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WHA Calendar:

Healthcare Leadership Training	7/12
Paying for Healthcare: Finding the Right Incentives Casper	7/18

Other Events:

Hospital Advisory Group
Cheyenne 7/9

Board of Nursing Requests Public Comment

On behalf of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) Board Members and Cynthia LaBonde, Executive Director, the public is invited to attend a public comment period during the July Quarterly Board meeting to discuss the CRNA Medical Supervision Opt-Out.

The WSBN has been asked by Thomas Forslund, Executive Director, Department of Health to reply to these three questions:

- 1) Are there issues related to access and the quality of anesthesia services in

Wyoming?

- 2) Is it in Wyoming's citizens' best interests to opt-out of the current physician (MD/DO) supervisor requirement?
- 3) Is the opt-out consistent with State law?

WSBN will take public comment addressing these three questions on July 10 at 9 a.m. before formulating a response to Director Forslund's letter.

Persons wishing to speak to the Board regarding these three questions, either in per-

son or by phone, must call 307-777-3425 and register by July 8, 2013.

Comments may be submitted via email to: wsbn-info-licensing@wyo.gov.



Paying Differently For Healthcare - Finding the Right Incentives

We know the traditional fee-for-service system of paying for healthcare is not working. It creates the wrong incentives.

But how can we stop paying for volume and start paying for value?

How can we pay differently for healthcare here in Wyoming?

What system(s) can we develop that would create the right incentives?

And how can we do this while making sure we attract and retain top notch physicians, nurses and other care providers?

Join us for this groundbreaking community conversation co-sponsored by The Wyoming Hospital Association, Wyoming Medical Center, Wyoming Medical Center Foundation and The Wyoming Business Coalition on Health.

Our featured speaker is Dr. David Nash, who is a consultant to organizations in both the public and private sectors. He has chaired the Technical Advisory Group of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council for more than a decade and he is widely recognized as a

pioneer in public reporting of outcomes.

Dr. Nash is a board certified internist who is internationally recognized for his work in outcomes management, medical staff development and quality-of-care improvement.

The program is scheduled for Thursday, July 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and includes lunch and will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Casper.

Admission is free but you must register at wyohealth.org/events.php or call 307-472-5013.




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Platte County Memorial Hospital Hits Baby Record

The stork was busy this May in Wheatland. Doctors at Platte County Memorial Hospital delivered 14 babies during the month which is a record-breaking month for deliveries at the hospital.

Hospital staff researched as far back as September 1999 and couldn't find any record where 14 births occurred in the same month. The closest was March 2001

when they delivered 13 babies.

For perspective, PCMH delivered six babies in April and four babies in January, February and March of this year.

Candy Anderson, financial analyst at PCMH, said the hospital had been quite busy in May in addition to the number of babies. "It was a good extension on the

part of all the hospital employees to care for everyone."

"It is always an exciting challenge when our census fluctuates so much," said Abby Bremer, RN senior clinical manager at PCMH. "We are very honored to have had the opportunity to care for all of the families who welcomed a newborn into this world at PCMH."

Compare Website Redesigned to Help Search for Physicians

Physician Compare, a website that allows consumers to search and compare information about hundreds of thousands of physicians and other health care professionals, has been redesigned to make the site easier to use and provide new information for consumers.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Marilyn Tavenner announced the redesign, which includes an improved search function and more frequently updated information.

Physician Compare was improved based on user and partner feedback, as part of improvements in the Affordable Care Act. The redesign includes new information on physicians, such as:

- Information about specialties offered by doctors and group practices;
- Whether a physician is using electronic health records;
- Board certification; and
- Affiliation with hospitals and other health care professionals.

Physician Compare is also now connected to the most consistently updated database so that consumers will find the most accurate and up-to-date information available. In 2014 quality data will be added, and this will help users choose a medical professional based on performance ratings.

Visit the Physician Compare website at <http://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare>

You can also go to www.medicare.gov and click on "Find doctors & other health professionals."

Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program Preview Period

Preview data for the Excess Readmission Ratios of the 30-day Risk-Standardized Readmission measures for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), heart failure (HF), and pneumonia (PN), adopted for the FY 2014 Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program, are available for hospitals and QIOs in Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) on My QualityNet.

The preview period began June 13, 2013, and is scheduled to end July 12, 2013.

The payment adjustment will begin on October 1, 2013.

For information regarding the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program visit <http://cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/>

AcuteInpatientPPS/Readmissions-Reduction-Program.html.

If you have problems accessing your HSR, please contact the QualityNet helpdesk at qnetsupport@sdps.org.