

News Briefs

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Governor's Mental Health Archived Webinars

The Governor's Mental Health efforts launched an educational series in November with support from Align. Topics covered were Adverse Childhood Experiences and are amid a six-part series for the Protective Factors Framework. To check out archived webinars, visit the newly published website dedicated to the Governor's Mental Health Summit.

[Governor's Archived Webinars](#)

Key Roles Filled for WDH Healthcare Financing Division



The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) is announcing the selection of candidates to fill two key leadership positions with the department's Medicaid and related programs.

Lee Grossman will be the new state Medicaid agent and senior administrator of the Division of Healthcare Financing. Longtime employee Jan Stall has been serving in these roles on an interim basis since last January and intends to retire in March. Dr. Paul Johnson has been chosen as the new Wyoming Medicaid medical director to replace Dr. James Bush, who retired from the role earlier this month after many years.

FTC Proposes Rule to Ban Noncompete Clauses

On January 5, 2023, the Federal Trade Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to prohibit employers from imposing

noncompete clauses on workers. True to their name, noncompetes block people from working for a competing employer, or starting a competing business, after their employment ends. Evidence shows that noncompete clauses bind about one in five American workers, approximately 30 million people. By preventing workers across the labor force from pursuing better opportunities that offer higher pay or better working conditions, and by preventing employers from hiring qualified workers bound by these contracts, noncompetes hurt workers and harm competition.

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Healthcare Connect Fund



Recently, WHA Resources, Inc. learned Wyoming hospitals and health care entities are not maximizing the Healthcare Connect Fund Program and only a subset of eligible services are being applied for across our state. To help solve this problem, WHA Resources has collaborated with NHA Services, a subsidiary of the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA), in order to offer WHA members the opportunity to join NHA's Connectivity Consortium. Wyoming hospitals are eligible to participate in this consortium, even if already participating in another. There is no need to discontinue any existing relationships, but may also join this consortium to ensure all available dollars are being returned to facilities. A webinar was held on January 11th, with NHA and Randy Reznik to discuss the opportunities which may exist for Wyoming Hospitals.

Nurse Market Demand

Medical Solutions has presented a Power Point discussing Nursing Market Demand. Medical Solutions is a preferred vendor of WHA Resources. For more information, contact Josh Hannes at 307-632-9344



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