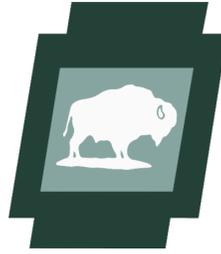


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Final Legislative Recap

The Legislature adjourned on March 11th after one of the most contentious budget sessions in history. While policy bill due to the procedural requirements for bill introduction during a budget session, several measures with meaningful implications for Wyoming hospitals advanced. Throughout the session, the Wyoming Hospital Association (WHA) actively engaged with lawmakers to advocate for policies that protect rural access to care, improve hospital financial stability, and ensure workable regulatory requirements for providers.

The Legislature enacted several measures championed by WHA. Most notably, the Legislature approved a bill codifying federal price transparency requirements, developed in collaboration with WHA and several bill sponsors. This bill aligns state policy with existing federal hospital price transparency requirements while ensuring the state framework remains workable for hospitals. Additionally, lawmakers passed legislation increasing Medicaid reimbursement for EMS services to 100% of Medicare rates, a change intended to stabilize emergency medical services in rural communities. Legislators also authorized county memorial hospitals and hospital districts to reorganize under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, providing an additional tool for hospitals in severe financial distress.

The Legislature also passed a bill to stand up the Rural Health Transformation Program in Wyoming, inclusive of the Department of Health's plan to deposit the majority of first year funds into a perpetuity fund. Despite the uncertainty concerning the status of Wyoming's funding award, the Legislature passed the bill to support ongoing negotiations between the Wyoming Department of Health and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). WHA is continuing to track these negotiations and will keep our hospitals updated as we hear more.

Throughout the session, WHA also engaged closely on several proposals that raised operational, legal, or regulatory concerns for our hospitals. The Legislature amended or killed several proposals after discussions with WHA and other stakeholders. Specifically, WHA was able to work with the President of the Senate to amend Wyoming's new welfare fraud legislation to decrease the administrative burden on our hospitals for reporting and tracking citizenship information for patients. With the changes made, WHA is confident the bill places minimal reporting obligations on our hospitals and provides a path to potential increased reimbursement through Medicaid's Emergency Services Program for undocumented families. Additionally, WHA successfully worked

with our legislators to ensure all of our members retained their ability to participate as association members and have a unified voice at the Capitol.

Looking ahead, the Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee will study policy issues identified in the Wyoming rural health transformation plan during the 2026 interim. The Committee is also evaluating whether it will study additional topics relating to Wyoming's healthcare landscape in the 2026 interim and will determine which topics to consider on April 1st. Topics likely to receive continued attention include rural health transformation, insurance market and healthcare affordability, and federal policy changes affecting programs such as 340B and rural reimbursement.

WHA remains committed to working collaboratively with policymakers, hospitals, and community partners to ensure Wyoming residents continue to have access to high-quality care close to home.

About the Wyoming Hospital Association:

WHA is a member-owned, private, non-profit organization representing Wyoming hospitals. WHA serves as the voice of Wyoming hospitals before local, state, regional, and national legislative and regulatory bodies, the media, and the public. In addition to advocacy, WHA provides data services, educational programming, and strategic support to its members.

About Wyoming Hospitals:

Wyoming's hospitals and nursing homes support more than 32,000 jobs, provider over \$1 billion in employee wages, contribute approximately \$2.56 billion to the state's GDP, and generate more than \$79 million in state tax revenue while delivering essential healthcare services to communities across the state.

340B Advocacy



Urge your representative to sign letter to House appropriations leaders barring funds to implement 340B rebate model, include it in their FY 27 appropriations request.

A group of bipartisan House lawmakers is urging their colleagues to **sign a letter** to House appropriation leaders requesting that language in the fiscal year 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill prohibit the use of funds for implementing a 340B rebate model program.

“As you prepare your Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 appropriations bill, we urge you to include bill language barring the use of funds for implementation of a 340B Rebate Model Program at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Congress intended the 340B Program to enable the nation's safety-net providers to stretch scarce federal resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services. We are concerned a rebate model, as currently under consideration at HHS, would compromise the purpose of the 340B program, threaten the stability of our safety net providers, and directly harm patients.”

The letter is led by Reps. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., Dusty Johnson, R-S.D., Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., and Tracey Mann, R-Kan.

TAKE ACTION

Please reach out to your representative and ask them to sign the letter. The deadline for signing the letter is March 25 at 7 p.m. ET. Additionally, ask your representative to include in their FY 27 appropriations request language that bars the use of funds to implement a 340B rebate model program.

REMINDER TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN LETTER TO HRSA

Read the AHA's **Feb. 25 Special Bulletin** about using an AHA model comment letter to help you submit comments on the Health Resources and Services Administration's request for information on implementing a 340B rebate program. Comments are due by April 20. The AHA will submit its own comment letter and share it with 340B hospitals.



American Hospital
Association

Complete Your AHA Annual Survey Today

The American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Survey is one of the most important data collection efforts in healthcare — and your participation matters. WHA is encouraging all Wyoming member hospitals to take time to complete the survey as soon as possible.

Why It Matters

The AHA Annual Survey is the nation's most comprehensive source of hospital data, and the information collected directly shapes how Wyoming's healthcare system is represented at the national level. Survey results are used by policymakers, researchers, federal agencies, and healthcare leaders to understand the landscape of hospital services, workforce, capacity, and community need. When Wyoming hospitals don't respond, our state's voice is missing from those conversations.

What the Data Is Used For

Completed survey data feeds into critical resources including the AHA Hospital Statistics publication, federal databases, and state-level analyses used by the Wyoming Department of Health and WHA itself. Accurate, complete data helps make the case for rural healthcare funding, workforce investment, and policy priorities that reflect the realities facing Wyoming hospitals.

It Supports Your Peers

Aggregate survey data helps hospital leaders benchmark their operations against similar facilities — useful information for strategic planning, board reporting, and grant applications. The more Wyoming hospitals that participate, the more meaningful that comparison data becomes for everyone in our state.

How to Complete the Survey

Log in through the AHA member portal at aha.org to access and complete your facility's survey. If you have questions about your login credentials or need assistance, contact the AHA survey team directly or reach out to WHA for support.

Wyoming's hospitals do remarkable work under challenging conditions. Make sure that work is counted.



Mark Your Calendars: WSHE Annual Spring Conference & Vendor Fair May 13–14, 2026

The Wyoming Society of Healthcare Engineering (WSHE) is hosting its Annual Spring Conference and Vendor Fair on May 13–14, 2026, at the Ramada Plaza in Sheridan, Wyoming.

This two-day event brings together healthcare facility professionals from across the state for education, networking, and peer connection. The conference features sessions covering critical topics in healthcare facility management and compliance, including fire door inspections, lock systems, roof maintenance best practices, refrigerant transitions, electrical system compliance, and updates from ASHE and the Wyoming Department of Health. Vendor exhibits and sponsored meals throughout both days offer additional opportunities to connect with industry partners.

Room reservations are available at a special group rate — call 307-218-2076 and request the "WSHE, Wyoming Society of Healthcare Engineering" group rate.

[Additional Details are Available Here](#)



WHA CEO/Trustee Spring Meeting

May 19, 2026

Best Western Sheridan Center Sheridan, Wyoming

The Wyoming Hospital Association is pleased to convene its annual CEO & Trustee Spring Meeting in the heart of the Bighorn Basin. This gathering brings together healthcare executives, board members, and thought leaders from across Wyoming for a full day of strategic dialogue, peer connection, and focused discussion on the challenges and opportunities shaping our state's healthcare landscape.

This meeting is specifically designed for hospital and health system chief executive officers, senior leaders, and governing board trustees. Whether you serve a critical access hospital in a remote corner of the state or a larger regional medical center, your perspective matters—and the conversations in Sheridan will be stronger with your voice at the table.

[More information and registration can be found here](#)



HFMA Spring Meeting
April 8-10, 2026
Casper, Wyoming

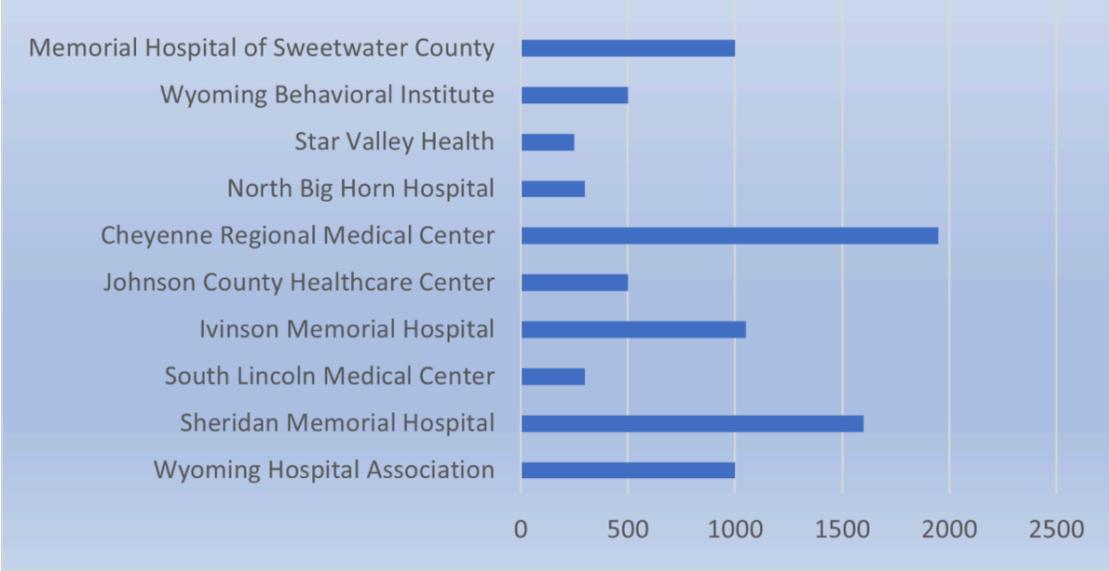
WHA Regional CEO Meeting
April 8, 2026
Wyoming Behavioral Institute

WHA Regional CEO Meeting
May 18, 2026
Campbell County Health

WHA Trustee/CEO Spring Meeting
May 19, 2026
Best Western Sheridan Center
Sheridan

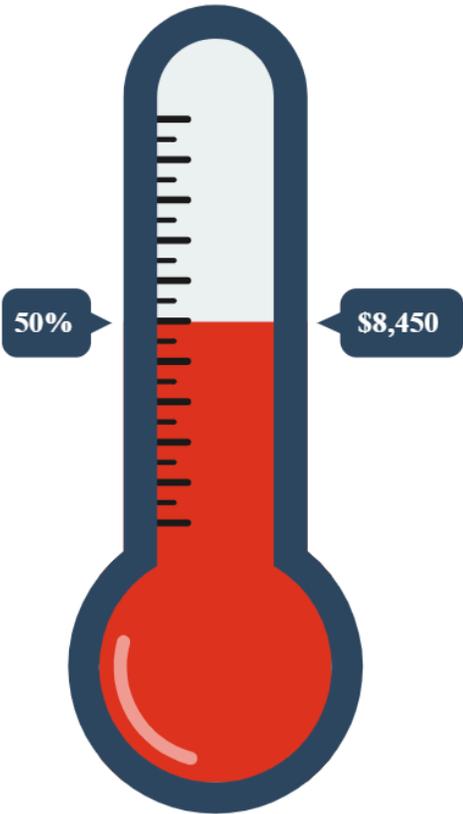
WHA Annual Meeting
September 9-10, 2026
Little America, Cheyenne

WHA PAC Goal for 2026
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GOAL: \$17,000



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