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PARA Health Care Webinar November 11

In partnership with PARA Health Care, WHA will be hosting a webinar November 11th to review the upcoming Price Transparency Requirement and PARA's Price Transparency Solutions.

Today consumers and patients are faced with challenges because of the high deductible health insurance plans available via the state and federal marketplaces. Patients have increased financial healthcare cost responsibilities and this is forcing patients to shop for healthcare services. It has created the need for meaningful and easy to use price transparency solutions. CMS released

guidelines with Price Transparency mandates for hospitals which go into effect Jan 1, 2021. Putting these regulations into action is a growing concern as the Jan 1, 2021 deadline is rapidly approaching.

This presentation is focused on understanding the requirements and PARA's readily available Price Transparency solutions. The purpose for the call is to review:

- Jan 1 Price Transparency Requirements
- PARA Price Transparency Solutions
- Discuss the data files information needed

- Project time-line and PARA turn-around
- Review the WY Hospital Member single agreement with tiered discounts and the time-line
- Address Questions

The webinar can be accessed at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/739078909>

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Merritt Hawkins Survey Available to WHA Members

WHA Endorsed Vendor, Merritt Hawkins, on behalf of the Physicians Foundation has produced a survey titled "COVID-19 and the Future of the Healthcare System." This reflects future steps physicians believe should be taken to improve the healthcare system in light of the pandemic.

In 2008, Merritt Hawkins conducted its first national physician survey on behalf of The Physicians Foundation, a nonprofit seeking to advance the work of practicing physicians and help them facilitate the delivery of high-quality healthcare to patients.

Given the impact of Covid-19, The Physicians Foundation deter-

mined to complete a special edition of the survey centered around the virus and how it has affected physicians and their patients, Part Three, released in October, reflects future steps physicians believe should be taken to improve the healthcare system in light of the pandemic.

Part Three of the survey includes further data regarding how physicians view the importance of addressing the social determinants of health, limiting or eliminating surprise medical bills, determining the impact on drug costs of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and a range of other topics.

Combined with Parts One and Two, the 2020 Survey of America's Physicians: Covid-19 Edition, offers valuable insights into how physicians on the front lines of care have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic, how they have reacted to it, and where they believe we should go from here.

Wyoming Hospital Association members can obtain a copy of this timely new resource by contacting Merritt Hawkins Divisional Vice President Corey Johnson at

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CMRC Partners with Children's Hospital Colorado

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC) and Children's Hospital Colorado (Children's Colorado) announced that they have expanded their care alliance partnership to include tele-neonatology services.

Focused on elevating the care of Wyoming's tiniest patients in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at CRMC, providers in Wyoming will have access to consultation support from neonatal specialists at Children's Colorado, a leading top ten Children's Hospital.

The CRMC Foundation also gives support to the Mother-Baby Unit in many ways to provide advanced care to Wyoming babies. The Foundation recognized the importance of this work within the Care Alliance and in late 2019 graciously awarded a grant for state-of-the-art telemedicine equipment—with an all-in-one mobile deployment.

This new video-based tele-neonatology service will supplement the existing 24/7 phone consultation support provided by Children's Colorado. The new tele-neonatology service will support clinical decision-making, includ-

ing the need for a transfer, and will also offer guidance for patient stabilization prior to transfer. Both organizations are focused on elevating care locally and preventing unessential patient transfer, which can lead to undue financial and parental stress.



Wyoming Nurse Leadership Institute

Wyoming Nurse Leadership Institute (WNLI) was originally implemented in 2009 as a means of recruiting and retaining the best nurses in Wyoming.

WNLI was founded on the ideals of developing nurse leaders, professional development of nurses, ensuring a hand in legislation and health policy, promoting quality workplace environments for nurses, and evaluating the effectiveness of organizations.

WNLI, with the support of Wyoming Nurses Association, envisioned a program to grow leaders from within and dedicated over 10 years to grow WNLI into

a successful program reaching all corners of the state. However, in 2017 the program was put on hold.

Based on the current American Organization of Nurse Leaders (AONL) competencies WNLI has developed a new, solid leadership curriculum.

The dates of WNLI 2021 will be from February 2021 to September 2021. WNLI attendees will be nurses within Wyoming either current nurse leaders, future nurse leaders, and those identified with leadership potential.

The first live session will be in February 2021, followed by 6 months of twice monthly virtual (Zoom) sessions and 2nd and final live session September 2021.

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WY Flex Resiliency Training

The purpose of this Resiliency Training is to support Wyoming healthcare professionals by providing education, tools, and strategies to enhance well-being and resilience, increase joy, and reduce burnout in themselves and across their organizations. We believe this work to be essential for Wyoming healthcare professionals to thrive, innovate, and grow in the face of the unique challenges of ru-

ral healthcare delivery today. We also believe this work is a foundational element for delivering quality, efficient, and compassionate care to Wyoming patients.

Visit the WYQIM website to access the first two sessions: Choosing Resilience & Well-being in Healthcare and Leadership & Resilience <https://www.wyqim.com/calendar>

To register for the last two sessions, click on this link: <https://forms.gle/7AbN53eydDnp9af49>.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 8:30 am to noon 3. Joy & Meaning in Healthcare Connecting with what matters to find Joy, Lead people to what really matters to them, The critical role of Self-Compassion.

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