

About WMS



The Wyoming Medical Society was founded in 1903 to provide representation, advocacy and service to Wyoming physicians. We strive to be an efficient, member-driven, responsive organization, capable of anticipating and responding swiftly to the changing health care environment. WMS serves our membership, and their patients, and works to improve the health of Wyoming's citizens.

The Wyoming Medical Society is, and always will be, a staunch advocate for physicians. This is our core. All of our other activities revolve around this core.

WMS ADVOCACY AGENDA

The Wyoming Medical Society pursues representation, funding and legislation to support the following industry priorities, as identified by its physician-members.

Access to Care for Wyoming Patients: The shortage of doctors is of highest concern for WMS. We support a broad package of legislation, each of which plays an important part in the effort to maintain and enhance our rural healthcare system.

Medical Liability Reform: WMS is a strong advocate for measures that will make our system more fair, predictable and timely for all involved, and ensure that patients can get the care they need in their local communities. Reasonable legal reforms supported by WMS include:

- Unlimited compensation for economic damages
- Limits on non-economic damage compensation
- Strong medical review panel
- Expert witness qualifications
- State funding support for liability premiums
- Special health courts

Future Wyoming Physicians: WMS strongly supports funding to maintain and expand the WWAMI medical education and UW Family Practice Residency programs. Both of these programs provide excellent opportunities to “grow our own” physicians and market the state to future physicians looking for a place to build their homes and practices.

Physician Reimbursement: WMS believes that period funding increases for physician Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement are imperative to ensure

MISSION STATEMENT

Advocating for Wyoming doctors and their patients.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal #1 – Voice of Medicine: Utilize the powerful, effective & unified voice of WMS to improve the physician practice environment and quality of healthcare for Wyoming patients.

Goal #2 – Member Experience: Grow membership and increase provider participation and involvement to ensure the future health of the organization.

Goal #3 – Environment and Public Awareness: Enhance the public image of WMS members by strengthening physicians' trusted leadership role in communities.

Goal #4 – Knowledge Center: Be the leader in education and training resources for physicians and physician assistants.

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that all Wyoming's patients will continue to have access to care. Reasonable reimbursement increases will help physicians cover the costs of providing care to Medicaid and Medicare patients and lessen the impacts of cost-shifting to the private sector.

Scope of Practice: WMS supports team-based care, and transparency of provider credentials within a system that recognizes physicians as leaders of the healthcare team. We oppose expanding the scope of practice for allied health practitioners through legislation rather than additional education and training because it jeopardizes patient safety.

Patient Safety: WMS believes physicians are critical players in the development of patient safety practices and standard setting for clinical safety. WMS founded the statewide annual patient safety in 2012 and is dedicated to continuing the journey of integrating all aspects of healthcare and healthcare providers to create the safest environment possible for Wyoming patients.

State Regulatory Affairs: In addition to the work that WMS does on behalf of members at the Capitol in Cheyenne, we are active in the regulatory side of government, providing oversight to promulgation of rules and regulations within agencies such as the Wyoming Department of Health, Wyoming Board of Medicine and Board of Pharmacy, to name just a few.

State ACA Implementation Oversight: WMS is actively engaged in ensuring that aspects of the ACA that Wyoming state officials elect to implement are done so with attention focused on physician perspectives, needs and concerns.

Public Health: WMS continues proactive efforts to address the prescription drug abuse epidemic, encourage seat belt use, and actively pursue tobacco cessation.

Medicaid Reform: WMS remains actively engaged in discussions within state government to reform Wyoming's Medicaid program. WMS believes physicians are some of the most valuable resources as the state considers various methods of coordinated care or 1115 waiver designs.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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WMS Membership Benefits



The Wyoming Medical Society provides members with valuable membership services, discounts, legislative advocacy, public health promotion, and a strong voice of representation across a wide mix of state and federal programs.

- Effective leadership
- Strong, successful legislative advocacy
- Medical liability reform efforts
- Discounts with WMS Preferred Vendors, including 5% off medical malpractice insurance with The Doctors Company (TDC)
- CME opportunities

RELEVANT & TIMELY COMMUNICATION

- WMS newsletters & issue updates provide accurate and up to the minute information on critical health care issues.
- Website provides a wealth of up to date information and interactive communication.
An exclusive Members Only section provides more detailed information for WMS members.
- Tailored information sent to members to meet specific communication needs.
- Quarterly reports updating members on the activity of the Board of Trustees
- Wyoming Medicine magazine published bi-annually to inform members of important issues, educate the public about important medical topics and improve the image of medicine in Wyoming.
- Annual meeting offering CME opportunities, discussion about relevant health care topics, and networking with like-minded professionals

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Mountain Pacific
Quality Health

UW Family Practice
Residency Programs

Wyoming Association of
Physician Assistants (WAPA)

Wyoming Health Resources
Network (WHRN)

Wyoming Hospital
Association

Wyoming WWAMI Medical
Education Program

WYOMING MEDICAL SOCIETY

Advocating for doctors since 1903

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PREFERRED VENDOR

The Doctors Company is the exclusively endorsed medical malpractice carrier for the Wyoming Medical Society. Founded by doctors for doctors, The Doctors Company has been defending, protecting, and rewarding doctors for over 25 years.

Dray, Dyekman, Reed & Healey, P.C. has worked with physicians for over 30 years to find creative, effective solutions to complex business, regulatory, and information privacy and security issues in the healthcare industry. The firm's lawyers are members of the American Health Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association and Wyoming State Bar health law sections, and the American Society of Medical Association Counsel.

Medical TeleCommunications is a physician answering service located in Englewood, Colo. and owned by the Arapahoe-Douglas-Elbert Medical Society. Medical TeleCommunications features a staff of 25 and currently is the preferred answering services for the majority of practices in the Denver market.

The Office Assistant has been in operation since 1996 and is owned by Amy Hayes, MBA, CCS, CCS-P, CHA, CMBS. OA offers all varieties of "back office" services to Wyoming clinics and medical practices. Since inception OA has developed into a company that offers state-of-the-art professional auditing, coding and billing services.

OfficeDepot and **TechDepot**

Lucet Advisors is a leading destination for medical professionals for insurance, financial planning, business succession planning, and investment advice. Lucet is passionate about helping medical professionals attain their greatest financial goals, and to keep more of what they make on their balance sheet.

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Wyoming Medical society members qualify for a 5% premium discount.

Senior partner Nick Healey, JD serves as legal counsel to the Wyoming Medical Society and offers special agreements available only to WMS members.

Medical TeleCommunications offers WMS members a discount on its answer services. For full discount information, contact Medical TeleCommunications directly.

The Office Assistant is the preferred vendor for Wyoming Medical Society members with special discounts available to WMS members for ICD-10 coding services and much more.

Discounts are available to WMS members for office supplies and technology devices.

Complimentary Financial Review including analysis for medical office business owner/practice insurance, disability buyouts, Insurance for employees, benefits for employees, retirement and savings, strategies for deferred comp, and buying into a practice.



Exciting Changes in WMS Member Benefits

The Wyoming Medical Society (WMS) announced recently it has partnered with its second medical malpractice insurer to gain discounts on medical malpractice premiums for our members.

In addition to its long-running 5 percent discount through The Doctors Company, WMS members are now also eligible for a 5 percent discount through UMIA.

UMIA also offers its clients other discounts, available at umia.com.



Non-WMS members interested in enjoying the UMIA discount are encouraged to join WMS before contacting Michelle Schum at USI Insurance in Cheyenne to obtain this additional discount. Schum is available at 307-637-2532 or michelle.schum@usi.com. To join WMS go to wyomed.org or call 307-635-2424.

The WMS continues to exclusively endorse The Doctors Company as its preferred medical liability insurer and The Doctors Company continues to offer WMS members a 5 percent discount.



The Doctors Company, the nation's largest physician-owned medical malpractice insurer, has been providing superior protection to Wyoming physicians for over 35 years. WMS members are eligible for claims-free

credits, participation in the company's multi-year dividend program, and an ironclad consent-to-settle guarantee.

To learn more about the exclusive benefits of The Doctors Company, contact Susan Miller at The Doctors Agency of Wyoming at (800) 451-9829 or smiller@tdawy.com.

