



# Wyoming Hospital Association

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Informational Newsletter for Wyoming Hospitals

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WHA Calendar	
Joint Labor & Health Committee Cheyenne	11/6-11/7
HFMA Fall Meeting Douglas	11/14-11/15
Thanksgiving	11/28

## MASA Medical Transport Solutions



The Wyoming Hospital Association and WHA Resources Inc. entered into an endorsement agreement with MASA Medical Transport Solutions in August of 2019. In August, Gary Robson (Wyoming State Director for MASA) and the MASA Team presented the MASA products to the Wyoming Hospital Association leadership. After a thorough vetting process, it has been determined MASA has a solution which will benefit Wyoming healthcare facilities and their employees. Consequently, WHA Resources Inc. agreed to promote the membership service of MASA to the Wyoming hospitals.

This new partnership will be very beneficial to our Wyoming hospitals and their employees. The MASA team will be very engaged in

educating employees about their membership program and the benefit it offers. MASA has already started discussions with several of the hospital HR departments in Wyoming and many are actively engaged in working with MASA to provide the MASA membership to their employees. In addition, MASA has already participated in the WHA annual convention with good success.

WHA Resources Inc. knows there are air transport companies who offer membership programs. However, WHA Resources Inc. believes the MASA Medical

Transport Solutions program is more comprehensive since it also includes emergent ground ambulance services. Also, the MASA program will provide a benefit to its members no matter which emergent air transportation service provider they utilize. These were important qualities for WHA Resources Inc. as the program was reviewed.

We are happy to speak with anyone about MASA Medical Transport Solutions and how WHA Resources Inc. sees this as a benefit to our Wyoming healthcare facilities.

### 2019 PAC Contributions

Barry Burkart  
Bren Lowe  
Margie Molitor  
Doug Faus  
Andy Fitzgerald  
Maureen Cadwell  
Dr. Carol Solie  
Tim Thornell  
Eric Boley  
LifePoint





## Member Spotlight

### Medical-Legal Partnership Grant Moving to CRMC

After two-and-a-half years being housed with the Laramie County Community Partnership, the Medical-Legal Partnership grant is moving to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

The Medical-Legal Partnership began in 2017 and is part of a grant given by Equal Justice Wyoming. The partnership is using time during the transition to CRMC to hire a new attorney, Equal Justice Wyoming Executive Director Angie Dorsch said. With the move to CRMC, the program hopes to have more of a stable working environment for the attorney, said Amy Spiek-

er, director of community health at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. The Medical-Legal Partnership aims to be up and running again by early 2020 at the hospital.

“What we see in health care is that we know so many of the problems people present when they come into a clinic. Often they’re not necessarily things doctors are trained to be able to address,” Spieker said.

There are a lot of issues that affect people’s health that aren’t necessarily medical problems, Dorsch said. For example, someone might have asthma

attacks because their landlord isn’t addressing mold growing in their apartment.

The person could reach out to the partnership for help with getting the mold problem addressed to help their asthma. The partnership can also help people get Medicaid assistance if they are being wrongfully denied.



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### Solutions For Self-Pay Patients At Rural Wyoming Hospitals

The Wyoming Hospital Association will be hosting a webinar on November 6th, 2019 at 10:00am. Mike Vana of Quality Reimbursement Services (a WHA Resources Endorsed Vendor) will present a primer on Wyoming Medicaid, as well as Medicare and Disability eligibility. Mike will discuss strategies that every Wyoming hospital can adopt to qualify more self-pay patients for insurance coverage, and thereby reduce Charity Care write-offs.

Quality Reimbursement Services (QRS) has been reviewing Medicare and Medicaid cost reports for more than twelve years. All of QRS' offices are dedicated to providing its' clients with the most comprehensive, interactive reimbursement assistance possible. Their corporate philosophy combines experience in the Medicare and Medicaid programs with a commitment to keeping up with the latest news and court

decisions for the benefit of clients.

Contact Josh Hannes (josh@wyohospitals.com) with your email address to be included in the discussion. We look forward to you joining us on November 6th at 10:00am.



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### Department Sets Cheyenne Listening Session

The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) is inviting local clients, providers and residents to share thoughts and ideas on health-related issues and needs during a structured listening session planned for Cheyenne.

The event will be November 19 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room at the Laramie County Library, which is located at 2200 Pioneer Avenue.

“These sessions are opportunities for us to hear from our department’s

clients, local healthcare providers and community members about health-related issues,” said Michael Ceballos, WDH director.

“We want to know what’s working and what could be improved. A better understanding of local perspectives helps us make the most of our available resources,” he said.

Local residents who may be especially interested in attending include:

- Clients of various WDH programs
- Local area healthcare providers

- Community coalition members
- Anyone interested in Wyoming healthcare issues

For residents not able to attend a listening session, an online opportunity for comment is available at: [healthcommunityvisits.wyo.gov](http://healthcommunityvisits.wyo.gov).

More information about WDH and its programs can be found at <https://health.wyo.gov>.