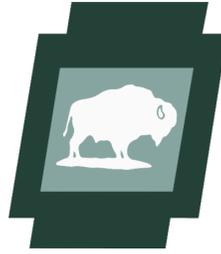


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CMS Webinar to Discuss 2026 Hospital Price Transparency Requirements

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will host a **webinar** Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. ET on updated hospital price transparency requirements that were finalized in the hospital outpatient prospective payment system final rule for calendar year 2026. CMS will begin enforcement of the new and revised requirements April 1. During the webinar, the agency will review changes to the requirements, provide information on resources available to hospitals, and offer tips for ensuring that hospital machine-readable files conform to requirements finalized in the rule. Attendees with questions are advised to contact CMS at PriceTransparencyHospitalCharges@cms.hhs.gov.

[Click Here for CMS Webinar](#)



Market Stability & Open Enrollment

By Kelsey Prestesater, WHA Vice President

Open enrollment for the 2026 plan year closed last week, with Wyoming experiencing an 11% decline in enrollment alongside premium increases of up to 400%. This level of premium growth is pricing Wyoming families out of coverage and placing additional strain on an already fragile market. WHA is actively engaging with state policymakers to support access to care across Wyoming and the financial sustainability of our members.

Castle Rock Unveils New Ambulance Barn



Castle Rock Hospital District hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Ambulance Barn at on Wednesday, January 21, at 1301 Gateway Blvd. The hope is to have the new facility operational by February of 2027.

According to a press release from Castle Rock Hospital District announcing the groundbreaking, this critical healthcare facility has been designed to strengthen emergency response capabilities, provide an improved location within the city to support faster response times, and supply ambulance services and improved care for much of southwest Wyoming.

The enterprise reflects Castle Rock Hospital District’s continued commitment to investing in infrastructure that enhances emergency medical services and improves access to care for residents throughout the region.

“This isn’t just a new building; it’s an investment in the health and safety of our community,” said Bailie Dockter, chief executive officer of Castle Rock Hospital District. “Our goal was to create a facility that supports first responders and medical staff while serving the broader community for decades to come,” said Jeff Tuft, project designer.

340B Update



The federal government has withdrawn its appeal of the preliminary injunction blocking implementation of the 340B Rebate Model Pilot Program. In its filing, the administration indicated it intends to restart the administrative process related to the program, though no specific details have been released. WHA will continue monitoring developments. For practical steps you can take now to prepare for future action from the administration, please refer to last week’s newsletter highlighting resources from SunRx, a WHA Endorsed Vendor.

[SunRx Rebate Model Myths and Facts](#)

ECHO in Rural Obstetrical Care

This new virtual Project ECHO series, developed by the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) in partnership with the Wyoming Primary Care Association, prepares providers for high-risk OB emergencies in rural practice.



Designed for the real-world challenges of practicing obstetrics in rural Wyoming

Who Should Attend:

Family Medicine providers, FMOBs, OB/GYNs, ER physicians, CNMs, PAs, NPs, and any clinician caring for pregnant patients in rural or resource-limited settings.

Session Details

- Monthly on Thursdays from 12-1 pm MT starting January 22nd
- Free to all attendees

What Each ECHO Session Offers

- Evidence-based best practices about:
 - Postpartum Hemorrhage
 - Preeclampsia /Eclampsia /HELLP
 - Preterm Labor
 - Breech & Precipitous Delivery in the ER
 - Third Trimester Bleeding
 - Fetal Monitoring in Rural Settings
- Real-time case discussions
- A chance to build professional connections to support you in your practice

Hear directly from OB/GYN specialists and rural FMOB peers!



Scan for more information about UW Project ECHO in Rural Obstetrical Care or visit <https://www.uwyo.edu/wind/echo/rural-ob/index.html>.

Email: projectecho@uwyo.edu



2026 Wyoming Budget Session
February 9, 2026

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

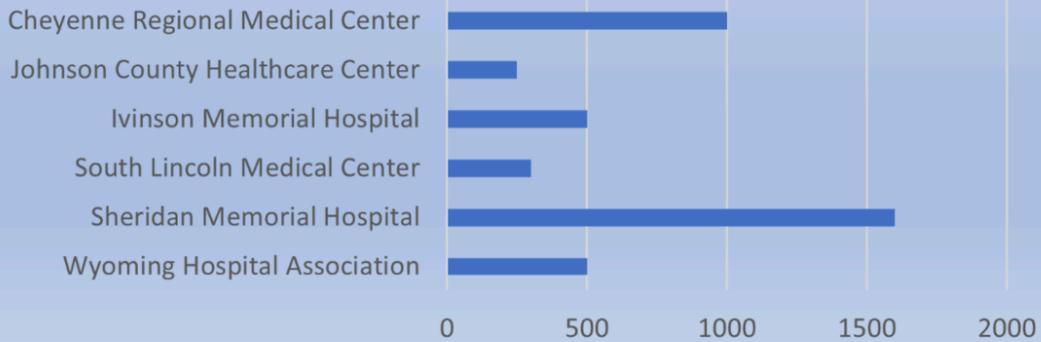
WHA Trustee/CEO Spring Meeting
May 19, 2026
Best Western Sheridan Center
Sheridan

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

WHA PAC Goal for 2026

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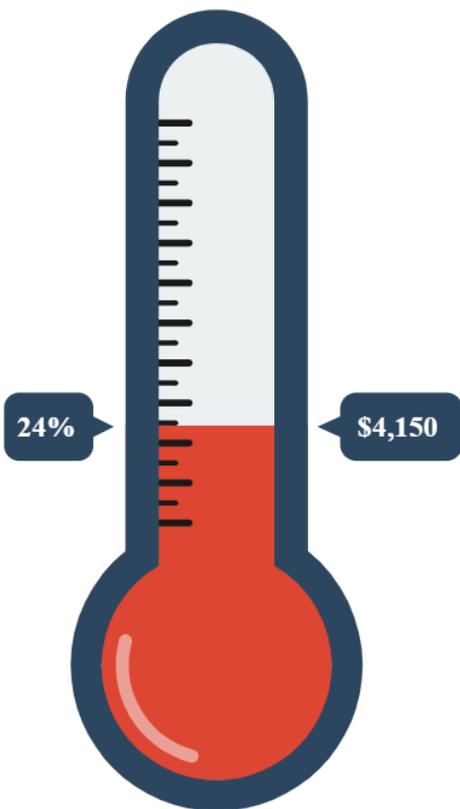
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