but it is not required. We welcome applications from non-family medicine trained primary care physicians as well. As a preceptor, you will be expected to provide direct oversight of residents during their clinic time. Resident patient panels include newborn, pediatric, obstetric, adult family medicine, and geriatric patients. We have back up available if you do not practice full-spectrum care. Duties during clinic time would include formal precepting of patients due to complexity or insurance requirements, availability to answer questions regarding resident patients, assisting with in-office procedures, and occasional cross cover of clinic requests. We use Epic EMR and would provide support to those not familiar with this program. Typical follow-up from a clinic session includes cosigning notes and providing feedback to residents. Lab work, imaging results, and clinic follow up is expected to be done by the resident that saw the patient, not the preceptor. If interested in learning more, please contact Dr. Kim Stutzman at kimstutzman@FMRIdaho.org

Physician Opportunity with Center for Lifetime Health

Center for Lifetime Health is seeking a Physician to join our established independent practice! We proudly serve the Boise community in two coveted locations. Enjoy the bustle of the city in our downtown location conveniently located minutes from the greenbelt and foothills. Additionally, find yourself in our brand-new office located in the growing community of Hidden Springs that is surrounded by stunning landscape. Our provider team is skilled, experienced, and focused on treating the patient as a whole. Our patient population is committed to seeking care from independent providers, and we pride ourselves on becoming a medical home for those entering our doors. Patient advocacy and schedule accessibility separate us as a reliable and devoted team of practitioners.

Preliminary employment and benefit details: Schedule is 3-4 days per week (8:00-5:00pm), Competitive pay, CME reimbursement available, PTO: 2 weeks annually, Call 1:7. Interested individuals please contact: John Eck, MD (jeck@centerforlifetimehealth.com) 208-342-7400 www.centerforlifetimehealth.com

Pediatrician Provider Opportunity with Valor Health

Valor Health in Emmett, Idaho is looking for a board-certified pediatrician. Position involves management and care of children with complex medical needs, as well as being a consultant and pediatric resource for the organization's family physicians. Position includes a faculty role teaching and mentoring pediatric and family medicine residents from the Pediatric Residency of Idaho and Family Medicine Residency of Idaho.

Full-time position in a PCMH certified clinic with a Rural Health Clinic designation. Call not required. Inpatient pediatric hospital care is optional but performed at FMRI facilities. Excellent compensation package. For details: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/890044>

Winding Creek Medical Arts

Considering an independent Internal Medicine practice? With support from Independent Doctor of Idaho's recruitment program, a signing bonus, guaranteed salary for the first year and operating line will have you on your way to full autonomy. The practice is thriving. The facility is 3200 sq. ft. and fully furnished and equipped. Purchase or leasing options available. Contact the owner at mлуquemd.com for additional information. It is the perfect opportunity to transition from a hospital based practice or for those moving to the area or expanding.



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Calendar of Events

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Additional information and registration forms for webinars are available at www.idmed.org

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