



WMS MEMBER NEWS

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WMS UPDATES

RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUNDING PROGRAM VIRTUAL TOWN HALL: Calling all WMS Members

Join Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director Tracey Haas, DO, MPH, and WMS members from across the state to learn more about the Rural Health Transformation Funding (RHTF) Program. Associations across Wyoming are being asked to provide proposals for how our physician and PA members believe the funding could best be used to support and transform rural health.

WMS must submit our funding proposals to the Department of Health by October 10 so time is of the essence. WMS is eager to hear your thoughts, insights and feedback as well as create the opportunity to make sure your questions get answered regarding this unique funding opportunity for our state.

WHO: Any and All Wyoming Physicians and PAs
(WMS Membership appreciated but not required to participate)

WHAT: Virtual Town Hall

WHEN: Wednesday, September 24 at 5:00 PM (MST)

WHERE: From the comfort of your home or office

Join Us Online:

Video Call Link: <https://meet.google.com/mni-jtpm-raj>

Or Dial: (US) +1 470-210-1431 PIN: 968 276 396#

Planning to join us for the RHTF Town Hall? If so, click the thumbs up below!



Click this [Google Calendar link](#) or the google icon to automatically add this event to your calendar!

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UPCOMING IN-PERSON EVENTS: WMS Around Wyoming



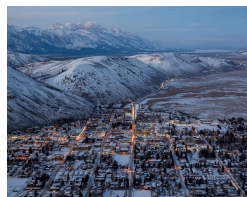
CASPER

Wednesday
October 1, 2025
5:30pm

All physicians and PAs in Casper and the surrounding areas are invited to join WMS for an evening of connection and conversation.

Drop by for a few minutes or stay for the full evening. This is your opportunity to share how WMS can better serve you.

RSVP to info@wyomed.org or call 307-635-2424 for location and details.



JACKSON

Tuesday
October 28, 2025

Physicians and PAs from Teton Mountain Counties Medical Society (Teton, Lincoln, and Sublette) are invited to a special evening at the Snake River Grill.

Seating is limited, please contact WMS or Dr. Giovannina Anthony soon to reserve your seat.



CHEYENNE

Thursday
October 16, 2025
6:00 PM

Now is the time to make sure your voice is heard in Wyoming health policy. Please join Laramie county physicians and PAs for a special reception with Laramie County legislators and members of the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee.

RSVP to info@wyomed.org or call 307-635-2424 for location and details.

Legislative Training for all WMS Members - Virtual Event

Elevating medicine in Wyoming policy conversations has never been more critical. With significant decisions ahead, protecting our state, our patients, and the future of physicians and PAs requires strong, engaged voices.

Testifying at a legislative hearing can feel daunting - but WMS is here to help! Join us for an informal evening workshop designed to give you the tools and confidence to participate effectively in the legislative process.

We'll cover everything from bill tracking to the rules of testifying in front of a committee. Whether you are an experienced speaker or brand-new to advocacy, you'll leave with practical insights to strengthen your future interactions.

PLEASE RSVP

LOCATION

Virtual - Only

DATE AND TIME

10/15/25 6:00pm - 10/15/25 8:00pm US/Mountain

Virtual Legislative Training via Google Meet

I'll Be There!

Maybe

I Can't Make It



Click this [Google Calendar link](#) or the google icon to the left to automatically add this event to your calendar!

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ary-wzcy-zja>
Or dial: (US) +1 413-418-4262 PIN: 154 816 312#

The WMS & WAPA Annual Conference is less than 50 days away! Your participation is critical to the success of this conference and celebration gala!

We're certain there's nowhere else you'd rather be than in Laramie with your closest friends, November 14-15!

Register today and secure your reservations before we're sold out!

[Register for the Annual Meeting & President's Black-Tie Gala](#)



STATE UPDATES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Wyoming and the Rural Health Transformation Fund

The [Rural Health Transformation \(RHT\) Program](#), established under Section 71401, P.L. 119-21 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, presents a significant opportunity for Wyoming to revolutionize its rural healthcare system. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) officially released the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) on Monday, September 15, inviting states to submit their transformation plans.

The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) is seeking proposals from healthcare associations, like WMS, to inform their process in determining the state's application. Below are the details of eligibility and instruction from WDH for the associations. To view the letter from WDH Director Johansson, click [HERE](#). **Please submit your ideas to WMS no later than October 1, 2025**

Key Program Details:

- Total Funding: \$50 billion over five years (FY 2026-2030), equating to \$10 billion annually.
- Eligibility: All 50 U.S. states are eligible to apply with a transformation plan. U.S. territories and Washington D.C. are not eligible.
- Fund Distribution: Half of the available funds will be equally distributed among states with approved applications. The remaining half will be awarded based on specific metrics, including rural population, facility needs, and the strength of the proposed plan.
- Wyoming Dept. of Health deadline to submit proposals for inclusion in Wyoming's application: **October 10, 2025**
- Federal Application Deadline: November 5, 2025. Award announcements are anticipated by the end of December 2025.

Five strategic goals:

1. Make rural America healthy again:
 - Chronic disease prevention
 - Behavioral health
1. Supporting sustainable access:
 - Supporting appropriate care availability
 - Provider payments, which cannot supplant or modify existing fee schedule programs; payment innovation must justify why services are not already reimbursable
1. Workforce development and supply
2. Innovative care
3. Technological innovation:
 - Consumer tech solutions

- Training and technical assistance
- IT advances

WMS will be submitting proposals in compliance with WDH submission criteria and associated timelines. All proposals must address:

- The problem for rural Wyoming that our proposal intends to solve;
- How we know it is actually a problem;
- A brief description of the proposal and how it addresses the problem;
- A summary of the proposal's costs;
- The proposed timeline for incurring those costs.

All of the above must be addressed and further be categorized in the following categories:

- **Emergencies:** What challenges do we consider to be at a crisis level?
- **Needs:** What requirements do you view as immediate or important?
- **Innovations:** What creative solutions can address healthcare challenges in our rural community?
- **Wants:** What meaningful opportunities exist that could improve healthcare in our rural community?

Please consider joining our town hall next week, or simply submit your thoughts, ideas, and proposals to us via email no later than October 1. We will compile, synthesize, and provide our proposal(s) to the Wyoming Department of Health to inform their application.

Please email info@wyomed.org or call 307-635-2424.

FEDERAL UPDATES

CLIA Certificates Transition to Electronic Fee Coupons

CMS announced changes in the Clinical Laboratory Improvement & Quality division impacting physicians who operate a CLIA laboratory in association with their practice.

CMS is seeking to improve the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) program by switching to electronic fee coupons and CLIA certificates. To continue getting these, eligible laboratories and providers that perform laboratory testing must switch to electronic email notifications by March 1, 2026; paper versions will no longer be mailed after this date.

There are 3 ways you can update your information:

1. Email the Wyoming Dept. of Health Aging Division, Healthcare Licensing and Surveys
2. Contact your Accreditation Organization if they run an accredited laboratory
3. Fill out the CLIA Application for Certification (PDF) (form CMS-1116), and check the box next to "Receive notifications including electronic certificates via email" in section I

You can read the CMS announcement directly on the following link:

https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/mln-connects-newsletter-august-7-2025#_Toc205285425

WYOMING PROVIDERS:

How do you talk about the

988

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE?



Please help us and the future of our suicide hotline by taking a few short minutes and completing this [SURVEY](#). Your participation will help inform future strategic decisions by Wyoming's 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline!

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