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WHA would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of you that contributed to the WHA and AHA PAC in 2018! For the third year in a row WHA PAC reached our AHA PAC goal of \$8,500. The Wyoming Hospital Association Political Action Committee (WHA PAC) closed the year by raising \$7,571.

The AHAPAC funds will be given to congressional candidates who are supportive of improving healthcare both in Wyoming and throughout the country. This year, the AHA contributed \$5,000 to Senator Barrasso's reelection and \$1,000 to Senator Enzi.

The WHA PAC funds raised this year will help support candidates who champion the goals and values of Wyoming Hospitals and underscore WHA advocacy efforts at both the state and federal level. This year the WHA PAC made 15 political contributions to Wyoming candidates totaling \$8,500.

An additional \$1,000 was given to the nonpartisan Wyoming Women's Caucus to sponsor their 2018 Leap into Leadership conference. Leap into Leadership offers leadership development training targeted for women, provides an opportunity to meet with statewide leaders and policy makers and encourages women to create the change they want to see on the local, statewide and federal level. The Wyoming Women's Legislative Caucus increases the leadership skills and potential of Wyoming women through events, training, networking and resources.

The WHA holds PAC fundraising

2018 WHA PAC Report

events. The WHA PAC auction this year was another great success raising \$1,770.99. For those hospitals who donated items to the auction at last year's annual meeting, your donation was, and is, very much appreciated! With that said, please be thinking of what you or your hospital could donate for the 2019 auction.

WHA PAC COMMITTEE:

- Andy Fitzgerald, Campbell County Health
- Doug Faus, Ivinson Memorial Hospital
- Doug McMillan, Cody Regional Health
- Shelby Olind, Banner Wyoming South
- Mike McCafferty, Sheridan Memorial Hospital

2018 MOST VALUABLE PAC PLAYERS AWARD WINNERS

- **B. Yvonne Wigington**, Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Wyoming Medical Center
- **Ryan Smith**, Chief Executive Officer, Memorial Hospital of Converse County

2018 GRASSROOTS AWARD WINNER

- **Doug McMillan**, CEO, Cody Regional Health

For anyone who has not heard about the WHA PAC and would like more information on how you could become a member of the PAC please contact Barry Burkart at barry@wyohospitals.com or 307-632-9344.

WHA PAC's successful year was made possible through the generous contributions of the following:

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CALL TO ACTION

All 340B hospitals are encouraged to sign on to the 340B Good Stewardship Program

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Price Transparency Includes CAHs

All hospitals must make standard charges public – effective January 1, 2019.

CMS released responses to Frequently Asked Questions regarding the policy stating that hospitals must establish, update, and make public a list of their standard charges for all items and services, effective January 1, 2019.

This policy applies to all hospitals operating in

the U.S., including critical access hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and inpatient psychiatric facilities.

The charges must be provided in a machine-readable format that can be easily imported/read into a computer system (e.g., XML, CSV).

A PDF does not satisfy this definition.

The policy was finalized in the 2019 Inpatient Prospec-

tive Payment System (IPPS) rule published on August 2, 2018.

Visit for FAQs <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ProsP Medicare FeeSvcPmtGen/Downloads/Additional-Frequently-Asked-Questions-Regarding-Requirements-for-Hospitals-To-Make-Public-a-List-of-Their-Standard-Charges-via-the-Internet.pdf>

340B Good Stewardship Program

In its more than 25-year history, the 340B Drug Pricing Program has been critical in helping hospitals expand access to lifesaving prescription drugs and comprehensive health care services in vulnerable communities across the country, including to low-income and uninsured individuals. 340B hospitals support transparency to ensure that the program meets the Congressional objective: “to stretch scarce Federal resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services.”

To ensure good stewardship of the 340B program, hospitals participating in the program should structure hospital policies and practices to demonstrate their commitment. That demonstration of commitment includes sharing publicly how 340B savings are used to benefit the community. For example, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services for those in the community. To

align with this “Commitment to Good Stewardship Principles,” 340B hospitals would:

Communicate the Value of the 340B Program: The hospital commits to preparing and publishing a narrative, on an annual basis, that describes how it uses 340B savings to benefit its community. Examples of such programs and services will be particular for each hospital and could include programs that expand access to drugs for vulnerable populations, as well as access to a wide range of other services, such as preventive care, emergency services, cancer treatment, vaccinations, home-based care, and mental and behavioral health services.

Disclose Hospital’s 340B Estimated Savings: The hospital commits to publicly disclosing, on an annual basis, its 340B estimated savings calculated using a standardized method. That method would calculate 340B savings by comparing the 340B acquisition price to group purchasing organization pricing.

Continue Rigorous Internal Oversight: The hospital commits to continuing to conduct internal reviews to ensure that the hospital 340B program meets the Health Resources and Services Administration’s program rules and guidance. Included in this effort is a commitment to regular and periodic training for the hospital’s interdisciplinary 340B teams that encompass C-Suite executives, pharmacy, legal, and financial assistance, as well as community outreach and government relations staff, if applicable.

The AHA Advocacy Alliance for the 340B Drug Pricing Program works to promote the value the 340B program provides to patients and communities and to oppose any efforts to scale back the program. With email, conference calls and special briefings, the Alliance keeps hospitals informed about the latest news and developments on the program. To join go to: <https://www.aha.org/340b>.