

# NEWS BRIEFS

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## WHA Calendar:

Wyoming Patient Safety Summit  
Laramie 11/7

Wyoming Legislature  
Cheyenne 11/13

## Other Events:

HFMA Fall Meeting  
Laramie 11/19-11/21

2014 Wyoming Forum  
Cheyenne 11/13-11/14

## 2014 Patient Safety Summit

Make plans to attend the third annual Patient Safety Summit hosted by the Wyoming Hospital Association and the Wyoming Medical Society.

Please join a group of concerned healthcare stakeholders for a one day summit on "Patient Safety Culture" in Laramie, Wyoming on November 7, 2014.

This year's Summit will feature respected patient safety experts from across the country and right here in Wyoming.

"The term "safety culture" is widely used but may be difficult to define. Key players in developing a culture of safety include patients, everyone who interacts with patients during their care, and senior leadership.

These groups must work together to develop a common vision of safety culture for it to become a reliable part of an organization.

The Wyoming Medical Society and the Wyoming Hospital Association have come together once again to organize the third annual Patient Safety Summit, aimed at hosting a forum to assist all types of healthcare providers in identifying best practices to improve patient safety and quality across the continuum of care.

We have amassed an out-

standing array of experts that will examine a host of issues to help us all foster a culture of safety that follows patients from one care setting to another.

This year's Keynote Speaker is Captain Alan Price, a patient safety coach and master trainer with LifeWings.

He has presented teamwork, communication, and crisis leadership programs for a variety of audiences. His coursework focuses on leadership and human factor skills, and he has worked extensively with physicians, nurses, and healthcare personnel.

Capt. Price has over thirty-nine years experience in a variety of different disciplines, and professional settings. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Science from USAF Academy, and a Masters of Decision Science from Georgia State University.

Guest presenter Robert S. Thompson, RT, JD, MBA, ARM, AIC, RPLU, CPCU serves as director of education at MMIC where he develops and

delivers educational programs for MMIC clients.

He specializes in delivering patient safety, risk management and healthcare communication seminars.

Mr. Thompson has a diversified background in law, medicine, medical professional liability insurance and healthcare risk management. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business administration, and a Juris Doctorate and Master of Laws.

Cheryl Ruble will be presenting the program "Messages that Stick: Engaging Patients in the Safety Effort."

Please visit the Wyoming Medical Society website at [www.wyomed.org/patientsafety](http://www.wyomed.org/patientsafety) to learn more about this year's third annual Patient Safety Summit.

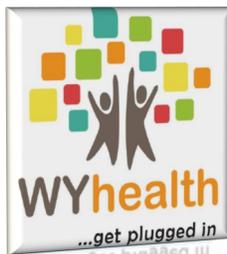
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## VA Completes Residential Treatment Facility

The Sheridan Veterans Affairs Medical Center has completed space for a residential rehabilitation treatment program.

Currently the residential rehabilitation treatment program is housed in a 16,000 square foot building. The patients are in a dorm-like setting with six to eight patients per room.

The new facility is 26,000 square feet and will

house two patients per room.

"The new building allowed us to make the patient areas more homelike," said Dr. Mark Mann, associate chief of staff for mental health. "We have added a kitchen and are scheduling healthy eating and cooking classes. Veterans are very excited to move in and be able to spread out. This new building is truly a feather in our cap for the region."

The Sheridan VA Healthcare System is the referral site for mental health and substance abuse across the Rocky Mountain region.

Each year, the Sheridan VA system cares for more than 13,000 veterans and purchases \$13 million in non-VA care within the Wyoming medical community.

## WYhealth Childhood Weight Management

A weight management program is now available at no cost for overweight or obese children and teens insured with Medicaid.

The program, called "Back in Whack," aims to reduce both weight-related problems and the risk of children continuing into adulthood obesity.

This evidence-based program includes multiple methods of education and support including a package of materials mailed to the home and ongoing telephonic support by nurse care managers.

The package includes varied supplies including in-depth course materials, measuring cups, a tape measurer, instructional DVD's, a journal, and a diet and activity log.

WYhealth nurse care managers will engage weekly with program participants to provide continued education, encouragement, and support.

The base program focuses on four components of lifestyle modification: a nutrition component, a physical activity component, a behavioral intervention compo-

nent, and a parent training and modeling component.

These four components are taught through exercises, reading material, audio-visual material, and by engaging parental support.

WYhealth contracts with Wyoming Department of Health to provide care management to Medicaid clients throughout Wyoming.

Clients interested in more information about the program are invited to call 888-245-1710 and request contact by a nurse care manager for the "Back in Whack" program.

## Coverage to Care Initiative

Due to the Affordable Care Act, more than 14 million Americans, many for the first time now have quality health insurance through the Marketplace, Medicaid and CHIP.

It's important for the newly insured to fully understand when, where, and how to use their new coverage to get the right care, at the right time, in the

right place to stay healthy.

This is why CMS has launched a new nationwide initiative called Coverage to Care (C2C).

This initiative designed to help consumers understand their new coverage and help them get primary care and the preventive services that are right for them so they can live long, healthy lives, better connect

and form effective partnerships with newly insured patients.

The C2C website provides patients, healthcare providers, and stakeholders with information and resources regarding the program.

The website can be found at <http://marketplace.cms.gov/technical-assistance-resources/c2c.html>