

# IASCA NEWSLETTER

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## 2023 Annual Conference *Leadership: Precision & Performance*

### September 21

8:00 Opening remarks  
9:00 AORN/Infection Control  
10:00 Paul Butler, Keynote Speaker  
12:00 Lunch  
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3:00 Human Resources Best Practices  
4:00 Legislative Updates  
6:00 Networking Social @ Local Brewery

### September 22

8:00 Breakfast/Business meeting  
9:00 Leadership Roundtable  
10:00 How to be a Leader  
11:00 CMS/State updates  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Motivating and Keeping Employees  
2:00 Anesthesia 102  
3:00 Closing Remarks

## IASCA Announces Big Advocacy Win

After more than a decade of lobbying Idaho Medicaid for a pediatric dentistry fee schedule increase, it has become a reality! On May 1, 2023, Idaho Medicaid is adopting the use of the Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature by the American Dental Association.

IASCA treasurer, Shane Ricks, and IASCA lobbyist, Tammy Perkins, played a vital role in winning this hard fought battle which will allow Idaho ASC's the opportunity to deliver care to one of our most vulnerable populations. Thank you!

The new methodology mirrors the professional schedule and payment is based on the procedures performed (D codes) and creates variability in payment. Based on an initial analysis, payments will be expected to increase an average of 82%. For example, a procedure that normally was reimbursed \$634.58 will now be an average of \$1067.60!

The release and methodology can be found by searching for MA23-08 ASC Dental at [publicdocuments.dhw.idaho.gov](https://publicdocuments.dhw.idaho.gov).

Join us for a  
**Lunch and Learn**  
to discuss  
**Emergency Preparedness**  
June 28, 2023



## Idaho Legislative Update

by Tammy Perkins, IASCA lobbyist

Over half of the legislature was new this session, but that didn't stop the freshman from being heavily involved with creating and passing legislation. The session saw a lot of debate over school choice, improper materials in libraries, property tax relief, drag shows and transgender issues, abortion, and of course Medicaid costs.

There was a required five-year review of Medicaid expansion that was approved by voters in 2018. A few legislators introduced legislation to repeal the expansion program, but ultimately most legislators believed that to be too much of a risk so it didn't advance. In the end, the original Medicaid appropriation didn't pass the House, so JFAC had to go back and reduce the funding intended for the expansion program to get a passing vote in the House. The Senate then passed the reduced appropriation by only one vote.

While there were only a few provider rate increases, thankfully there were no provider reductions for the regular programs of Medicaid. However, the legislators did request that more cost containment measures be evaluated. HCR 9 was passed to begin that process with a Medicaid managed care legislative study. This information will be reported to them next session.

Finally, as session closed, Medicaid had the long-awaited dental codes finished and said they would be effective May 1.

Passed legislation that may be of interest to IASCA members:

HB 3 PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS REGISTRATION

HB 83 CONRAD VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

HB 153 LIMITED LICENSING FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES

HB 162 TELEHEALTH ACCESS CARE ACT AMENDMENT

HB 292 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

HB 187 IMMUNITY FOR CPR AND AED USE

HB 192 CHANGE IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND ELIGIBILITY

HB 206 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
HB 213 RURAL NURSE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

HB 223 UPDATE TO MEDICAL CONSENT AND NATURAL DEATH ACT

HB 292 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

HB 369 MEDICAID BUDGET APPROPRIATION

SB 1094 INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES TEMPORARY LICENSURE

SB 1130 CORONAVIRUS STOP ACT

HCR 9 MEDICAID MANAGED CARE LEGISLATIVE STUDY