



NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board of Directors Meeting
Lander 5/17

Wyoming Critical Access Hospital Network Membership Meeting
Lander 5/17

WHA Trustee Educational Program
Lander 5/18

Other Events:

Joint Labor, Health, Social Services Committee
Casper 5/31-6/1

Western Regional Trustee Symposium
Big Sky, MT 6/13-6/15

Western Region Flex Conference
Park City, UT 6/14-6/15

WHA ICD-10 Training Program Fills Up Quickly

The Wyoming Hospital Association has partnered with Laramie County Community College's Workforce and Community Development department and Wyoming Workforce Services to create an ICD-10 training program for Wyoming healthcare facilities.

The program is funded by a grant from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services and is offered to hospitals, clinics and physician offices at no cost.

All classes will be offered via the video conference or online. Only 30 slots were available for the first class, and as of last week, those slots were full.

However, because of the tremendous interest in this important program, the WHA has already begun work on scheduling a second set of classes, tentatively expected to be offered in July.

Slated to launch on June 7, the first round of classes will offer training on a wide spectrum of areas, ranging from a discussion of issues arising from the conversion, to terminology reviews, to conventions, practical applications, and documentation improvements.

Organizers expect to offer some of the courses multiple times, and to use a variety of media – including video con-

ferencing and online – to deliver the courses.

Although the original deadlines for conversion have been delayed, according to CMS, training for the conversion to ICD-10 should take place in late 2012 or early 2013 for most staff. And those training needs are likely to vary for different organizations.

Physician practice coders will need to learn ICD-10 diagnosis coding only, for example, while hospital cod-

ers will need to learn both ICD-10 diagnosis and ICD-10 inpatient procedure coding.

AHIMA will be offering 18 credit hours for certified coders.

The first WHA program is scheduled to conclude in September. For more information about the WHA's ICD-10 training program, call (307) 632-9344, or email jody@wyohospitals.com.

WHA ICD-10 Training Courses

5010 – What's Happening Now

A collaborative discussion of the issues providers are facing with the 5010 conversion.

Anatomy and Terminology Review

Review terminology by body system, while discussing anatomy and disease processes. This course is a review for those who need to brush up on their anatomy for coding.

ICD-10 Conventions

Compare the ICD-9 codes with ICD-10, evaluate crosswalks and familiarize yourself with the conventions of the new coding system.

ICD-10 Practical Application

In this course, you will work in-depth with practical exercises, selecting codes and evaluating documentation.

Documentation Improvement

Documentation is the foundation of every health record and affects all aspects of compliance. Learn what the documentation should look like, and learn the strategies to get the information you need.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight



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MHSC Thrives Through 120-Year History

More than 120 years ago, the initial authority for construction of the "Miners' Hospital" was included within the Constitution for Wyoming when the territory was admitted to the Union in 1890.

At that time, Wyoming was given various land grants by the federal government, of which a 30,000 acre tract, designated as the "Miners' Land Grant", was specifically set aside for the construction and operation of the "Miners' Hospital."

In the 1892 general election, Rock Springs was designated as the location of the new hospital. Subsequently, the first Wyoming legislature appropriated a levy for the hospital, and the Union Pacific Railway Company donated 15 acres of land to the state for the construction of the hospital.

On December 2, 1893, dedication ceremonies were held, and within a year, the hospital was completed and officially opened as the Wyoming General Hospital.

On January 1, 1948, by act of the 29th Wyoming legislature, ownership of the Wyoming General Hospital was transferred to Sweetwater County and the hospital officially became Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County.

More recently, the hospital continued its century-long commitment to healthcare with 54,000 square feet of new construction and 64,000 square feet of renovations.

Trustee Education Session to Focus on Legal Issues

The Wyoming Hospital Association's 2012 Trustee Education program kicks off May 18 in Lander with a series of legal perspectives on key issues of importance to Wyoming hospitals.

The May 18 session is open to all WHA member trustees and administrators.

During the day-long event, trustees will learn

from attorneys Nick Healey and Fran Cadez about such subjects as the board's role in quality oversight, and changes to the open meetings and open records laws, among other topics.

Trustees will also hear an update on federal health policy issues, including a discussion of the pending Supreme Court decision regarding the constitutionality of the Affordable Care

Act.

In addition to these educational items, the WHA's Trustee Education Council will also report on their progress in developing on-going Trustee Education Program.

To learn more, and to register for this important trustee educational event, contact the WHA at (307) 632-9344, or via email at rose@wyohospitals.com.

Trustee Symposium To Focus on Governing in Times of Change

Even as uncertainty continues to loom over the healthcare landscape, trustees continue to step up and take on the challenge of leading hospitals into a largely unknowable future.

The 16th Annual Western Regional Trustee Symposium is designed to help prepare trustees to manage through the uncertainty that comes with major change. The symposium, which will focus on 'Governance in

Times of Change,' is set for June 13 – 15 in Big Sky, Mont.

Keynote speakers at the event will discuss tough issues such as developing a high-performing board, talent management and leadership continuity, quality improvement, and cost reduction. And breakout sessions will offer insight into board development, physician issues, enhancing patient experience, performance im-

provement, affiliation strategies, and capital finance.

The symposium also includes a comprehensive federal perspective on the state of American healthcare and pending legislation that will affect hospitals from Mike Rock, Senior Associate Director for Federal Relations at the American Hospital Association.

More information is available at www.trusteesymposium.org