

# 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:

WyAMSS 8/21-  
Education 8/22  
Conference  
Jackson



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## Boley Named President of WHA



The Wyoming Hospital Association (WHA) Board of Directors has announced the selection of Eric Boley as the next WHA president.

Eric comes to the Association from South Lincoln Medical Center in Kemmerer, Wyoming where he has served as CEO for the past 11 years.

Boley takes over from Dan Perdue, who announced in January his intention to step down from the organization by the end of the year.

Perdue will close out a twenty-three year career with the Association in December.

Dan first joined the Association in 1992 as the Vice President. He was named President in November 2007 when Bob Kidd retired.

Boley has also served on the WHA Board for 8 years, fulfilling two terms as its chairman and is currently a delegate to the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board.

Eric has been at South Lincoln Medical Center for 20 years. He has served as the nursing home administrator for the past 12 years and has been CEO of the hospital since March of 2003.

He and his wife Jodie are the parents of two daughters, Torrey and Karsten and two sons, Eli and Grant.

WHA Chairman Rick Schroeder said, "We are extremely pleased that Mr. Boley indicated strong interest in this important leadership role early on in the search process. We are confident that under his leadership, the Wyoming Hospital Association will continue to be the pre-eminent advocate for Wyoming hospitals and the patients we serve. We also thank Mr. Perdue for his dedication and service to our organization". Mr. Boley will begin his job in early November.

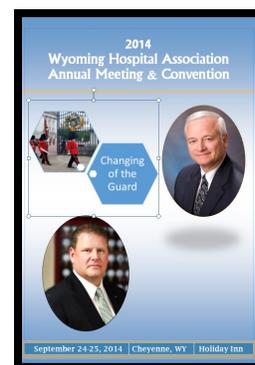
This year's WHA Annual Meeting and Convention will be held September 24-25 at the Cheyenne Holiday Inn.

Since this will be Dan's last meeting, the Board has scheduled a special tribute to him during the Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening.

At the Awards Banquet we will also be honoring our Chairman Rick Schroeder and the winner of this year's Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence.

WHA is a statewide Association dedicated to providing leadership and representation and advocacy for Wyoming hospitals. The Association through leadership and collaboration, among all healthcare providers, promotes information and education that enables Wyoming hospitals to deliver high quality, adequately financed/cost-effective health care that is universally accessible to all Wyoming citizens.

To register for the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting and Convention go to [www.wyohospitals.com](http://www.wyohospitals.com) or call 307-632-9344.





## CCMH is now Campbell County Health

Campbell County Memorial Hospital has officially changed their name to Campbell County Health (CCH).

CCH is an organization providing a network of health care services to the community.

CCH has almost 80 physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners in over 20 specialties. They also have a unique relationship with Gillette College in

terms of partnering with them on supporting the nursing program. The term hospital just doesn't adequately describe their services any longer.

The name change embodies comprehensive healthcare providers ready to serve in a multitude of ways. However, the name change does present some short-term challenges as signage and stationery need to be changed.

The name change is just the beginning as the hospital continued the journey to "Excellence Every Day."

With all of the services mentioned above, and a great medical staff, CCH is a healthcare system in north-eastern Wyoming committed to meeting and exceeding all challenges

The past is to be deeply appreciated and respected, and the future is to be anticipated with enthusiasm.



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

## Deadline for ICD-10 Set for October 1, 2015

On July 31, HHS issued a rule finalizing October 1, 2015, as the new compliance date for health care providers, health plans, and health care clearinghouses to transition to ICD-10.

This deadline allows providers, insurance companies, and others in the health care industry time to ramp up their operations to ensure their systems and business processes are ready to go on October 1, 2015.

The previous revision, ICD-9-CM, contains outdated, obsolete terms that are

inconsistent with current medical practice, new technology, and preventive services.

ICD-10 represents a significant change that impacts the entire health care community.

As such, much of the industry has already invested resources toward the implementation of ICD-10.

CMS has implemented a comprehensive testing approach, including end-to-end testing in 2015, to help ensure providers are ready.

While many providers, including physicians, hospitals, and health plans, have completed the necessary system changes to transition to ICD-10, the time offered by Congress and this rule ensure all providers are ready.

For additional information about ICD-10, please visit the ICD-10 website at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html?redirect=/ICD10>

## Study Projects Impact on States That Don't Expand Medicaid

If they don't expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, the 24 current non-expansion states will miss out on \$423.6 billion in federal funding through 2022, while their hospitals lose \$167.8 billion in Medicaid reimbursement and 6.7 million residents remain uninsured, according to a study released today by the

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"The impact of not expanding Medicaid has broader implications than just the number of people who gain insurance," said RWJF's Kathy Hempstead.

"It significantly impacts state economies and hospital budgets. States are literally leaving billions of dollars on

the table that would support their hospitals and stimulate the rest of their economies."

The study was conducted by researchers at the Urban Institute. The study can be found at the Robert Wood Johnson website located at <http://www.rwjf.org/>

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