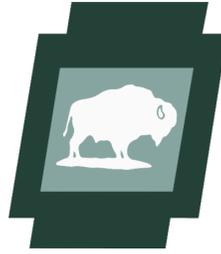


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WYOMING LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATION

After nearly two years, working with both national and state partners, LeadingAge Wyoming and Wyoming Health Care Association have merged into one state association. The name Wyoming Long Term Care Association was voted upon and accepted as the name of the association, feeling like it better described those whom the association represents. Eric Connell, CEO of North Big Horn Hospital and Administrator of New Horizon Care Center in Lovell, as well as Chairman of the WyLTC Association stated, “this merger makes great sense, when the state only has 36 nursing homes and will allow us to have a unified voice, while combining educational and training purposes, which will serve the members better.”

Members of the WyLTC Association will still have the choice of which, if any, national association they wish to belong. The President of the WyLTC Association, Eric Boley, will be an active participant in both national associations, as the Wyoming state executive.

Both national associations, American Health Care Association (AHCA) and LeadingAge, bring strong resources to members and offer incredible training and education to members, as well as having a strong presence in Washington DC and advocating and working with CMS, HHS, and Congress in an ever changing and challenging industry, working with both nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

WyLTC Association will have two large member meetings each year, where nursing home administrators can meet and earn their required 25 CEUs (continuing education hours) for their licensure, while also allowing them to network and receive valuable training and learn best practices to help them in their respective nursing homes. Multiple webinars and training opportunities will also be offered each year.

“I am honored and excited to represent the nursing homes in Wyoming”, stated Eric Boley. “Our team is here to serve the members and to help them in the important work they do, as they provide care in our ever aging and changing state. The work these nursing homes do is vital to a thriving and caring community and state and we are blessed to have nursing homes close to home and in most of our communities. Working in a nursing home and serving some of the most vulnerable is a

calling in life and this association will stand to provide support to those that dedicate their lives to providing loving and compassionate care.”



Evanston Names Mary Armijo as CEO

Mary Armijo, MBA, FACHE, has been named Chief Executive Officer of Evanston Regional Hospital, effective February 2.

Mary brings more than 20 years of healthcare leadership experience with a strong focus on quality and patient-centered care. She holds multiple quality-focused certifications, including Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and Lean Health Care Certification from Belmont University.

Most recently, Mary served as Chief Operating Officer of Lovelace Medical Center and Heart Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Previously, she was Chief Operating Officer of Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where she also served as Chair of Lifepoint Health’s Unidos Hispanic Employee Resource Group. Earlier in her career, she held leadership roles at Upper Peninsula Health System in Michigan, including overseeing key service lines and supporting the transition to a new 222-bed tertiary care hospital.

Mary holds a bachelor’s degree in information systems and management, a master’s degree in computer information systems, and an MBA in healthcare management. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and received the ACHE Regents Award in 2023. We thank Interim CEO Bob Moore for his leadership since April, while we conducted a national search. Bob will work closely with Mary to ensure a smooth transition.

Inside Joint Commission Staffing Compliance: How Organizations Are Preparing

WHA Resources endorsed vendor, Medical Solutions will be hosting a webinar titled " Inside Joint Commission Staffing Compliance: How Organizations Are Preparing."

The upcoming Clinical Connections webinar features Patti Artley, Chief Clinical Officer and Chief Nursing Officer at Medical Solutions, and guests Hussein Tahan, System VP & CNO-Professional Development, Workforce Management & Academic Affairs of MedStar Health, Brienne Sandow, Chief Operating Officer/CNO & AVP, Operations of St. Luke’s Health System, and Jill White, Chief Nursing Officer of Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System.

Session Details:

Topic: Inside Joint Commission Staffing Compliance: How Organizations Are Preparing

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026

Time: 1:00 – 1:30 CST

Artley and guests will discuss how National Performance Goal #12 puts staffing under a new spotlight. Learn how leaders are interpreting the requirement, preparing their organizations, and turning staffing plans into safety strategies.

[Registration Link](#)



340B Rebate Model: Essential Information for Covered Entities

Despite the 340B rebate model being paused pending court proceedings, there are several steps covered entities can take now to prepare for potential compliance requirements and financial impacts.

SunRx has published a comprehensive guide addressing common myths and clarifying what covered entities need to know about the rebate model, the Inflation Reduction Act's Maximum Fair Price (MFP), and critical action steps.

The guide covers:

- How the IRA affects 340B savings even while the rebate model is on pause
- Which entity types, pharmacy arrangements, and payors are affected
- Links to additional resources and support contacts
- Action items covered entities can take now, including:
- Registration on Beacon Channel Management, the vendor selected by all nine manufacturers to administer the rebate model if it becomes effective
- Education into the entity's specific payor mix to determine financial impact and products are added in 2027.

This information is essential for maintaining compliance and understanding the financial implications for your 340B program.

For questions about SunRx please contact Kelsey Prestesater, Vice President of WHA Resources at 307-632-9344 or kelsey@wyohospitals.com

[SunRx Rebate Model Myths and Facts](#)



Guide Highlights Strategies for Hospitals to Manage Mass Violence Incidents

The American Hospital Association, in partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina's National Mass Violence Center released a new guide for hospital and health care leaders on how to prepare for, respond, mitigate and recover from mass violence incidents. The guide includes supplemental resources, such as a collaborators matrix that introduces how hospitals and health systems can work with community partners to recover from mass violence incidents.

[More information can be found here](#)



2026 Wyoming Budget Session
February 9, 2026

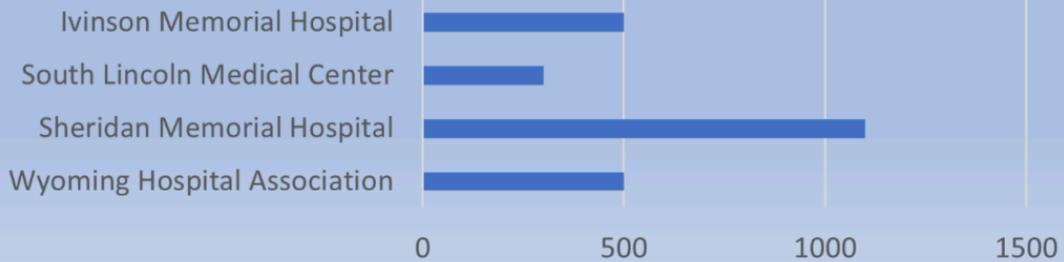
WHA Trustee/CEO Spring Meeting
May 19, 2026
Best Western Sheridan Center
Sheridan

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

WHA PAC Goal for 2026

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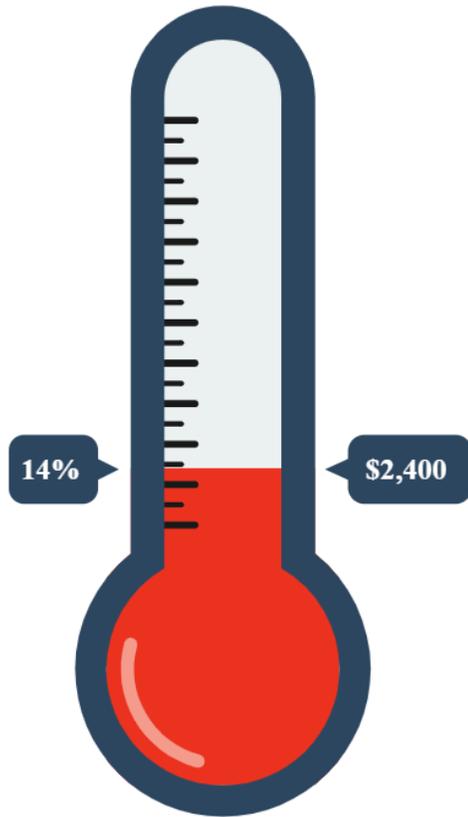


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