



WMS MEMBER NEWS

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HHS DISMISSES ACIP MEMBERS

HHS Sets Reconstitution of Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) in Motion

On Monday, June 9, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the dismissal of all members of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP). Secretary Kennedy is quoted in the [HHS news release](#) as saying, "A clean sweep is necessary to reestablish public confidence in vaccine science. ACIP's new members will prioritize public health and evidence-based medicine. The Committee will no longer function as a rubber stamp for industry profit-taking agendas."

Healthcare and medical organizations quickly released statements expressing deep concern at the abrupt actions taken by HHS Secretary Kennedy. AMA President, Bruce Scott, MD, was quoted saying, "For generations, ACIP has been a trusted national source of science and data-driven advice and guidance on the use of vaccines to prevent and control disease. Physicians, parents, community leaders and public health officials rely on them for clinical guidance, public health information, and knowledge. The removal of the 17 sitting members of ACIP undermines that trust and upends a transparent process that has saved countless lives".

The Wyoming Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics released a letter to all Wyoming media outlets Tuesday. The full text can be read by clicking the link below.

On Wednesday, June 11, Secretary Kennedy appointed eight new ACIP members. Members can read more about who those eight new members are [HERE](#).

[WY-AAP ACIP Letter](#)

BCBS LAWSUIT & SETTLEMENT

Claim Submission Due July 29, 2025

The November 2024 Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) lawsuit impacting physicians resulted in a \$2.8 billion antitrust settlement. The lawsuit, initiated in 2012, alleged that BCBS colluded to limit competition and lower reimbursement.

Physicians who provided healthcare services and submitted claims to BCBS between July 24, 2008, and October 4, 2024, are eligible to submit claims for a share of the settlement. Approximately \$160 million of the full settlement was specifically allocated for professional providers.

The settlement aims to address antitrust violations and promote fair competition within the healthcare industry. It is expected to bring changes to how BCBS operates, potentially leading to more competitive pricing and improved services for providers and patients.

[BCBS Provider Settlement Website](#)

AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2025

WY Physician Delegates Represent at AMA HOD

Wyoming physicians, Stephen Brown, MD (AMA Delegate), and David B. Wheeler, MD, PhD, (AMA Alternate Delegate), carried Wyoming's physician voice to the floor of the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates (HOD) this past weekend in Chicago.

The 2025 House of Delegates meeting focused on strengthening medical education, addressing prior authorization at the federal level, and adopting new public health policies. Key highlights included efforts to ease Step 1 stress as well as great debates about a number of public health policies, including the

alcohol product labeling, ultraprocessed foods, and the need for continued education around the importance of physician-led care.

The AMA's advocacy efforts around protecting Medicare and Medicaid drew some contention with division amongst the delegates about the AMA strategy and extent to which the AMA voice should be elevated in this important policy work. Read more highlights from the meeting [HERE](#).

Outgoing AMA President, Bruce Scott, MD, delivered a powerful final address to the House on June 6, passionately pleading with physicians to turn their discontent into decisive action. Read the release [HERE](#).

WMS UPDATES AND NEWS

Physician of the Year - Call for Nominations

WMS is seeking nominations from the membership for this year's Physician of the Year. The recipients deserving of this award go above and beyond in their personal and professional lives within Wyoming's communities.

This is a special honor that the Wyoming Medical Society is proud to facilitate. Please consider nominating a deserving doctor for the 2025 Physician of the Year Award. The Board of Trustees will make the final selection and the awardee will be recognized at this year's annual conference in Laramie, November 14-15.

Congratulations, again, to our past recipients. View a listing of all previous awardees by [CLICKING HERE](#).

To submit a nomination please complete the online nomination form linked below.

[2025 Physician of the Year Nomination Form](#)

MARTHA HAGEMAN, MD

2024 Physician of the Year





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WWAMI Admissions Committee Opening

The **WWAMI Admissions Committee** has an opening. Apply today.

The Wyoming Admissions Committee is comprised of four Wyoming physician members appointed to staggered three-year terms with an option to serve an additional three years.

Admissions committee members are responsible for interviewing those Wyoming applicants who have met certain academic criteria for admission to medical school. Interviews are conducted over the course of a week in January, February or early March. Members begin interviews Sunday afternoon and conclude the following Friday afternoon. The Univ. of Washington provides travel and lodging during the interview sessions, if necessary. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

*Applications are due no later than **Monday, August 11**.*

[WWAMI Admissions Application Form](#)


WMS Annual Meeting

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION at a discounted rate for the 2025 WMS Annual Meeting will be open June 18th, so mark your calendars!

This year’s event will include captivating speakers and the return of the President's Reception and Gala, all set against the picturesque backdrop of a beautiful fall weekend in Laramie.



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A Doctor's Guide to Selecting a Medical Malpractice Insurer

Whether you're choosing medical malpractice insurance for the first time or seeking additional coverage for an established practice, selecting the right insurer is one of the most important decisions you'll make. When your reputation and livelihood are on the line, you need a strong, proactive insurance partner on your side.

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