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**Marna P. Borgstrom Receives National Healthcare Award From B'nai B'rith International**



On October 28, B'nai B'rith International presented its prestigious Charles S. Lauer National Healthcare Award to Marna P. Borgstrom, CEO of Yale New Haven Health and Yale New Haven Hospital, in a virtual, national award program. Marna was honored for her dedication to community service, excellence in leadership and outstanding philanthropic commitment in the healthcare community and beyond. In honoring Marna, B'nai B'rith also acknowledged and thanked those many thousands of healthcare workers and hospitals that are heroes in this historic battle against COVID-19. Click [here](#) to view the recorded program.

This award was established 38 years ago to highlight the outstanding work of individuals and organizations that set the standards for health and education throughout the country. CHA congratulates Marna for this recognition of her many years of visionary leadership, dedication to her community, and commitment to the health and safety of the residents of Connecticut.

**OHS Holds Legislative Briefing on Cost Growth Benchmark**

On Wednesday, October 28, the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) held a briefing for state legislators on the ongoing work to implement the Cost Growth Benchmark (CGB), as required by Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 5. Specifically, the OHS briefing was held to share with legislators the [preliminary recommendations](#) of the Technical Team established by OHS to assist in establishment of the CGB.



A handful of legislators joined the briefing with most expressing their support for the work. In line with concerns raised by CHA, a number of questions were posed to the OHS staff regarding how the Technical Team's recommendation on the target benchmark could harm economic activity in the state and questions regarding how the impact of COVID-19 will be accounted for in the CGB.

CHA and the state's hospitals have been active participants in the state's consideration of the CGB. CHA's comments to OHS on the preliminary recommendations of the Technical Team may be read [here](#).

**HHS Amends, Again, COVID-19 Hospital Financial Relief Reporting Requirements**



HHS has [amended](#) the Provider Relief Fund reporting requirements that it released in September in response to industry pushback that the new rules jeopardized whether hospitals could keep and use some of the nearly \$175 billion in relief funds meant to buoy providers amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency is walking back a September 19 [definition change](#) for what are considered "revenue losses" in the reporting requirements for Provider Relief Funds (PRF) based upon strong provider concern.

The new guidance only partially reinstates the previous [June 19 definition](#) of revenue losses, allowing the measurement of lost revenue as a negative change in year-over-year actual patient care revenue from 2019 to 2020 rather than a reduction from budgeted 2020 revenue. This will mean that hospitals whose revenues have dipped in 2020 will likely be able to keep some or all of their PRF allocation. But for hospitals or systems that have negotiated rate increases or expanded their reach in some way, acquiring medical practices or new locations, the new definition continues to be problematic.

Earlier this month, CHA [encouraged](#) Connecticut Representatives to sign onto a letter urging the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to fully reinstate the June 19 COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund (PRF) reporting requirements.

**Education Updates**

**De-escalation 101**

Monday, November 2  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Virtual Program

An additional session of this two-hour virtual class has been added. It is converted from the three-hour in-person De-escalation 101 class held at CHA for the past two years as part of the Safer Hospitals Initiative. The material will focus on Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) concepts and approaches to de-escalation; please note that the program does not address restraints or physical hold training. Click [here](#) to register online for this Monday, November 2 session. There is no cost for this program and continuing education credits are not being offered.

**Best Practices for Nonhazardous and Hazardous Sterile-to-Sterile Compounding**

(Rescheduled to November from May 2020)  
Virtual Training Sessions for Different Professional Groups

During the weeks of November 2 and November 9, CHA is offering three separate opportunities for training by industry expert CriticalPoint on

USP Chapters <797> and <800>. These virtual training sessions will provide CHA members with additional knowledge and skills necessary to perform best practice nonhazardous and hazardous sterile-to-sterile compounding. Click [here](#) for full event information. Click [here](#) to register for the hospital pharmacists and pharmacy technicians session; [here](#) for the hospital engineers, architects, and facilities personnel session; and [here](#) for the quality professionals and infection preventionists session.