

October 20, 2020

Canceled: Oct. 21 AHA Call with HHS Secretary

Other Events This Week Include HHS Webinars on COVID-19 Data Reporting and AHA Leadership Rounds with AHA Chair Dr. Estes

The AHA has canceled its Oct. 21 COVID-19 update call featuring Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar because of a change in Secretary Azar's schedule. Please remove the Oct. 21 call from your calendar, as the call will not occur.

The next AHA call for all hospital and health system leaders will be Friday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. ET with special guest John Brown, executive assistant director of the FBI's National Security Branch, who will discuss cybersecurity issues. Please dial 1-800-469-8538 and enter the participant passcode 56647656#.

HHS WEBINARS OCT. 20 AND OCT. 22 ON COVID-19 DATA REPORTING

HHS' Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Oct. 20 and Oct. 22 will host webinars on which administration officials will discuss the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' interpretative guidance on how it will implement an interim final rule that makes collecting and reporting COVID-19 data a condition of participation for hospitals that participate in Medicare. The guidance, which was released earlier this month, includes new reporting requirements for hospitals, as well as enforcement provisions. See the Oct. 6 [AHA Special Bulletin](#) for more details on the guidance.

[Click here](#) to register for the Oct. 20 webinar at 4 p.m. ET, and [click here](#) to register for the Oct. 22 webinar at 1 p.m. ET. HHS says the webinar presentations will be identical, and hospitals and health systems that participate will have the opportunity to ask questions.

LEADERSHIP ROUNDS OCT. 22 ON HEALTH TRENDS, INNOVATION STRATEGIES

Jim Skogsbergh, president and CEO of Advocate Aurora Health, will join AHA Board Chair Melinda Estes, M.D., Oct. 22 at 3:30 p.m. ET for the next in a series of Leadership Rounds — short conversations on a range of key issues Dr. Estes is having with hospital and health system leaders from across the country. Estes and Skogsbergh will discuss COVID-19's impact on health trends and key strategies for reimagining and innovating care during and beyond the pandemic. [Register to watch the livestream here.](#)

FURTHER QUESTIONS

If you have questions, please contact AHA at 800-424-4301.