



Happy Holidays

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Having a 5-Star 'banner year'

Memorial Hospital lauded as 'Provider of Choice'

To say Memorial Hospital is having a banner year is an understatement. In addition to being named Illinois' "Community Star" and also achieving a "5-Star" HCAHPS rating in patient satisfaction, Memorial Hospital has the distinct honor of receiving Custom Learning Systems highest award for excellence, its 2021 Summit Award for "Provider of Choice,"

bestowed upon the Carthage hospital during November's HealthCare Service Excellence Conference (HCSEC), held in La Jolla, CA. The Summit Award is awarded to qualified, innovative, and progressive individuals, teams, and healthcare facilities who have made outstanding progress towards improving patient experience and staff engagement.

[Click here for the full story and program video](#)



Illinois' Rural Health Hero

Randall Dauby honored for exceptional leadership

Congratulations are extended to Randall W. Dauby, CEO, Pinckneyville Community Hospital for receiving the National Center for Rural Health Professions' 2021 Individual Rural Health Hero Award! Throughout his career, Randall Dauby has been a tireless advocate for rural health workforce needs, according to NCRHP, and he has been an exceptional

advocate for RMED and the Illinois Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) network, recently partnering with them to become a host site for the South Central AHEC Center. He is shown here, on National Rural Health Day, receiving accolades from the audience at ICAHN's Annual Conference for this honor and many other achievements.

[Learn more about National Rural Health Day](#)

\$1.8B for broadband connectivity

Vilsack chooses Hammond Henry for announcement



U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (17th District) announced the release of \$1.8 billion in funding on October 22 at a news conference, held at Hammond Henry Hospital. This money is designated for broadband infrastructure connectivity for rural areas. In addition, Secretary Vilsack announced \$500 million for rural telemedicine/telehealth initiatives. This new funding is part of the USDA's commitment under the Biden-Harris Administration to help America "Build Back Better." Congratulations to CEO Mark Kuhn and his team for hosting this event and for the great job you do for your community!

Unveiling \$20.5M expansion project

Morrison Community Hospital showcases new ED, OR

Morrison Community Hospital observed an open house of their newly complete, 800,000 square-foot expansion in late October. The expansion included a new emergency room, a state-of-the-art operating room, the addition of eight patient care rooms to the second floor, a new laboratory department, additions to the billing and medical records departments, and other renovations to the radiology and dietary departments.



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Physician leadership development

Registration open for interactive, skill-building program

Through the ICAHN Physician Leadership Development Program, physicians practicing in rural Illinois hospitals will be empowered to be more effective leaders and collaborators at work and in the community. This highly interactive leadership program features peer-led discussions and focuses on leadership skills that will help physicians be more effective when leading teams, addressing challenges, influencing change, collaborating on projects, and managing relationships. Don Harkey, Owner/CEO, of People Centric Counseling, Springfield, MO, and Dr. Lauren Fore, Family Medicine Physician, Horizon Health, will be the featured speakers for the kick-off event, slated for February 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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ICAHN employee spotlight

Cari Becker serves as IRCCO's Coding Specialist

As Coding Specialist for the Illinois Rural Community Care Organization, ICAHN's Accountable Care Organization, Cari Becker is responsible for assisting IRCCO members with

hospital coding audits and also working on miscellaneous coding projects, IRCCO coding audits, and education programs. Cari comes to ICAHN with an Associates in Applied Science of Business Administration and Health Information, and she is also CCA and RHIT-certified. Cari lives in the rural Princeton area and has two grown children, Luke (24) and Brady (20). Luke is a superintendent at ADM in North Dakota and Brady attends Joliet Junior College for Fire Science. In her spare time, Cari enjoys live music, riding her Harley, spending time with friends and family and being outside. About her new job, Cari notes, "ICAHN provides many necessary, educational, and innovative services for critical access hospitals in Illinois. The assistance is very necessary and welcomed by smaller facilities where supportive services are often needed and not able to be obtained. This can include everything from regulations to leadership to compliance and revenue situations all leading to better patient care. I'm glad to be a part of it." Welcome, Cari!



New ICAHN Blue Star Partner

Strategic Reimbursement Group LLC offering full range of reimbursement services

Strategic Reimbursement Group, LLC is a Medicare, Medicaid, and third-party reimbursement consulting firm focused on ensuring compliance while maximizing cash flow for healthcare providers across the country. Strategic was founded in Chicago in 1975, only 10 years after the introduction of Medicare. Forty-seven years later, the Medicare Cost Report remains at the heart of their service offering as they continue to prepare and/or review more than 200 cost reports annually nationwide.

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Of Particular Interest



Derek Hayden, CIC, of Dansig Risk Insurance Services and Shelbyville Insurance won the first season of the nation-wide YouTube-based reality show, "The Protege," a series highlighting the daily lives of U.S. insurance professionals. Hayden, a Shelbyville native and a risk advisor with ICAHN Business Partner Dansig, emerged victorious over 78 other contestants, hailing from all over the United States. "I put a ton of effort into the show, so I was ecstatic to win. I am very humbled that I collected over 3,000 votes to win. That's over half the size of

Shelbyville," said Hayden. "I now have access to resources that zero other insurance professionals have access to. I will put myself up against any competitor out there." Hayden received a lifetime scholarship to a world-renowned sales training program called Killing Commercial Insurance for winning.

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Sincere appreciation to our Board of Directors!



Alisa Coleman, CEO, Ferrell Hospital, received ICAHN's prestigious President's Award for her dedicated service as leader of the ICAHN Board of Directors in 2021 during the ICAHN Annual Conference, held November 18 at the I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign.

"We've all been impressed with Alisa's visionary leadership and never-ending support to advance our membership, keeping our hospitals viable and strong," said ICAHN Executive Director Pat Schou.

"But sometimes it is a person's heart and passion that define the ideal role model. Alisa is one of those people, and we are so thankful for her leadership."

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For further information on ICAHN's "IMPACT" Award Winners, [click here](#).

For further information on ICAHN's "4 Under 40" Winners, [click here](#).

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