

Wyoming Hospital Association

Newsbriefs



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Telehealth Survey

One of the main goals of the Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN) is to help identify and eliminate barriers to providing telehealth services to increase healthcare access to Wyomingites.

WyTN works to improve health outcomes for Wyoming residents with increased access to care through telecommunications technology.

The work that WyTN does to support facilities who are or want to provide telehealth services is done to increase access to healthcare and positively impact health outcomes for those served.

WyTN needs help collecting information about hospitals to better assist in telehealth goals. They will be contacting each facility with a survey.

The answers provided on this survey will help to better understand telehealth work, the best ways to get involved in WyTN and most importantly, how the network can work to address the needs of the telehealth program. Additionally, you are invited to the Hospital Administrator's Telehealth Special Interest Group (SIG) held on the third Friday of the month from 12 pm - 1 pm.

For more information about how to get involved please visit:
www.wyomingtelehealth.org.

Vulnerable Rural Hospital Assistance Program

The Center for Optimizing Rural Health's (CORH) application portal for the HRSA-funded Vulnerable Rural Hospital Assistance Program (VRHAP) is now open. The portal will remain open until July 31, 2021. CORH offers technical assistance to 30 rural hospitals each year to help address economic challenges, understand community needs and resources, and identify ways to ensure hospitals and

communities can maintain local health care access.

This program is funded by HRSA, so all resources are FREE to participating hospitals.

The application is open to all rural and CAH hospitals in the United States. Selected hospitals will be notified in August 2021, with the technical assistance year beginning September 1, 2021.

If you would like to apply for technical assistance or learn more about the program, please check out these links:

<https://optimizingruralhealth.org/portal-application/>

<https://optimizingruralhealth.org/application-faqs/>

<https://optimizingruralhealth.org/what-to-expect/>

Questions can be sent to Andrea Brewer, A&M Rural and Community Health Institute, 979.436.0883 or abrewer@tamu.edu



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WyTN Zoom License Re-Enrollment

If you were enrolled to receive a no-cost, HIPAA-secure Zoom license for providing telehealth from the Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN), you must re-enroll in the program. The reason for re-enrollment is to decrease the amount of providers, facilities and students who, for whatever reason, no longer need access to their license for providing telehealth. The re-enrollment provides the WyTN with a due diligence process and ensures proper usage of the Zoom® licenses for quality assurance purposes.

Re-Enrollment Deadline: September 1, 2021
Anyone who does not re-enroll will be unlinked from the WyTN's Zoom account

For more information, please visit:
<http://wyomingtelehealth.org/enrollment/>



**WHA Golf Tournament—September, 7
Paradise Valley Golf Club, Casper**

**WHA Annual Meeting—September 8-9
Clarion Inn, Casper, Wyoming**

SageWest Health Care Named Most Racially Inclusive Hospital in Wyoming by the Lown Institute



hospital's surrounding communities.

"It is an incredible achievement to be named the most racially inclusive hospital in Wyoming and demonstrate our service to

deliver quality healthcare close to home," said John Ferrelli, Chief Executive Officer of SageWest Health Care. "This recognition is a testament to the dedication of all those at SageWest that work every day to provide the highest level of care to all that we have the privilege to serve."

The Lown Institute is the first ranking to assess the social responsibility of U.S. hospitals. Additional ranking information, including an explanation of methods, is available at LownHospitalsIndex.org/inclusivity.

SageWest Health Care announced it has been ranked the most racially inclusive hospital in Wyoming by the Lown Institute, a nonpartisan health care think tank.

The Lown Institute Hospitals Index examines the racial inclusivity of over 3,200 U.S. hospitals to assess their success at serving the people of color living in their communities. To create the rankings, the Lown Institute assess how well the demographics of a hospital's Medicare patients matched the demographics of the

