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## Save the Date - Healthcare Finance 101

### September 22, 2023

Many of our healthcare departments work in silos. With so much time spent working with your head down, you never have a chance to really understand what everyone else is doing - and why that matters to the health system and to you. Whether your career in healthcare finance is firmly established or you are still finding your way, this event will provide insight into multiple aspects that help make up your finance department.

Check out the agenda to learn more about our full slate of topics/presenters.

With admission fees of \$35 (non-members) & \$30 (members) - you're not going to want to miss this one!

## Registration Open Soon!

### News From Our Region

[Independence Health Hospital Presidents Focus on Future Plans](#)

[AHN's West Penn Hospital Recognized as Top Hospital for Obstetrics & Gynecology](#)

[Federal Trade Commission Could Complicate UPMC-Washington Hospital Merger](#)

[Heritage Valley Health System is Facing a Lawsuit for Allegedly Using Pixel Tracking Technology](#)

[Highmark Health Increasing Hybrid Employees In-Office Time from Two Days a Week to](#)

### National News

[FY 2024 Hospital IPPS and LTCH PPS Final Rule Fact Sheet](#)

[CVS Health to Slash 5,000 Jobs](#)

[UnitedHealthcare's Prior Authorization Cuts to Begin Sept. 1](#)

[AHIP, AHA, AMA, BCBSA Send Letter to CMS Over Authorization Concerns](#)

[Health Systems Start Billing for MyChart Messages](#)

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UPMC Hamot Emergency  
Department Receives 2023  
Lantern Award

## **HFMA News**

5 Things to Know About Medicare's FY24 Final Rule for Inpatient Payments as Hospitals Foresee Adverse Impacts

'Concerns About Access to Care' Raised by OIG Findings on Prior Authorization Policies in Medicaid Managed Care

The Latest on Hospital Finances: Signs of improvement, but Margins Remain Tight

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# **Live Webinars**

## **Aug 8: Workforce Management for Remote Healthcare Business Staff**

The evolution of the business office to a hybrid or fully remote environment has compounded stress and attrition among revenue cycle management (RCM) and finance staff. Already tasked with complex, time-intensive work, they must now perform without access to the traditional paper processes and roles they rely on. Speakers from an experienced healthcare financial services provider and a multinational direct payment leader explain the impact of this dynamic and how leadership can address the challenges facing finance staff. They will review a range of RCM automation solutions and share real-world applications that can transform staff well-being and operations and the patient financial experience. Sponsored by: CommerceHealthcare®

## **Aug 17: Creating a Real-Time, Data-Centric Culture in Your System**

In order to optimize staffing with real-time labor data, organizations must equip their leaders with trustworthy data, in the right format, at the right time. This means analyzing your source data, using a tool to present actionable analytics, and defining a process which incentivizes agile-decision making. Join leaders from Strata Decision Technology to discuss building a culture centered around incorporating real-time data and insights into staffing decisions. Sponsored by: Strata Decision Technology

## **Aug 22: The No Surprises Act: Create a Winning Strategy**

Navigating the complexities of the No Surprises Act has been no easy feat for providers. Resources are strained, administrative burden is high and frustration is widespread. It's clear: Providers need a winning strategy. Join the webinar, The No Surprises Act: Create a Winning Strategy, to learn the solutions and processes needed to overcome obstacles, avoid financial penalties and deliver a positive financial experience. Presenters will discuss what's on the horizon for providers in 2023 and will share real-world strategies hospitals have used to reduce staff burden and proactively respond to NSA requirements. Sponsored by: AccuReg

## Aug 30: CMS Proposed Changes to Hospital Transparency for 2024

Join HFMA's Policy Director, Shawn Stack, for an insightful exploration of the proposed price transparency aspects within the CY 2024 OPPS/ASC Rule. In this engaging webinar, Shawn will delve into the agency's latest validation rules, providing a thorough examination of the three new accepted formats that hospitals must adhere to, potentially as early as March 1, 2024. Furthermore, he will shed light on the enforcement and oversight changes proposed by the agency, and guide attendees through the agency's call for comments from providers, seeking valuable input on how to enhance the alignment of hospital price transparency with health plan price transparency requirements.

## Sep 19: Misconceptions in the Healthcare Industry Around the ERC

Healthcare organizations saw some of the greatest impacts during the pandemic, but many have yet to realize the full potential of the employee retention tax credit, released under the CARES Act. This webinar will review how healthcare facilities can claim the Employee Retention Credit before the program ends in 2025. Attendees will discover the truth behind common misconceptions and gain a comprehensive understanding of eligibility requirements. Topics covered include the Employee Retention Credit timeline, how to select the right advisor, the benefits of seeking a second opinion, and how to protect their claim with tax insurance. Sponsored by: EZ-ERC

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