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Utah Jazz Game Package

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Community Impact: The Importance of Hospitals Telling Their Stories

Michael Hildebrand from Jarrard Consulting will be presenting this timely program at the upcoming annual meeting scheduled for September 3-4 in Laramie.

The pressure and attacks against hospitals and health systems are growing, thereby creating challenges for hospital as we advocate. Because of this dynamic, it's more important than ever for hospital leaders to enhance their messaging on the vital community impact hospitals provide. This

program will explore how consumers perceive hospital community benefit identify best practices for effectively communicating the positive impact hospitals have on their communities, and outline strategies for engaging with both community members and elected officials to build a strong coalition of advocates.

[Annual Meeting Information Can be Found Here](#)



Thank you, Wyoming hospitals, for partnering with Mountain Health CO-OP during our time here. We will no longer offer individual, group or Medicare Supplement plans in Wyoming in 2026. All coverage will end on December 31, 2025.

If you received a notice from the Co-Op that you will move to the Aetna network on September 1, 2025, your direct contract will be in effect until the end of the year. Hospitals will remain in network through Aetna starting January 1, 2026 for our Montana and Idaho members. Please reach out to us with any questions.

All valid claims will be honored for one year from the date of service. We will communicate directly with you about runout timelines and ensure compliance with contractual and regulatory obligations.

For more information:

- Visit our website at mountainhealth.coop/wyoming-providers or call 800-299-6080
- You can also email the CO-OP Provider Team directly at provider@mhc.coop

Cody to Provide EMS in Thermopolis

Cody Regional Health (CRH) has a new partnership with Hot Springs Health (HSH) to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the Thermopolis community, effective July 31, 2025.

As part of this transition, HSH has ended its previous contractual EMS relationship and partnered with Cody Regional Health, bringing CRH's extensive experience and strong reputation in EMS care to the area. CRH currently provides emergency medical services across Park, Washakie, and South Big Horn Counties and is eager to extend the same high-quality care to Hot Springs County.

"When Thermopolis residents call 911, they can be confident knowing our team will be there," said Hannah McRae, CEO of Cody Regional Health. "We are honored to work alongside Hot Springs Health and the Thermopolis community to ensure reliable, expert emergency care close to home." Under this partnership, Cody Regional Health will have full-time, licensed, and certified EMS staff on-site in Thermopolis, supported by fully equipped ambulances to ensure a seamless response to emergencies.

"This partnership reflects our shared commitment to the health and safety of the Thermopolis community," said Phillip Franklin, EMS Director at Cody Regional Health. "Our team is passionate about rural emergency medicine, and we are excited to deliver the same level of skill, compassion, and readiness that defines CRH EMS."

This partnership reinforces Cody Regional Health's mission to serve the Big Horn Basin with exceptional care and strengthens the collaborative relationship between CRH and Hot Springs Health in supporting the people of Thermopolis.

The Future of Finance Operations: Why BPO Alone Isn't Enough

Corpay, an endorsed vendor of WHA Resources has provided an article on "The Future of Finance Operations: Why BPO Alone Isn't Enough."

BPO isn't built for today's finance demands. Discover why healthcare CFOs are moving away from outsourcing and toward full-service AP automation that delivers control, speed, and cost-efficiency: without the tradeoffs.

[Read the Article Here](#)



Pain Management Training

Wyoming Department of Health and Comagine Health are promoting upcoming trainings for clinicians in Cheyenne and Casper and Cheyenne, Wyoming, to improve pain management and prescribing practices.

Improving Patient Care: Pain Management, Prescribing Practices, and Linkages to Care for Wyoming Clinicians

Cheyenne Training:

- Date and time: 9/3/25; 10am-1pm MT
- Location: Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, 214 E. 23rd St Cheyenne, WY 82001 Room number: Auditorium A and B

Casper Training:

- Date and time: 9/3/25; 4-7pm MT
- Location: Community Health Centers of Central Wyoming 5000 Blackmore Rd, Casper, WY 82609

Additional details:

- This learning event is provided free of charge.
- Attendees can earn up to three continuing medical education (CME) credits.
- Food will be provided.

About the presenters:

Dr. Melissa Cheng is a board-certified addiction medicine doctor.

Dr. Craig Uthe is a board-certified family physician and member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine Doctors.

Topics include:

- Introduction to the 2022 CDC Clinical Practice Guidelines for Safe Opioid Prescribing
- Overcoming Challenges in Chronic Pain Management for Opioid-Dependent Patients: The Neurobiology of Addiction
- Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- The Role of Buprenorphine in the Clinical Setting

[Pain Management Registration Link](#)

Join the UW ECHO in Geriatrics Network for Healthcare Professionals and Students



SAVE THE DATE

Dementia Friendly Chronic Disease Management

- August 28th: The Challenges of Managing Chronic Disease and Dementia
- September 25th: Dementia Friendly Medication Management
- October 23rd: Managing Depression in the Context of Dementia
- November 13th: Supporting Self-Management of Chronic Disease
- December 11th: Developing the Comprehensive 4Ms Care Plan

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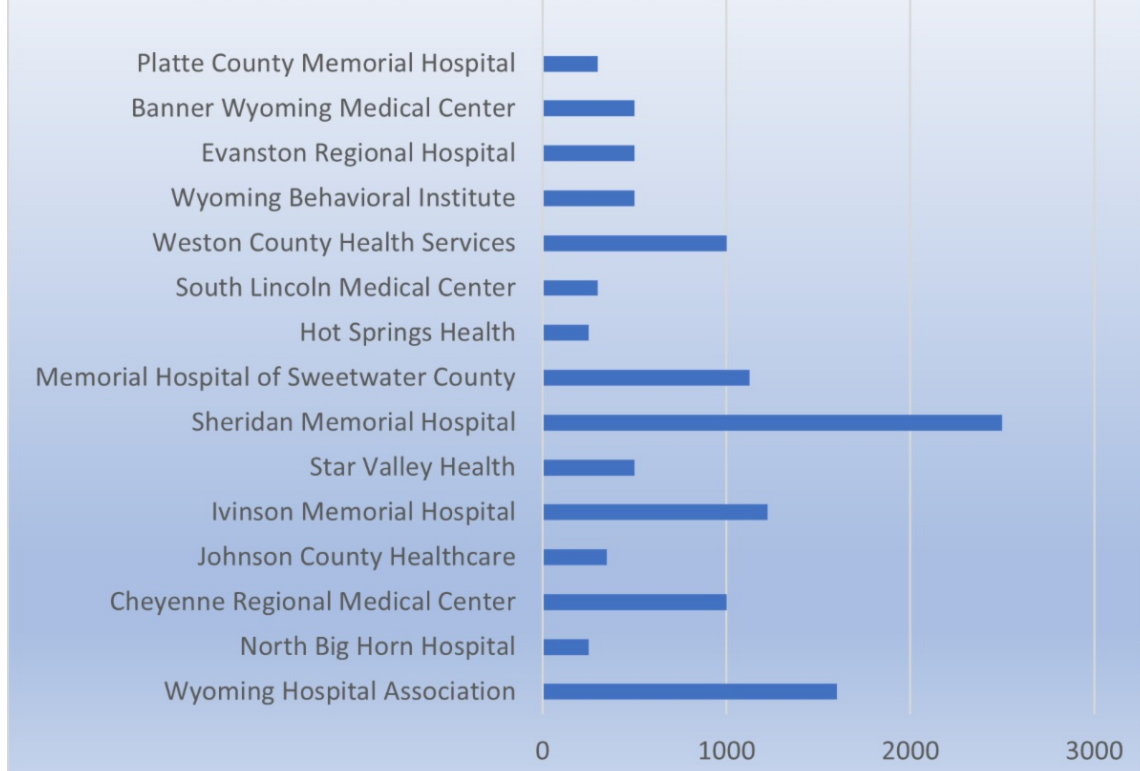
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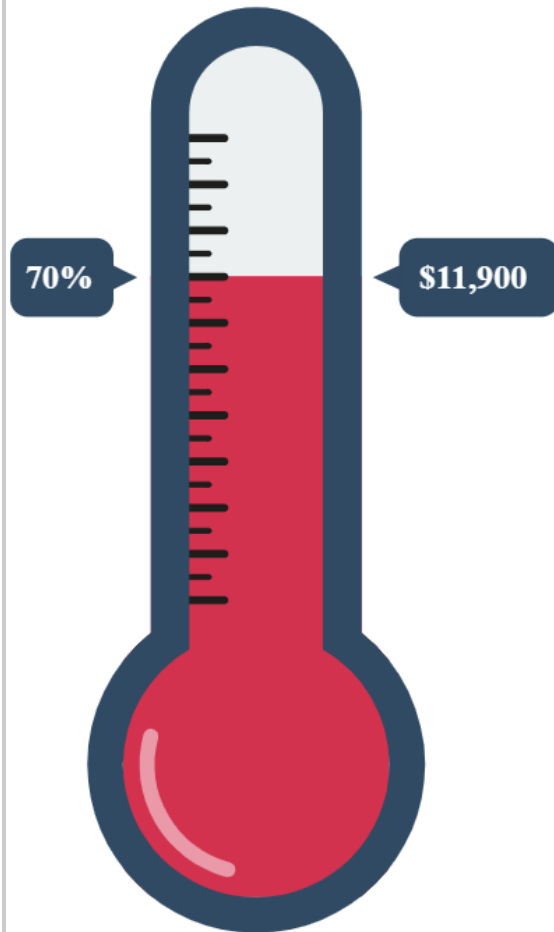


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