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WHA Calendar:

WHA CEO/ Trustee Spring Meeting Casper, WY	5/19
LeadingAge Wyoming Spring Meeting Casper, WY	5/17- 5/18

Other Events:

HortySpringer Educational Opportunity Cody, WY	4/20- 4/21
AHA Annual Meeting Washington DC	5/7- 5/10

Wyoming QIO: Mountain Pacific Quality Health

The February edition of News Briefs may have caused some confusion about the distinction between the two types of quality improvement organizations (QIOs) the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) funds to support Wyoming patients with Medicare.

First, some background: In 2014, to help improve effectiveness, efficiency, cost and quality of care, CMS separated quality improvement from case review services.

Historically, QIOs have been charged with doing both, but to eliminate any perceived conflicts of interest, as of August 1, 2014, CMS began supporting two types of QIOs: Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs) and Beneficiary and Family Centered Care (BFCC)-QIO.

Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs) focus on improving the quality of care delivered in a variety of health care settings, partnering with local providers and stakeholders to reduce patient harm, improve individual and population health and spend health care dollars more wisely.

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is one of 14 QIN-QIOs in the nation.

Mountain-Pacific has been working with Wyoming health care providers since 1984.

Beneficiary and Family Centered Care (BFCC)-QIOs perform numerous review functions, including Medicare beneficiary complaints, discharge and termination of service appeals, Higher Weighted Diagnosis-Related

Group (HWDRG) reviews, Short Stay reviews, and Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) reviews.

BFCC-QIOs also perform a service called Immediate Advocacy, where they act as a mediator between a provider and a beneficiary when there is a concern that does not require a medical record review.

KEPRO is the BFCC-QIO that serves Wyoming.

QIN-QIOs and BFCC-QIOs work together whenever a quality of care concern is identified.

It is important to realize that, although they are two separate entities, as part of the same Quality Improvement Program, their efforts focus on bettering care and improving outcomes for beneficiaries.

**WHA Trustee Education
May 19, 2017
Casper Hilton Garden Inn**

**Hilton Garden Inn room rates
\$91.00
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WMC National Accreditation for Weight-loss Surgery

Kevin Helling, M.D., medical director of bariatric surgery, has announced that Wyoming Medical Center has been accredited as a Comprehensive Bariatric Center under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP®), a joint program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

"I am proud to say that we are now the only accredited center for bariatric surgery in the entire state of Wyoming," said Dr. Helling. "Our presence as a regional referral center for bariatric surgery and other specialty services continues to grow. That is only possible because of the effort put in by our excellent medical staff."

The hospital's commitment to quality care begins with appropriately trained staff and the leadership surgeons who participate in

meetings throughout the year to review outcomes. They seek continuous improvement to enhance the structure, process and outcomes of the center.

To earn the MBSAQIP designation, WMC met essential criteria for staffing, training and facility infrastructure and protocols for care, ensuring its ability to support patients with severe obesity.

Learn more about the Weight-loss Surgery program at WyomingMedicalCenter.org/weightloss.

Casting for Recovery

Wyoming survivors of breast cancer are invited to apply for Casting for Recovery's 7th annual retreat at the Absaroka Ranch, Dubois, July 21-23, 2017.

Casting for Recovery provides women whose lives have been affected by breast cancer an opportunity to gather in a natural setting and learn the sport of fly-fishing. Just as importantly, the

retreats allow women to meet new friends, network, exchange information, and have fun.

The weekend retreats incorporate counseling and educational services.

Trained facilitators staff each retreat, including a psychosocial therapist, a health care professional as well as fly-fishing instructors and river helpers.

Participants attend this important retreat at no-

charge due to the generous donations from individuals and businesses and grants from the Wyoming Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole.

To apply for this retreat, CFR must receive your application by: May 12, 2017. Apply online at www.castingforrecovery.org or contact Casting for Recovery at 888-553-3500/

National Hospital Week is May 7-13

A hospital is more than a place where people go to heal, it is a part of the community that fosters health and represents hope. From providing treatment and comfort to the sick, to welcoming new life into the world, hospitals are central to a healthy and optimistic community.

That's the message organizers are touting with the 2017 National Hospital Week theme "The Healing Heart of Healthcare."

The event theme, announced this week, is the centerpiece of a promotional campaign aimed at uniting health care facilities across the country during the May 7-13 celebration.

The nation's largest health care event, National Hospital Week dates back to 1921 when it was suggested by a magazine editor who hoped a community wide celebration would alleviate public fears about hospitals.