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**Q1** What is your name and Candidate Committee name?

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**Q2** What is the role of state government in healthcare issues in Wyoming? Describe your top three priorities for improving the healthcare delivery system in the state?

1. getting government out of healthcare
2. keeping government out of healthcare]

**Q3** Wyoming's tobacco tax rate of \$.60 per pack ranks 8th lowest in the nation. The national average is \$1.72 per pack. Given the state's declining revenue and Wyoming's low tobacco tax, is increasing the tobacco tax a subject you feel worthy of consideration in the coming biennium? If you do support the tax increase is it primarily based in an interest to generate state revenue or as a method to de-incentivize tobacco use, or both?

**No, I do not support increasing the tobacco tax**

Please Explain:

I will not support any tax until superfluous spending has been eliminated, and even then, I will be loath to consider any new taxation, probably not what you guys want to hear, but I have to call the shots as I see them.

**Q4** Physicians in Wyoming are required to attend continuing medical education (CME) to maintain their licensure in the State. Many physicians are now also taking part in maintenance of certification (MOC) programs to maintain board certification. MOC programs include more stringent continuing education requirements often at a higher cost, and generally involve high-stakes testing in order to maintain certifications. Wyoming physicians support continuing education requirements, but oppose mandates to maintain board certification. Do you support tying a physician's employment, reimbursement, or licensure to their participation in MOC activities?

Please explain.:

I would like more information on this subject

**Q5** With 32 percent of Wyoming’s population being covered by public payers (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, Federal programs, etc), and current projected budget shortfalls, how would you prioritize reimbursement to physicians? Please explain.

I am running for a state office,not federal,within the parameters of state reimbursement I see no reason for the state to dally on payments.good luck getting the feds to move any quicker though,what can be done at the state level,I will be more than happy to sponsor/co legislation to expedite state obligations,and speed up federal obligations to the extent they will listen.

**Q6** WMS supports physician-led healthcare teams with each licensed provider practicing at the top of their scope. Do you support licensed healthcare professionals expanding their scope of practice or increasing the specific tasks they can perform, such as psychologists prescribing or optometrists performing eye surgery, through rule making or legislation without proof of adequate expanded education, training and curriculum changes?

**No, healthcare providers should only expand scope of practice when done through increased education, curriculum changes in training programs and stringent testing to determine proficiency.**

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Please explain:  
I dont want to see what medicine would look like if psychologists or proctologists decide they can be brain surgeons.

**Q7** The demand for mental health services in Wyoming is on the rise with involuntary hospitalizations increasing at alarming rates. Suicide also remains a concern with Wyoming ranking as the fourth-highest state in the nation. Between the increase in demand for state mental health services and recent overages in the state budget for Title 25 costs, what do you believe can be done to positively impact these trends?

other states have programs to alleviate these factors,a state study on what other states are doing would probably be a good idea, mental health is a state obligation that is underserved at this time

**Q8** Would you support legislation to resolve the professional liability crisis in Wyoming? Specifically, would you support a cap on non-economic damages? Would you support other remedies such as adoption of the English rule, no-fault medical liability insurance or other such reforms?

I support capping non-economic damages **Disagree**

I do not support capping non-economic damages **Agree**

I support investigating all avenues to bringing meaningful liability reform to the state including capping non-economic damages. **Agree**

I support investigating alternative means to achieving liability reform but do not support capping non-economic damages. **Agree**

I do not support any efforts to bring liability reform to the state as I do not see there is a current need or crisis. **Disagree**

Please explain: I am neither for nor against capping non-economic damages,I would have to see what the context is in its legislative form,I am certain that reform is needed.

**Q9** WMS advocates for physicians to practice evidence-based medicine grounded in the latest research and safety standards. WMS opposes any legislation that attempts to unnecessarily insert government within the relationship between physicians and their patients as it hinders the ability for doctors to administer the most recent, evidence based, practices in medicine. Do you oppose legislation that unnecessarily inserts government between a physician and a patient?

**Yes, I oppose state legislation that inserts government between a physician and a patient.**

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Please explain:  
read my priorities in the first question

**Q10** Do you support expanding Medicaid to provide state-based insurance to uninsured Wyomingites for 10% of the cost to the State of Wyoming?

**No,**  
Please explain:  
medicaid expansion would cripple any chance at economic recovery for the state and taxpayers of Wyoming

**Q11** Please send me additional information about the following topics:

title 25,certification,and practice expansion(it does concern me that the desire to expand a practice could be accomplished without certification).

**Q12** Does your candidate committee accept Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions?

from some,but not all,to be determined by the candidate