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## New DIA Hospital program coordinator

**Trisha Godzicki** recently accepted the role as the new hospital program coordinator in the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals' (DIA) Health Facilities Division. Trisha started with DIA as a health facilities surveyor. Trisha earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Grand View University. She has experience in nursing administration and patient care.

Trisha can be reached by email at [trisha.godzicki@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:trisha.godzicki@dia.iowa.gov), or by phone at 515.281.4116 (office) or 515.577.9186 (mobile).

## Managing monkeypox in healthcare settings



**CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

According to the CDC, healthcare providers in the U.S. should be on alert for patients who

## Deficiencies and citations

### A-0724 – Facilities, Supplies, Equipment Maintenance

Deficiencies related to A-0724 were cited two times in Iowa, two times in CMS Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska), and 15 times nationally in the second quarter of federal fiscal year 2022 (Jan. 1, 2022–March 30, 2022).

Below are details of this deficiency cited in Iowa:

- During a survey, two opened bottles of 500 ml U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP) sodium chloride irrigation were sitting in a supply closet. The sodium chloride for irrigation does not contain any chemicals to prevent bacteria from growing in the solution, once they have been opened. The hospital staff had used the bottles for irrigation. Per the manufacturer's directions, the product is for single-patient use only and should have been discarded after use.
- Staff failed to remove outdated medications and supplies from the medical-surgical and emergency areas, including patient rooms, utility closets, nurses' stations, and crash carts. Keeping medications and/or supplies after the manufacturer's expiration date could result in staff using those expired medications and/or supplies for patients. Neither the sterility nor the efficacy of medications and supplies are guaranteed by the manufacturer after the expiration date.

Source: CMS' *Quality, Certification, and Oversight Reports (QCOR)*

## Employee spotlight

Annette Burke started with DIA in March 2022. Annette's education includes a nursing diploma from Allen Lutheran School of Nursing,

present to the hospital with symptoms that are consistent with monkeypox.

Symptoms that are typically present include:

- Fever/chills
- Head, back, and other muscle aches
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Exhaustion
- Distinctive rash

Clinicians must report suspected monkeypox cases to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) as soon as monkeypox is suspected AND prior to collecting specimens. IDPH will consult with the CDC and the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) to determine the need and plan for laboratory testing. For additional information and updates, [please review the IDPH website](#).

Infection prevention and control of monkeypox in healthcare settings are provided online in the CDC's [Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Presenting Transmission of Infectious Agents in Health Care Settings](#).

If the person does not require hospitalization, they may be isolated at home using [protective measures as published by CDC](#).

Hospitals should ensure their emergency preparedness plans are current. Infectious diseases pose a threat to the community as a whole and healthcare workers, as well as national response and recovery efforts.

## Health Facilities Division website application

In May 2021, DIA's Health Facilities Division launched a new web application. The new application features a user-friendly interface not only for accessing records for health facilities, but also for the Iowa Direct Care Worker Registry for certified nursing assistants (CNAs).



a bachelor's degree in nursing science from Allen College, and a master's degree in jurisprudence in healthcare and policy from Loyola University School of Law in Chicago.

Annette's work experience in healthcare started as a certified nursing assistant in a hospital setting in high school. As a registered nurse, her clinical experience includes hospital resource, medical-surgical, oncology, ICU, home health, public health, clinic, and school nursing. She also has spent time as a quality specialist for managed care, in risk management for an acute-care hospital, and a large academic, tertiary center at Loyola University Medical Center in the Chicago area. Additionally, Annette is a certified professional in healthcare risk management and a certified professional in patient safety.

As a volunteer for the Humane Society of the United States, Annette assists in enacting legislation for the humane treatment of both domestic and wild animals.

In her spare time, Annette enjoys spending time with her family, which includes eight grandchildren; the youngest is just six months old. She likes to read, garden, and travel, especially to the Lake of the Woods in Ontario, Canada, to fish and boat. Annette lives in Waterloo with her husband and pets.

### Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, or if there are topics you would like to see covered in this newsletter or at a future lunch-and-learn, please contact **Megan Montalvo** at [megan.montalvo@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:megan.montalvo@dia.iowa.gov) or 515.249.9648.

Entity administrators will need to request access to the new application to access facility information, self-reports, CNA information, etc. Once the administrator's access is approved, the administrator will be able to approve any other authorized facility users (i.e., entity delegate, entity HR) who request access for their facility.

Health facility employees, CNAs, and community college users are able to manage their own accounts, including making changes to their contact information.

Please note:

- Each facility is allowed to have **one** assigned entity administrator.
- Each user should be assigned only **one** role. If a user is assigned to multiple roles, the system may not work properly.
- Users should use the email address associated with their place of employment to create their Google or Microsoft account, **not a personal email account** (see PDF guide below).

The website for the new application is [dia-hfd.iowa.gov](https://dia-hfd.iowa.gov).

#### **Additional resources**

- [DIA Health Facilities Database User Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [DIA's Health Facilities Database: Entity Sign-In](#)  
(YouTube video)
- [DIA's Health Facilities Database: Approving Entity Users](#)  
(YouTube video for administrators)

The DIA HFD application has been upgraded and the URL has changed. Please update your bookmarks to the new URL: <https://dia.iad.iowa.gov>  
NOTE: For the best user experience, DIA recommends using the application in Chrome, Edge, or Safari browsers.

## Direct Care Worker Registry & Health Facility Database



### DCW SEARCH

Look up eligibility status of Direct Care Workers

Identification Number

First Name

Last Name

City

Counties

SEARCH



### ENTITY SEARCH

Look up contact details for care facilities

Name

City

Counties

Entity Types

Designation Types

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[Click here to access the Health Facilities Database and the Iowa Direct Care Worker Registry.](#)

[Click here to access DIA's main website.](#)