



# News briefs

## Innovation, Construction and Provider Relief Grants Available

Health and human service providers across the state are invited to consider applying for innovation, construction and provider relief grants offered through the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH).

Earlier this year, the Wyoming Legislature appropriated \$5 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) direct funds to WDH for the Health and Human Services (HHS) Innovation Fund and another \$5 million for the Health and Human Services (HHS) Capital Improvement and Provider Relief Fund.

“The organizations that offer healthcare and other support services to our state’s residents have carried an extra burden the last couple of years,” said Stefan Johanson, WDH director. “These funding opportunities can offer some help and a chance to look ahead for improvements.”

Grants of up to \$625,000 are available to support health and human services innovations in rural healthcare, long-term care, provision of human services, community behavioral health, mental health and health information technology and digital medical innovation.

In addition, grants of up to \$500,000 to health and human services providers to improve existing infrastructure and to provide financial relief to providers at imminent risk of closure. Applications for this funding will be divided into two categories. Type I applications must propose a minor capital improvement project to be funded; type II should describe a justified amount of grant relief that will prevent an imminent risk of closure.

Grant applications may be submitted from July 1 through September 1. Applications will then be reviewed and scored by WDH advisory committees. Awardees will be selected by the director from among the highest-scoring applications.

Eligibility information and more details about timing can be found in posted grant announcements, which are available online at <https://health.wyo.gov/admin/arpa-funding-opportunities/>.

## Patient Billing Guidelines Affirmation



Advancing Health in America

As trusted sources of health care in the community, America’s hospitals and health systems are committed to providing quality and safe care to all individuals, as well as delivering a care experience that meets patients’ needs and expectations from scheduling through payment.

The American Hospital Association’s voluntary Patient Billing Guidelines outline how hospitals and health systems can best serve their patients and communities, and underscore their commitment to ensuring that conversations about financial obligations do not impede

care, while recognizing that determinations around financial assistance require mutual sharing of information by providers and patients.

By signing this affirmation, you pledge that your hospital(s) and/or health system will adopt the AHA Patient Billing Guidelines.

For questions about your organization making the Patient Billing Guidelines Affirmation, contact the Survey Support Team at [surveysupport@aha.org](mailto:surveysupport@aha.org) or call our hotline at 800-530-9092.



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**SUNRx 340B Webinar Series: 340B Regulatory Brief**

**LIVE WEBCAST DATE:** Tuesday, 6/14/22  
**LIVE WEBCAST TIME:** 11:00 AM PDF / 2:00 PM EDT



The regulatory environment for 340B pharmacy is in a constant state of change, requiring eligible entities to be nimble and disciplined in the management of their program. Navigating the current ecosystem of 340B pricing limitations created by Big Pharma requires an understanding of the current regulatory environment. This webinar will provide insights that will support decisions that position your entity to maintain a compliant and optimized 340B pharmacy program.

In this session, we will share valuable insights for consideration in the management of your 340B pharmacy strategy. In this webinar we will cover:

- How did we get here?
- Current Regulatory environment
- Implications moving forward

**REGISTER/VIEW HERE:** <https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/3774675/778C3516B9603501DD693F81807A7CE6>

**SPEAKERS:** **Maureen Testoni, Chief Executive Officer, 340B Health**  
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## Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital Among Nation's Best... Again!

Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital has been named in the top 10 percent of inpatient rehabilitation facilities in the United States for the 11th year in a row. The hospital's care was cited as being patient-centered, effective, efficient and timely.

"We are honored to be identified as one of the best inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) in the United States and the only free-standing IRF in Wyoming," says Connie Longwell, CEO of Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital. "[This achievement] underscores our tireless commitment to helping our patients return to their greatest level of independence and daily living activities. Our team is devoted to the patients in their care, [they] work hard to create a family-like atmosphere, and create a person-

alized approach to helping each person throughout their recovery."

Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital was ranked in the top 10 percent among 868 inpatient rehabilitation facilities nationwide by the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSMR), a non-profit corporation that was developed with support from the U.S. Department of Education's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. The UDSMR maintains the world's largest database of rehabilitation outcomes.

"Through UDSMR, we collaborate with our peers throughout the United States to share information and establish best practices for patients," says Dr. Ryan T. Swan, Medical Director of EVRH. "This recognition for the

11th consecutive year is a testament to the exceptional care our staff brings every day to meet the rehabilitation needs of Wyoming's citizens."

"To provide the highest level of rehabilitative care available in the United States to our own community and surrounding communities is truly rewarding," Longwell says. "This means our family, friends, and colleagues don't need to leave the area to receive the best care available."

