



# Wyoming Hospital Association

# NEWSBRIEFS

Informational Newsletter for Wyoming Hospitals

**Save The Date**

**WHA Annual Meeting & Convention  
September 5-6, 2018  
Laramie, WY**

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## CARE Act

The Wyoming Designated Caregiver Act (CARE Act) ensures family caregivers have key support as their loved ones go into the hospital and as they transition home.

As of March of 2016, AARP data suggests there are over 66,000 caregivers in the State of Wyoming.

The CARE Act requires hospitals to:

- Record the name of a caregiver on the medical record of a loved one;
- Inform a caregiver when a loved one is to be discharged to another facility or back home;
- Give caregivers education and instruction of the medical

tasks they will need to perform at home, like managing medication or giving injections.

Passed unanimously by the Wyoming Legislature during the 2016 Legislative Session, and signed into law by Governor Mead, The CARE Act is a common sense solution to help those caring for their older mothers, fathers, husbands, wives and other loved ones so they can live independently. The Act became effective July 1, 2016.

Through conversations with various hospital administration and providers in Wyoming, it is clear many hospitals are already utilizing these protocols and have registrars as well as nurses

at the bedside asking patients for the name of a caregiver to put in a patient's file.

Providers around the state point out that offering discharge instructions for tasks like wound care and medication schedules is the most important part of the law as these instructions are critical to support caregivers and reduce readmissions.

AARP has been at the forefront of this legislation nationwide and has released a video in which it suggests who should be a part of conversations around CARE Act implementation in your facility. The video can be found at [aarp.org](http://aarp.org).

### WHA Calendar

WHA Golf Tournament Laramie	9/4
WHA Annual Meeting & Convention Laramie	9/5-9/6

### PAC CONTRIBUTORS 2018

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**Annual Goal  
\$8500**

## Quality Health Care Conference

Don't miss the 2018 Wyoming Quality Health Care Conference: From the Patient to the Payment, Keeping Quality First, taking place Aug. 8 and 9, 2018, at the Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne. The conference is open to all health care providers, caregivers and the public. The cost is \$30 a day and includes lunch.

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health and the Wyoming Center on Aging have partnered to host this event. An award ceremony will take place during the Aug. 9 luncheon, where Mountain-Pacific

will present awards to Wyoming nursing homes and hospitals.

Experts in nursing home quality, care coordination, quality payment, patient- and- family engagement, antibiotic stewardship, adverse drug events and more are slated to speak.

Register online at <http://www.uwyo.edu/wycoa/> under educational and training opportunities. Space is limited, so registration is required by Aug. 2. Those with questions about the conference can contact Pat Fritz at [pfritz@mpqhf.org](mailto:pfritz@mpqhf.org) or at 307-

568-2797. Handouts will be available online only at the registration website prior to the conference.

For those health care professionals interested in continuing education, 10.5 contact hours will be offered. One contact hour will be awarded per session for participants who attend at least 80% of the program and complete an evaluation form. Mountain-Pacific Quality



Wouldn't it be nice to spend less time budgeting? And less time meeting with sales reps?

WHA has partnered with OpenMarkets to help members save time and money when buying medical equipment. The OpenMarkets platform features a suite of solutions to simplify how organizations research equipment, create a capital budget, get quotes, approve requests and negotiate the best price possible.

And WHA members can get started at no cost.

If your hospital is reliant on excel, email and phone calls to create your capital budget and buy

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## OpenMarkets

equipment – it's time to look at OpenMarkets. Best of all, moving your capital equipment program online saves over 11.4%.

Here are a few examples: Hot Springs County Hospital in Thermopolis, WY is using the OpenMarkets Exchange to research equipment and get quotes for their new hospital renovation. This saves hundreds of hours chasing sales reps; instead, equipment quotes are coming to them.

The team is successfully communicating online with multiple suppliers and will have multiple options for each equipment need.

Atlantic General Hospital in Maryland just sold a GE CT Scanner on OpenMarkets. Graham Regional Medical Center in Texas uses OpenMarkets to research products

and get quotes. Billie Jones, the Materials Management Director states "You made me the hero! This is so much better than just going online."

Avera Health, a 44-hospital IDN in Sioux Falls, SD creates and manages their entire capital budget on OpenMarkets.

The Guthrie Clinic in Pennsylvania saved over \$20,000 by buying endoscopes through OpenMarkets.

Please let us know when you're ready to meet the OpenMarkets team to discuss how you can save time and money when buying equipment. Contact our WHA liaison, Gordon Rosen at (312) 600-6696 or [grosen@openmarketshealth.com](mailto:grosen@openmarketshealth.com) anytime.



## Seeking Donations for 2018 PAC Silent Auction

The Wyoming Hospital Association PAC Silent Auction is just around the corner! The Silent Auction will be held during the Annual Meeting & Convention at the UW Rochelle Center, Laramie, September 5, 2018.

As you are all aware, advocacy is one of the main responsibilities of the Wyoming Hospital Association. We have done a tremendous job during the past several years in representing you and your or-

ganizations. Without your contributions to the PAC, our advocacy efforts will become more difficult.

Last year we had a lot of great items that were donated from all around the state and to showcase different Wyoming communities.

Those that have participated in the past couple of years seem to really enjoy the auction.

The WHA is asking each hospital in the state to donate an item for the auction. The money raised goes to a good

cause and the WHA PAC benefits greatly.

To donate to this year's auction, please call Rose at 307-632-9344 or [rose@wyohospitals.com](mailto:rose@wyohospitals.com)

