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LABOR/HEALTH LEGISLATIVE CMTE MEETS

Physicians show in strength at June Hearing

The Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee met on June 23-24 in Casper, discussing several key healthcare issues. Topics included naturopathic physician licensure, maternal health, vaccine requirements, and increasing Medicaid reimbursement. WMS physicians were there to observe, engage, and provide expertise and insight to the committee tasked with determining the path for health care policy for Wyoming.

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WDH - MEDICAID LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Dr. Paul Johnson Announces Departure - Position Open



After more than two years of dedicated service as the Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director, Dr. Paul Johnson has announced his decision to step down from the role and return to his surgical practice. The Wyoming Medical Society extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Johnson for his meaningful contributions to the state's medical community and to the health of Wyoming residents. His unique combination of clinical expertise and academic training in public health brought valuable insight and perspective to this critical position.

We thank Dr. Johnson for his service to the state and the Department of Health. While his leadership will be greatly missed, we know his patients will benefit from his return to clinical and surgical care.



more about the position and how to apply, [CLICK HERE](#).

The Wyoming Department of Health has opened the position and is seeking a mission-oriented medical doctor to serve as its new Medicaid Medical Director. The leadership position will provide expertise in standards of care and quality of care to ensure Medicaid members can live healthy lives in Wyoming. To learn

RESIDENCY GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations UWFM Class of 2025



Congratulations to the 2025 class of University of Wyoming Family Medicine Residents who celebrated graduation this week. The Casper, Cheyenne, and Thermopolis sites all celebrated in their own way, recognizing the achievement of this new class of Wyoming physicians.

Congratulations, graduates. We're proud of you!

NONCOMPETE CLAUSE RESTRICTIONS

Noncompete Agreement Restrictions Take Effect July 1



Husch Blackwell partner and WMS legal counsel, [Nick Healey, JD](#), in partnership with [Shawna Ruetz, JD](#), and [Kristina Abdalla, JD](#), help physicians understand what changes are coming to what Wyoming employers can do under new law restricting non-compete agreements taking effect July 1, 2025.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read Husch Blackwell's insights article about how these new non-compete restrictions will impact physicians.

BCBS LAWSUIT AND 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](#)



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 opened last week! Make plans to join colleagues and friends for this year's event.

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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