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CMS Announces Office of Health Technology and Products

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services **announced** the establishment of a new Office of Health Technology and Products. CMS said the OHTP would modernize CMS healthcare technology and digital products, and transform platforms and services to support Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and other CMS-administered programs.

The office will work closely with the CMS Chief Information Officer and be subject to CIO-led IT governance, cybersecurity, enterprise architecture, and capital planning and investment control responsibilities, among other areas. The OHTP will include new divisions, such as an Open Source Program group to develop policies and guidance around open-source frameworks, a Division of Data and Interoperability Platforms, and a Division of Policy responsible for the development of interoperability policies, regulations and sub-regulatory guidance. Additionally, the OHTP includes a Division of Core Products, responsible for the management and modernization of Medicare claims systems and provider-facing components such as the National Provider Directory. The OHTP and organizational changes became effective June 9.

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Campbell County Health

CCH Steps up For Community

With Hoskinson Health and Wellness Clinic set to close this summer, Campbell County Health (CCH) is moving quickly to fill the gap and keep healthcare providers in the community.

CCH hosted an on-the-spot interview career fair, aiming to fill roughly 120 open positions across departments including radiology, human resources, the Campbell County Medical Group, and the

Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center. More than 20 staff members were on hand to conduct interviews and tours, and CFO Adam Popp reported 60 applicants in just the first 90 minutes.

Chief Human Resources Officer Dawn Hodges said the fair grew out of conversations about how to support people who may be displaced by the closure. "What a great opportunity for the community to bring everybody together, give people an opportunity to stay in health care, be a part of the community, and pull that together," she said. CCH, which employs more than 1,100 people, had already received 50 applications from former Hoskinson providers before the event.

CEO Matt Shahan emphasized the hospital's commitment to stability during the transition. "We are actively evaluating provider recruitment, clinic access, and service needs to help stabilize care during this time of change," he said.

Hodges noted that bringing on new staff also creates opportunities to reduce reliance on traveling positions — a strategy that has already cut such roles at the Legacy by 50% over the past year. Still, she stressed the importance of balance: "We're doing everything we can to avoid people leaving this community... but we also need to make sure that we're staffed for that."

Looking ahead, hospital board members signaled that growth may be on the horizon. Board Chair Tom Murphy said expansion discussions — potentially involving county commissioners or the governor's office — may be necessary to keep pace with community needs.

Shahan reaffirmed CCH's long-term commitment to the community: "Our message to residents is simple: CCH is here, we are listening, and we are working to meet the healthcare needs of our community. Campbell County Health will be here for you, period."

WBI Suicide Prevention Golf Tournament

The 8th Annual WBI Suicide Prevention Golf Tournament, themed "Drive for Mental Health," will take place on August 29, 2026, at Three Crowns Golf Course in Casper.

The event benefits the WBI Mental Health Professional Scholarship Fund, which supports Natrona County residents pursuing careers in nursing, counseling, social work, addiction services, and other mental health fields. Last year's tournament raised nearly \$14,000 and funded two scholarships. Player registration is open at \$600 per four-person team, which includes green fees, carts, breakfast, lunch, and prizes. Individual entries are \$150, with organizers offering to place solo golfers on a team.

Several sponsorship levels are available: Breakfast and Lunch Sponsorships are \$1,500 each and include exclusive recognition plus two teams; Hole Sponsorships are \$500 and include signage with an optional table or tent; and a combined Hole Sponsorship plus Team package is \$1,000.

Those interested in registering, sponsoring, or paying by check can find details on the event's registration form, with questions directed to Jessica Steward at Jessica.steward@uhsinc.com or 307-247-6069. Updates are also posted on the organization's Facebook page.

Sweetwater County Hospital and EMS Teams Train With High-Tech Manikin in Emergency Simulation



More than 50 healthcare and emergency workers in Sweetwater County recently got hands-on experience responding to medical emergencies — using a manikin that blinks, talks, breathes, and even has eyes that dilate when light is shined in them.

Simulation in Motion Montana (SIM-MT) brought its mobile simulation program to the area for a two-day training event hosted by Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County (MHSC). Sessions took

place in an MHSC Emergency Department trauma room and aboard a Castle Rock Ambulance Service ambulance.

Participants included nurses, doctors, CNAs, respiratory therapists, medical imaging technologists, lab techs, EMS personnel, environmental services staff, infection preventionists, county emergency management representatives, and providers — working together to diagnose, treat, and debrief simulated medical scenarios.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for our area," said Stevie Kennedy, MHSC Emergency Management & Environmental Safety Coordinator. "We are so fortunate to be able to host this program." The training gave teams a chance to identify strengths and areas for improvement in a safe environment, build teamwork and communication skills, and develop a regional response plan for an infectious disease crisis.

"Our teams had the opportunity to strengthen their skills by practicing in simulated trauma settings," Kennedy said. "It's one of the many ways area emergency responders and healthcare providers become even better prepared to care for the community."

The event is part of a statewide partnership between Wyoming and SIM-MT to deliver high-fidelity simulation training focused on infectious disease response, respiratory illness scenarios, and special pathogen preparedness, according to Ronda Zancanella of Sweetwater County Public Health and the Western Region Healthcare Coalition. The goal, she said, is to strengthen Wyoming's capacity to manage highly infectious diseases through hands-on training and regional collaboration.

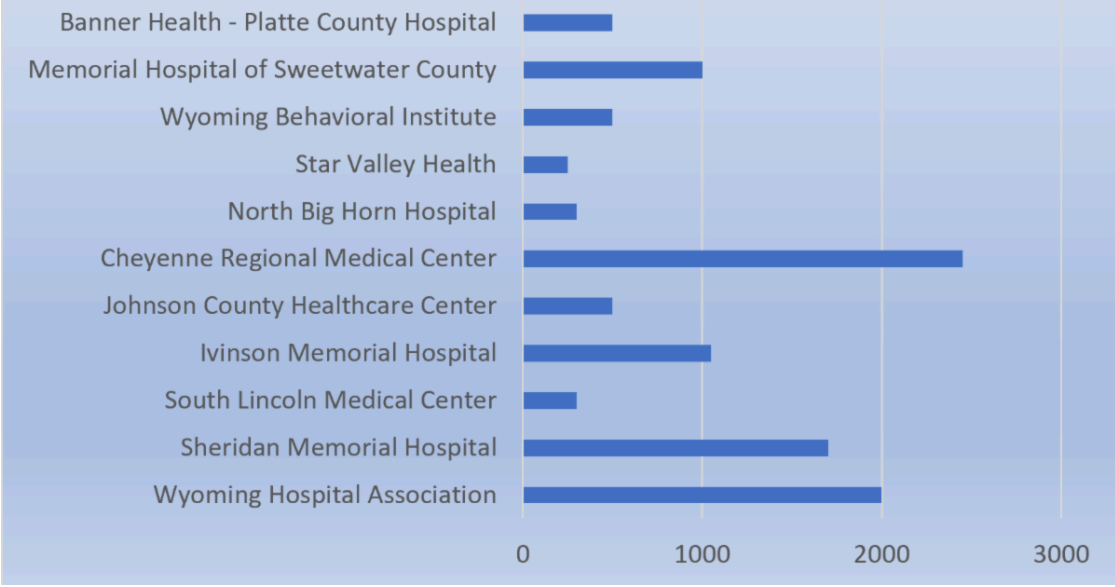


The graphic features a light green background with a dark green rounded rectangle at the top containing the text "Upcoming Events". Below this, the text "MARK YOUR CALENDAR * 2026" is centered. Two event cards are displayed side-by-side. The left card has a dark green header with "Sep 8, 2026", a white body with "WHA Golf Tournament" and "Cheyenne Country Club", and a light green button at the bottom with "Golf". The right card has a dark green header with "Sep 9-10, 2026", a white body with "WHA Annual Meeting" and "Little America, Cheyenne", and a light green button at the bottom with "Annual".

[WHA Golf Tournament](#)

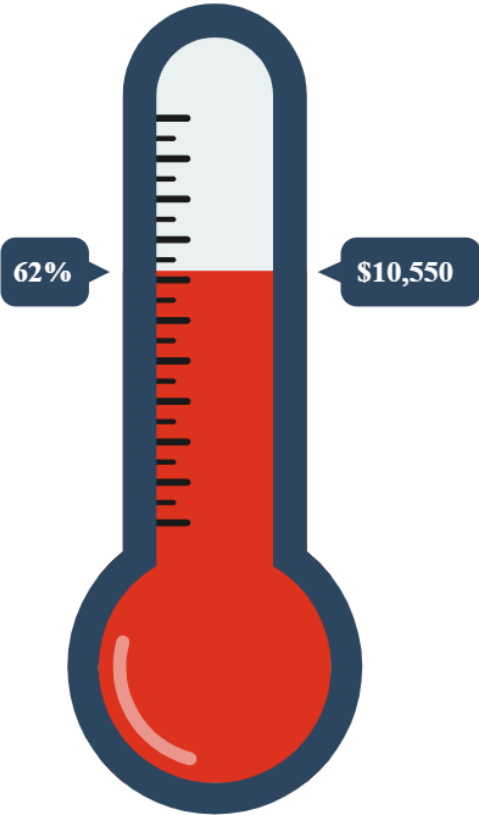


WHA PAC Goal for 2026
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WHA PAC

GOAL: \$17,000



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