



NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf 9/23
Tournament

WHA Annual 9/24-
Meeting & 9/25
Convention
Cheyenne

Other Events:

WCAHN 7/10
Financial/
Executive
Workshop
Casper



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Preparations Taking Place for Wyoming CheckPoint

As a new initiative of WHA having been announced earlier this year, key preparations continue to take place regarding plans to unveil our new Wyoming CheckPoint program this coming September.

Facilitated via a partnership between WHA and the Wisconsin Hospital Association, as the developer and strategic host of the program, CheckPoint will provide public access to a variety of quality, safety, and patient satisfaction measures for Wyoming hospitals.

The intent of this effort is clearly to showcase the quality improvement efforts of all hospitals statewide, while providing focus on raising the bar in continuing to advance the commitment to quality care and promoting genuine transparency.

Through this process, individual hospitals will not be expected to garner additional levels of data collection, as the sourcing will be composed of evidence-based measures that are already available to be gleaned from existing databases.

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, serving as our state's QIO organization, is engaged in this process with WHA in supporting the necessary data collection efforts.

There are a number of specific elements that have deemed the CheckPoint program to provide highly reliable data and resources to the forefront of the public's discretion.



Namely, the data will be comparable across hospitals of similar size and scope, will be available to be effectively benchmarked to recognized rates of expected patient outcomes, and will be cued to be refreshed on a quarterly basis to assure that information and indicators are indeed current.

These parameters are all in keeping with the intentions to provide consumers with a source of confidence through the distribution of reliable and valid data directly via the Wyoming Hospital Association.

Through these efforts, it is expected that CheckPoint will play a new and leading role in minimizing the oftentimes conflicting or inconsistent quality information by maintaining a direct source of Wyoming-based data.

In addition, this speaks to the recognition that employers, large and small alike – are increasingly challenged to maintain their provision of employer-based health plans.

Whether it be through a traditional insurance based plan or a self-funded model, the CheckPoint program is certain to be of benefit as determinations are made by health care plans regarding pricing and quality.

The balance and equation of delivering increasing value to the health care consumer is ever-present. WHA is very committed to serving and supporting our member hospitals with the necessary tools to assist in delivering upon the goals toward improved quality and enhancing value in health care to all of Wyoming.

We are very fortunate to serve hospitals that clearly share in this commitment and look forward to the CheckPoint program providing improved information that will benefit Wyoming hospitals, our functionality as an association, and ultimately the patients receiving care in our state.



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

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CCMH Offers Online Access to Health Information

Campbell County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) is now offering patients quick and private access, day or night, to their inpatient hospital personal health information with an online gateway called My Health Home.

When patients sign-up for the My Health Home, they are able to:

- View and share their personal health record (PHR) related to hospi-

tal stays as well as lab and radiology services;

- Have electronic access to a list of medications, allergies, lab test results, patient history and other healthcare information related to an inpatient hospital visit and some outpatient services done at the hospital.
- Manage family members' health records, once authorized.

My Health Home also allows patients track their previous appointments online for lab and radiology services. Not all hospital services or Campbell County Clinics will be available.

Registration is quick and easy, and it's free.

CCMH patients interested in enrolling in My Health Home can call 307.688.7878 or visit www.ccmh.net/myhealth

Auxiliary of the Year Award

In 1985, the Wyoming Association of Hospital Auxiliaries Governing Board, now called the Wyoming Healthcare Volunteers Organization, established an award to recognize the outstanding volunteer service of an auxiliary during the Annual Wyoming Hospital Association Convention.

The Board feels all auxiliaries work together providing a concerted effort on behalf of the auxiliary to enhance the hospital's services.

Nominations for the "Outstanding Auxiliary" of

the year may be made by the chief executive officer, the staff person responsible for volunteer programs or the hospital auxiliary.

To be eligible for the award, the auxiliary must be a paid member of the Wyoming Healthcare Volunteers Organization.

The purpose of the Volunteers Organization is to provide an organized structure to facilitate the development and advancement of effective auxiliary participation in Wyoming health care facilities and thereby promote health service for all citizens of

Wyoming.

Each institution is responsible for determining its own method of nominating and selecting the one (1) program/project that its auxiliary performed during the past year that warrants consideration for the award.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Convention to be held September 24 - September 25, 2014 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. All nominations must be received by July 1, 2014.

Healthcare Hospitality Week

July 20-26 is being designated as Healthcare Hospitality Week.

Thousands of families and patients of all ages and walks of life have found a haven within the warm, home-like environments provided by hospitality houses and host home programs.

Homes that help and heal have become community assets that bring added value to the hospitals and medical centers whose thousands of patients and families are served annually.

The Healthcare Hospitality Network, Inc. (HHN) is a nonprofit or-

ganization that provides lodging and support services to patients, families and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment far from their home communities.

The Healthcare Hospitality Network can be reached at 800-542-9730 or www.nahhh.org.