

NACO E-Line



July 16, 2021



Upcoming Events

County Assessor Workshop – 8/22–26, Grand Island*
Central District Meeting – 9/16, Kearney
Northeast District Meeting – 9/17, Norfolk
Panhandle District Meeting – 9/22, Location TBD
West Central District Meeting – 9/23, Ogallala
Maintenance Exchange Workshop – 10/7, North Platte
NACO Legislative Conference – 10/14, Holdrege
Southeast District Meeting – 10/18, Lincoln
NACO Annual Conference – 12/8–10, Kearney*

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Your County, Through the Lens

Every E-Line will feature a photograph submitted by one of our readers of their county.

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Seward County, submitted by Sherry Schweitzer

NACo Annual Conference

Representatives from Nebraska's counties and NACO attended the National Association of Counties' Annual Conference this week in Prince George's County, Maryland.

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New Partnership with NACO Benefit Services

NACO Benefit Services is excited to announce our partnership with Medical Transport Solutions!

Nebraska county officials and their families are now eligible for a discounted, competitive rate for MASA Memberships through NACO Benefit Services.

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The Harrison's Story

- Jim and his family were at a local festival when his daughter, Sara, suddenly began experiencing horrible abdominal and back pain, after a fall from earlier in the day.
- His wife, Heather, called 911 and Sara was transported to a local hospital, where it was decided that she needed to be flown to another hospital.
- Upon arrival, Sara underwent multiple procedures and her condition was stabilized.
- After further testing, it was discovered that Sara needed additional specialized treatment at another hospital requiring transport on a non-emergent basis.

Based on a true story. Names were changed to protect identities in compliance with HIPAA.



And then, the Bills came!

	As a MASA Member	If a Non-MASA Member	
	Sara would pay*	If In-Network**	If Out-of-Network**
Emergent Air Ambulance Cost: \$45,000 	\$0	\$4,000	\$30,000
911 Ground Ambulance Cost: \$1,800 	\$0	\$300	\$1,600
Non-Emergent Air Transport† Cost: \$20,000 	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total Out-of-Pocket Cost	\$0	\$24,300	\$51,600

*Benefit is dependent on Membership Enrolled.

**Out-of-pocket dollars vary dependent on provider, distance, health plan design, current status of deductible and out-of-pocket max. These figures are an example of the costs one may incur.

†More and more health plans are not covering interfacility transports on a non-emergent basis.

The Institute of Excellence at the NACO Office

Designed by NACO & Nebraska Extension, The Institute of Excellence is a year-long program of professional development for county officials. Last week, participants of the 2021 Institute of Excellence attended a session on personal strengths & effective leadership at the NACO office.



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United States Government Launches First One-Stop Ransomware Resource

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), together with federal partners, have launched a new website to combat the threat of ransomware. [StopRansomware.gov](#) establishes a one-stop hub for ransomware resources for individuals, businesses, and other organizations. The new [StopRansomware.gov](#) is a collaborative effort across the federal government and the first joint website created to help private and public organizations mitigate their ransomware risk.

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2022 Census of Governments

The Census Bureau conducts a Census of Governments for all state and local government organization units every five years (years ending in two and seven) as required by law under Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 161.

The collection of these data will be part of a three-phase effort to document the

size, structure, and finances of all state and local governments.



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