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American Hospital Association

AHA Blog Pushes Back on NYT Op-Ed

An **AHA blog** says an essay published in **The New York Times** wrongly frames hospitals as the leading “culprit” behind rising health care costs. “It reduces a complex health care system and a much-needed conversation on affordability to a caricature,” the blog says. The blog highlights several areas where the essay misses the mark. “If we are serious about making health care more affordable, we need solutions that reflect the full picture — not narratives that assign fault to one part of the health care system,” the blog states. “Hospitals and health systems are committed to being part of the answer. But providing affordable care for all Americans requires policies grounded in facts and realities, not biases and blame.”

[Read the AHA Blog Here](#)

Microsoft Warns of Sophisticated Phishing Campaign Heavily Targeting Health Care Organizations

Microsoft Threat Intelligence is **warning** of a large scale, multistage phishing campaign that disproportionately targeted the health care sector, sending “code of conduct” themed emails to lure users into credential theft and token compromise. According to Microsoft, health care was the most targeted industry in the campaign, which reached more than 35,000 users across over 13,000 organizations, primarily in the U.S. The attack leveraged adversary in the middle techniques to intercept authentication tokens in real time, enabling attackers to bypass multifactor authentication and gain direct account access.

“Phishing attacks are the most frequent and most effective methods of attacking the health care sector,” said Scott Gee, AHA deputy national director for cybersecurity and risk. “Training and vigilance are the keys to preventing these attacks. That training should also emphasize the ‘why.’ It’s not just about loss of protected health information, but the potential for shutting down critical systems and impacting patient care and safety.”

Microsoft said the campaign underscores the sector’s continued attractiveness to cybercriminals due to sensitive patient data and operational pressures, and it urged hospitals and health systems to strengthen phishing resistant MFA, email security controls and workforce awareness to reduce risk.

For the latest cyber and risk resources and threat intelligence, visit aha.org/cybersecurity.

Microsoft Announcement

Webinar on Overcoming Rural Recruitment Bias

"As a proud WHA-Endorsed Business Partner, [Jackson Physician Search](#) is committed to supporting Wyoming hospitals in improving patient access to care by recruiting physicians who fit, succeed, and stay. Join us for an upcoming webinar exploring the unique recruitment challenges facing rural communities, including an aging physician workforce and persistent misconceptions about rural practice. Attendees will gain practical strategies to reshape perceptions, showcase the advantages of rural medicine, and learn from a real-world success story demonstrating how healthcare organizations can more effectively attract and retain physicians."



The graphic features a light blue background with a blurred image of a laptop and a coffee cup. At the top left, a dark blue box contains the text "Register Today!". To the right is a circular icon with a microphone and the words "LIVE WEBINAR". The main title "Live Webinar: Overcoming Rural Recruitment Bias: Strategies to Attract Physicians" is centered in a dark blue font. Below the title are two circular headshots of speakers: Dylan Frost and Evan Kaspar. At the bottom left is a calendar icon, and to its right, the text "2:00 PM MT Tuesday, May 26th".

Register Today!

Live Webinar:
Overcoming Rural Recruitment
Bias: Strategies to Attract
Physicians

Dylan Frost
Speaker

Evan Kaspar
Speaker

2:00 PM MT
Tuesday, May 26th

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Register Here for the Webinar

Wyoming Healthcare Leaders Gather for Policy Summit

Wyoming's healthcare community convenes June 12, 2026, in Laramie for the Wyoming Healthcare Policy Summit — bringing together hospital executives, educators, legislators, and health officials to address the state's most urgent health system challenges.

Co-hosted by the Wyoming Hospital Association, Wyoming Medical Society, Wyoming Nurses Association, Wyoming Primary Care Association, and other partners, the day opens with a keynote by Beth Worthen of the Natrona Collective Health Trust on the link between Wyoming's health and its economic future.

[Healthcare Policy Summit](#)

[Register for the Summit Here](#)

Upcoming Events

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Sep 8, 2026

WHA Golf Tournament

Cheyenne Country Club

Golf

Sep 9–10, 2026

WHA Annual Meeting

Little America, Cheyenne

Annual

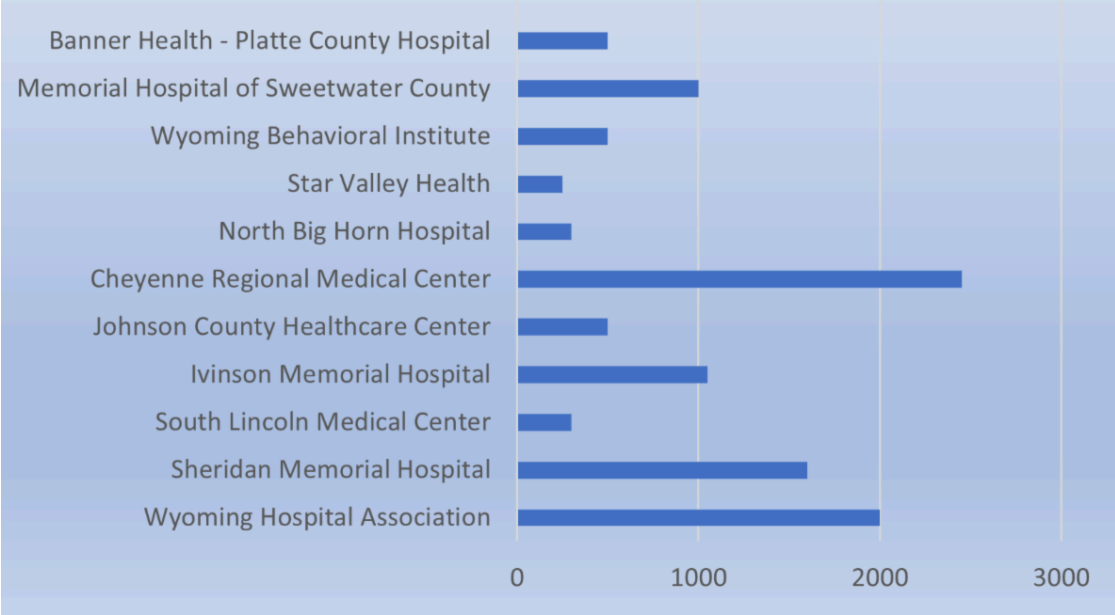
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Healthcare Policy Summit

Laramie, WY

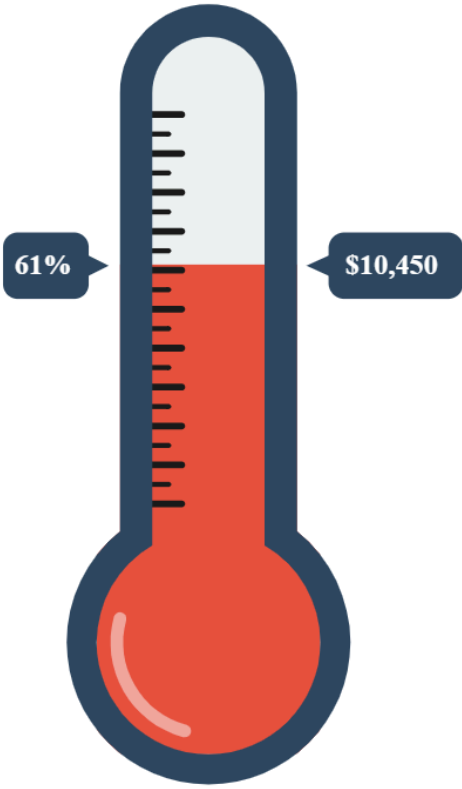
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WHA PAC Goal for 2026 Contributors



WHA PAC

GOAL: \$17,000



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