



# Wyoming Hospital Association

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Informational Newsletter for Wyoming Hospitals

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## Wyoming Acts of Kindness

### WHA Calendar

WHA Golf Tournament Casper	9/1
Annual Meeting & Convention Casper	9/2-9/3

### North Big Horn Hospital

During this challenging time the community has offered North Big Horn Hospital supplies and support. A huge thank you to Wyoming Lime Producers for donating N95 masks and safety glasses, the Town of Lovell and the Lovell Police Department for gloves. And most recently both Lovell High School and Rocky Mountain Middle High School for their generous help creating 3D Masks. This is an amazing process which truly could be lifesaving. There is not doubt we live in a great community.



pizzas to people that have one of the toughest occupations in our community right now – store employees. So off went the pizza order to Albertsons. But, this story isn't over. Those hard-working Albertson's employees responded to our staff by sending back to them Gatorade and protein bars with the humble response of, "we are only doing our jobs..."

We think they are doing so much more than that. Thank you Darci for starting the spark and thank you Albertsons' employees for all that you do for our community. To all of our healthcare employees, stores, truckers and farmers right now

Screening Unit for a necessary documentation area.

- A generous donor has purchased four additional ventilators, at about \$14,000 each .
- Sletton Construction has provided two negative air flow machines so that we can continue to be prepared to care for our critical patients.
- Generous group of sewing enthusiasts who are making hand-made masks for our hospital personnel.
- A local distillery out on Sage Creek Road hand sanitizer and sanitizing sprays. They are about 1.5 weeks out from having sanitizers ready to distribute.



### Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

It's been exceptionally hectic in healthcare currently, but Cheyenne Regional Medical Center has had some amazing donations to the staff from the community. Pizzas were received from a community member named Dar Ci and along with those pizzas was a thank you note for being healthcare workers. This gesture moved our team to "pay it forward". The OR staff - with the help of anesthesia decided to gather up any cash they had to send some

### Cody Regional Health

The community of Cody Regional Health continues to show compassion, empathy and support in any way they can. Thank you to those who have helped Cody Regional Health.

- Proud Cut for delivering food to our ER.
- The 4-H for delivering cookies to working hospital personnel.
- Midway Auto has donated an RV for use outside of our Viral



### Thank you

The Wyoming Hospital Association wants to let you all know how honored and humbled we are to represent and advocate for our incredible hospitals and their staff members around the state. It is times like these that make us realize even more how incredibly fortunate we all are to have hospitals in our communities to serve the needs of the residents and for the incredible sacrifice the staff members make as they risk their own lives to care for others.

### 2020 PAC Contributions

- Eric Boley
- Barry Burkart
- Carol Solie
- Doug Faus
- Heidi Baskfield
- Doug McMillan

## (COVID-19) Medicare Provider Enrollment Relief FAQ



CMS is using its authority under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act to offer flexibilities with Medicare provider enrollment to support the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) national emergency.

CMS has established toll-free hotlines at each of the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) to allow physicians and non-physician practitioners to initiate temporary Medicare billing privileges. The hotlines should also be used if providers/suppliers have questions regarding the other provider enrollment flexibilities afforded by the 1135 waiver.

Wyoming uses Noridian as our MAC and they can be reached at

the toll-free Hotline Telephone Number: 1-866-575-4067

Hours of Operation: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm CT

The hotline will be providing Medicare temporary billing privileges and addressing questions regarding the other provider enrollment flexibilities afforded by the 1135 waiver until the public health emergency declaration is lifted.

Telehealth services have no payment restrictions on distant site practitioners furnishing Medicare telehealth services from their home. The practitioner is required to update their Medicare enrollment with the home location. The practitioner can add their home address to their Medicare enrollment file by reach-

ing out to the Medicare Administrative Contractor in their jurisdiction through the provider enrollment hotline. It would be effective immediately so practitioners could continue providing care without a disruption. More details about this enrollment requirement can be found at 42 CFR 424.516.

To help with the process, CMS is temporarily ceasing revalidation efforts for all Medicare providers or suppliers. Upon the lifting of the public health emergency, CMS will resume revalidation activities.

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## American Red Cross Resuscitation Education



The American Red Cross is excited to let you know that you now have a choice in resuscitation education: BLS, ALS and PALS. The American Red Cross Resuscitation Suite program uses the latest science (including ILCOR and ECC Guidelines), meets all regulatory and accreditation requirements, and has a superior educational approach.

This educational approach is more efficient and will result in reduced costs and more bedside time. Adaptive learning enables experienced professionals the ability to test out of content by demonstrating competency, instructor-led courses are shorter due to more efficient course design and personalized learning and review and challenge options are available for experienced providers.

As previously announced, the American Red Cross and HealthStream have signed a long-term agreement to work together to

improve resuscitation outcomes in healthcare organizations. As part of this collaboration, the Red Cross Resuscitation Suite™ program provides a fundamental element of HealthStream's overall resuscitation solution for hospitals and healthcare professionals.

Instructor and Instructor Trainer bridging is a free and simple process. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Krikorian at (720) 670-6940 or [linda.krikorian@redcross.org](mailto:linda.krikorian@redcross.org).



Through the PreventT2 lifestyle change program, people across the country are learning the skills they need to lose weight, be more physically active, and manage stress. PreventT2 is part of the National Diabetes Prevention Program, led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Free prediabetes awareness materials are available for organi-

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## National Diabetes Month

zations interested in evidence-based diabetes and hypertension prevention and self-management programs.

To expand the National Diabetes Prevention Program and increase enrollment for Medicaid beneficiaries, Wyoming Medicaid now pays for A1c screening and program fees for members who participate in-person or through telehealth.

To learn more, contact Audrianna Marzette, Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist with the Wyoming Department of Health, at [audrianna.marzette@wyo.gov](mailto:audrianna.marzette@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-7356.

