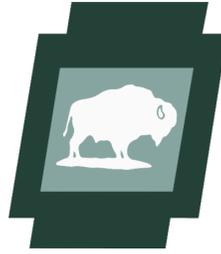


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## Wyoming Hospital Association

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## Legislative Session Opens February 9 - Key Bills Affecting Wyoming Hospitals

The 2026 Wyoming Legislature Budget Session convenes on February 9, and WHA's legislative tracking shows significant healthcare-related legislation already in the pipeline. Here's what Wyoming hospitals need to know as lawmakers gather in Cheyenne.

### Medicaid Reimbursement Initiatives

Several bills directly address hospital financial sustainability through enhanced Medicaid reimbursement:

- **HB 64 - Enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Rate for Maternal Services (Clouston, Campbell, Connolly):** This bill seeks to improve reimbursement for labor and delivery services, addressing one of the critical financial pressures facing rural hospitals that maintain obstetric care.
- **HB 63 - Medicaid Reimbursement for Nursing Homes (Clouston, Posey, Barlow):** While focused on nursing homes, this reimbursement increase could impact hospital-affiliated skilled nursing facilities.
- **SF 4 - Medicaid Rate Increase for EMS Services (Labor Committee):** Enhanced EMS reimbursement supports the emergency medical services that hospitals rely on for patient transfers and rural emergency response.
- **HB 4 - Birthing Centers Medicaid Coverage (Labor Committee):** Expands Medicaid coverage to birthing centers, potentially easing pressure on hospital obstetric departments while maintaining access to maternal care.

### Transparency and Regulatory Issues

- **SF 57 - Transparency in Hospital Service Pricing (Brennan, Boner, Dockstader):** This bill warrants close attention as it may impose new pricing disclosure requirements on hospitals.
- **SF 5 - Hospital Bankruptcy Proceedings (Labor Committee):** Given the financial challenges facing rural hospitals nationwide, this legislation may establish new frameworks for hospital bankruptcy processes in Wyoming.

### Healthcare Access and Workforce

- **SF 6 - Eligibility for Medicaid Criteria (Labor Committee):** Changes to Medicaid eligibility could significantly impact hospital patient volumes and uncompensated care levels.
- **SF 10 - Contracts for Holding and Treating Mentally Ill Detainees (Judiciary Committee):** This bill addresses capacity issues for mental health treatment, which often impacts hospital emergency departments.

- SF 23 - Outpatient Examination and Commitment Length (Schuler, Crago, Heiner): Mental health patient management.

#### Other Bills of Interest

- HB 80 - Identification Cards Renewal for Care Facility Residents (Jarvis, Campbell, Clouston): This bill streamlines ID renewal for long-term care residents.
- HB 13 - Ivermectin No Prescription Required (Brown, Allemand, Angelos): Could impact hospital pharmacies and medication protocols.
- SF 48 - Stem Cell Freedom Act (Barlow, Brennan, Clouston): May affect hospital research and treatment capabilities.

#### WHAT HOSPITAL LEADERS CAN DO

- Review the full bill list and identify legislation affecting your facility's specific services
- Connect with your legislators before February 9 to discuss local hospital priorities
- Share real-world examples of how Medicaid reimbursement gaps or regulatory burdens affect your operations
- Monitor WHA communications for action alerts and testimony opportunities
- Coordinate with WHA staff if your facility wants to provide testimony on specific bills

#### TIMELINE TO WATCH

The budget session runs for four weeks, with bill introduction deadlines coming quickly. Committee hearings will begin in earnest during the second week of February. WHA will provide weekly legislative updates throughout the session.



## Hospital Price Transparency Webinar Reviewing CY 2026 OPPS & ASC Final Rule Updates

Wednesday, February 11 from 2–3 pm ET

Join CMS for an overview of the updated hospital price transparency (HPT) requirements that were finalized in the CY 2026 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System Final Rule. Learn about:

- Changes to the requirements
- Resources available to hospitals
- Tips for ensuring hospital machine-readable files conform to requirements

All finalized HPT requirements are effective as of January 1, 2026, and CMS will begin enforcing the new and updated requirements on April 1, 2026.

How to Participate:

- Microsoft Teams:
  - Meeting ID: 267 631 152 746 64
  - Passcode: bH6VH65G
- Phone:
  - 888-588-2610
  - Conference ID: 997 262 729#

[CMS Microsoft Teams Meeting Link](#)



## Cody Regional Health Becomes Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Testing Site for Wyoming

Cody Regional Health is proud to announce that it is now an approved Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) testing site for the State of Wyoming, expanding access to healthcare career pathways for

individuals across the Big Horn Basin and surrounding communities.

This achievement was made possible through the leadership and coordination of Shelly Kindt, RN, Staff Development Coordinator at the Cody Regional Health Long Term Care Center, who worked with Headmaster, Wyoming's CNA testing provider to bring CNA testing services to Cody.

Becoming a CNA testing site is a significant step forward for the region. Previously, individuals pursuing CNA certification often had to travel long distances to complete required testing. This new designation allows candidates to test locally, reducing barriers and supporting workforce development in rural healthcare.

“This is a meaningful advancement for our community,” said Shelly Kindt, RN. “Providing a local testing option helps remove obstacles for those pursuing a career in healthcare and supports the future of long-term care and nursing across our region.”

Certified Nursing Assistants play a vital role in patient care, particularly in long-term care and hospital settings. By offering CNA testing locally, Cody Regional Health continues its commitment to strengthening the healthcare workforce and supporting access to education and employment opportunities close to home.



# Is Your Workforce Solutions Partner Still Evolving with Your Needs, Or Have Things Gone Static?



The healthcare workforce has undergone significant changes in recent years, addressing challenges that have evolved over time.

Healthcare leaders today are navigating persistent staffing shortages, rising labor and contract costs, burnout, and more. If your organization hasn't issued an RFP in a while, your current staffing approach may no longer reflect today's clinical, financial, or operational realities, and may require revisiting with a trusted partner like Medical Solutions.

## AN RFP IS A STRATEGIC RESET

Running an RFP today allows organizations to:

Benchmark Pricing, Performance, and Service Models

Evaluate Modern Workforce Solutions, Not Just Traditional Staffing

Increase Transparency and Accountability

Align Partners with Clinical, HR, and Financial Goals

## IS IT TIME TO REVISIT AN RFP?

You may benefit from an RFP if:

Contract Labor Costs Continue Rising

Time-to-Fill Critical Roles Increases

Workforce Stability Remains Challenging

Cancellations or Last-Minute Changes Cause Unpredictable Staffing

You're Managing Multiple Vendors with Limited Coordination

You Lack Clear Visibility in Workforce Performance or ROI

## WHAT WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS PARTNERS CAN OFFER



Long-Term Workforce Stabilization over Short-Term Fills



Compliance, Credentialing, and Risk Management Support



Direct Hire Solutions, Including International Talent



Data-Driven Insights into Workforce Spend and Performance



Scalable Models Aligned to Census and Acuity Changes

## START THE CONVERSATION

A simple conversation can reveal opportunities to enhance your workforce and manage costs—without compromising care.

Let's explore whether an RFP makes sense for your organization.  
Contact **Medical Solutions** today at **866.633.3548**  
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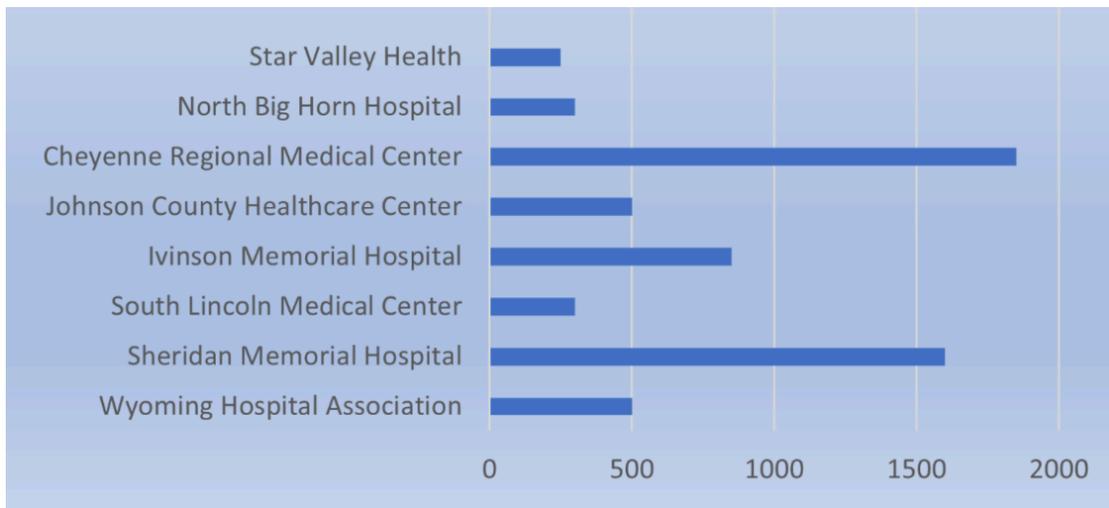
**2026 Wyoming Budget Session  
February 9, 2026**

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

**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 Contributors

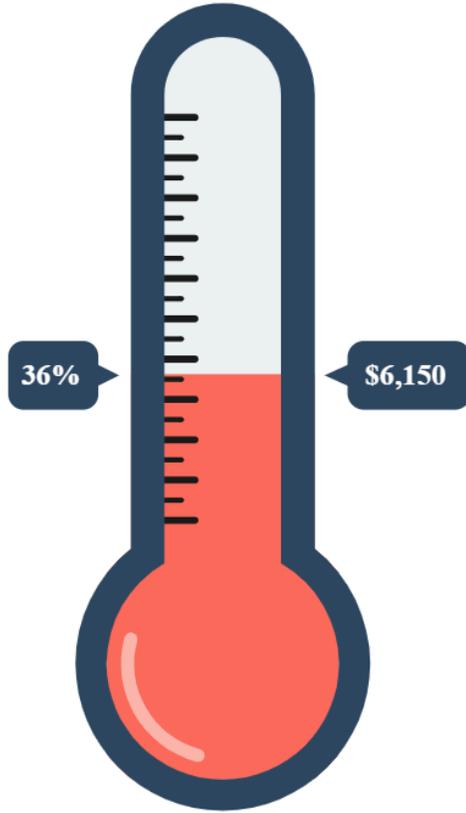


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