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Management Council Cuts Interim Days

The Management Council of the Wyoming Legislature met in Cheyenne on April 8, 2025, to make decisions about the administration and management of state resources through the legislature's interim period.

The Management Council acted to reduce the number of days available to interim committees from six to four in an effort to preserve state resources and time. They also expressed interest in empowering the chairmen of each committee to solely topics for interim study, as opposed to the traditional format of each committee seeking permission from management council to pursue topics. Chairmen Barlow and Co-chairmen Rodriguez-Williams presented their interim letter (linked [HERE](#) pages 10-11)

Topics in order of prioritization by the committee are as follows:

1. Maternal Medical Care in Wyoming & Maternity Care Deserts
2. Rural Emergency Services
3. Restricting use of AI to determine eligibility (prior authorization)
4. Toxicology and death certificates; exploring the relationship between mental health disability and drug/alcohol use
5. Traditional medicine inclusion in health care and naturopathic licensure
6. Agency reports and reviews

WMS will be looking to our members for support in testifying at the interim committee meetings this year. Priorities one, four, and five will need physician testimony and expertise to ensure the legislature is provided all of the necessary information before changing laws that have the potential to dramatically impact physician prescribing, scope of practice, and medical autonomy in decision making.

Meeting dates for this year's interim meetings are as follows:

- June 23-24, 2025 (tentatively scheduled for Casper)
- October 16-17 (tentatively scheduled for Cheyenne)

Management Council is composed of:

- Senate President Bo Biteman
- Majority Floor Leader Tara Nethercott
- Minority Leader Mike Gierau
- Senate Vice President Tim Salazar
- House Speaker Chip Neiman
- Majority Floor Leader Scott Heiner

- Minority Floor Leader Mike Yin
- House Appropriations Committee Chairman John Bear

The Media's Take

Legislature Cuts Meetings After Summer Committee Bills Go Nowhere



Leo Wolfson, writing for the Cowboy State Daily, covered yesterday's hearing.

[Legislature Cuts Meetings After Summer Committee Bills Go Nowhere](#)

Wyoming legislative leaders reduce committee meeting days to heighten focus, save money



Hannah Shields, writing for the Wyoming Tribune Eagle, also covered yesterday's hearing.

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Physicians Join Forces for Medicaid



A coalition of state medical societies and their members has convened to protect Medicaid. [Physicians for Medicaid](#) is a newly launched campaign designed to give physicians and their patients a voice in advocating against Medicaid cuts being

considered by Congress.

The Senate is expected to vote on potential Medicaid cuts in their budget resolution before April 14 and the House is expected to vote soon after.

If this is an issue of importance to you, you can learn more about Physicians for Medicaid by [CLICKING HERE](#). On their website you will find easy ways to contact your member of Congress, a compilation of the latest national news on the topic, resources to provide patients who want to join the advocacy efforts and more.

[Send a Letter to Save Medicaid](#)



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ABMS & Standardization of Certification

On Monday, April 7, the American Board of Medical Specialties sent a [letter to hospital and health system leaders](#) across the United States regarding legitimate board certification. As the ABMS letter highlights, more than 80 percent of medical specialists nationwide are certified by a specialty organization, but the details of what constitutes a certifying program are not well understood.

The ABMS letter outlines the importance of upholding integrity in physician credentialing and the desire for policymakers nationwide to adopt uniform professional standards and definitions for legitimate certification bodies. Adoption of a common baseline definition of specialty certification ensures that patients can trust the integrity of the credential, prevents public confusion regarding varying credentials, and provides policymakers and health care organizations with clear guidance for evaluating certification programs.

Learn more about the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) by clicking [HERE](#) and review their latest board certification report by clicking [HERE](#).

WMS UPDATES

2025-2026 WMS Officer Slate Announced



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Ballots for WMS members to vote on the coming year's leadership will be distributed later this month. Thank you to all who participated in our call for nominations and especially to those who volunteered to serve!



WMS ELECTIONS

2025-2026 Nomination Results

The Nominees

Thank you to the following physicians who have accepted the nomination to stand for election this spring.

President

Kris Schamber, MD (Internal Medicine)

Vice President

Tracey Haas, DO, MPH (Family Medicine)

Secretary/Treasurer

Israel Stewart, DO (Internal Medicine)

Open Trustee

Rebecca Franklund, MD (Obstetrics & Gynecology)

Trustees At Large

Three Running for Three Open Positions

Mattson Mathey, MD (Family Medicine)

Donald Kirk, MD (Family Medicine)

Brendan Fitzsimmons, MD (Family Medicine)

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WMS PARTNER MESSAGES

TDC Weighs in on EHR Interoperability and AI

Healthcare clinicians are ready to let AI lighten their loads - but first, we need to achieve EHR interoperability. AI can help with that, too. Click [HERE](#) to read more...

Read the latest from The Doctors Company (TDC) on AI-powered tools that can make physician lives easier by relieving administrative burdens, streamlining workflows, and improving patient safety and risk management.

EHR INTEROPERABILITY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:



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