

About WMS



The Wyoming Medical Society was founded in 1903 to provide representation, advocacy and service to Wyoming physicians. We strive to be an efficient, member-driven, responsive organization, capable of anticipating and responding swiftly to the changing health care environment. WMS serves our membership, and their patients, and works to improve the health of Wyoming's citizens.

The Wyoming Medical Society is, and always will be, a staunch advocate for physicians. This is our core. All of our other activities revolve around this core.

WMS ADVOCACY AGENDA

The Wyoming Medical Society pursues representation, funding and legislation to support the following industry priorities, as identified by its physician-members.

Access to Care for Wyoming Patients: The shortage of doctors is of highest concern for WMS. We support a broad package of legislation, each of which plays an important part in the effort to maintain and enhance our rural healthcare system.

Medical Liability Reform: WMS is a strong advocate for measures that will make our system more fair, predictable and timely for all involved, and ensure that patients can get the care they need in their local communities. Reasonable legal reforms supported by WMS include:

- Unlimited compensation for economic damages
- Limits on non-economic damage compensation
- Strong medical review panel
- Expert witness qualifications
- State funding support for liability premiums
- Special health courts

Future Wyoming Physicians: WMS strongly supports funding to maintain and expand the WWAMI medical education and UW Family Practice Residency programs. Both of these programs provide excellent opportunities to “grow our own” physicians and market the state to future physicians looking for a place to build their homes and practices.

Physician Reimbursement: WMS believes that periodic funding increases for physician Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement are imperative to ensure

MISSION STATEMENT

Advocating for Wyoming doctors and their patients.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal #1 – Voice of Medicine: Utilize the powerful, effective & unified voice of WMS to improve the physician practice environment and quality of healthcare for Wyoming patients through advocacy.

Goal #2 – Member Experience: Grow membership and increase provider participation and involvement to ensure the future health of the organization.

Goal #3 – Medical Community and Public Awareness: Enhance the public image of WMS members and strengthen the medical community statewide.

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that all Wyoming's citizens will continue to have access to care. Reasonable reimbursement increases will help physicians cover the costs of providing care to Medicaid and Medicare patients and lessen the impacts of cost-shifting to the private sector.

Scope of Practice: WMS supports team-based care, and transparency of provider credentials within a system that recognizes physicians as leaders of the healthcare team. We oppose expanding the scope of practice for allied health professionals through legislation rather than additional education and training because it jeopardizes patient safety.

Patient Safety: WMS believes physicians are critical players in the development of patient safety practices and standard setting for clinical safety. WMS founded the statewide annual Patient Safety Summit in 2012 and is dedicated to continuing the journey of integrating all aspects of healthcare and healthcare providers to create the safest environment possible for Wyoming patients.

State Regulatory Affairs: In addition to the work that WMS does on behalf of members at the Capitol in Cheyenne, we are active in the regulatory side of government, providing oversight to promulgation of rules and regulations within agencies such as the Wyoming Department of Health, Wyoming Boards of Medicine and Pharmacy, to name just a few.

State ACA Implementation Oversight: WMS is actively engaged in ensuring that aspects of the ACA that Wyoming state officials choose to implement are done so with attention focused on physician perspectives, needs and concerns.

Public Health: WMS continues proactive efforts to address the prescription drug abuse epidemic, encourage seat belt use and actively pursue tobacco cessation, including advocating to increase tobacco taxes.

Medicaid Reform: WMS remains actively engaged in discussions within state government to reform Wyoming's Medicaid program. WMS believes physicians are some of the most valuable resources as the state considers various methods of coordinated care or waivers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Casper

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Cheyenne



WMS Membership Benefits



The Wyoming Medical Society provides members with valuable membership services, discounts, legislative advocacy, public health promotion, and a strong voice of representation across a wide mix of state and federal programs.

- Effective leadership
- Strong, successful legislative advocacy
- Medical liability reform efforts
- Discounts with WMS Preferred Vendors, including 5% off medical malpractice insurance with The Doctors Company (TDC)
- CME opportunities

RELEVANT & TIMELY COMMUNICATION

- WMS newsletters & issue updates provide accurate and up to the minute information on critical health care issues.
- Website provides a wealth of up to date information and interactive communication.
- Tailored information sent to members to meet specific communication needs.
- Quarterly reports updating members on the activity of the Board of Trustees
- Wyoming Medicine magazine published bi-annually to inform members of important issues, educate the public about important medical topics and improve the image of medicine in Wyoming.
- Annual meeting offering CME opportunities, discussion about relevant health care topics, and networking with like-minded professionals

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Mountain Pacific
Quality Health

UW Family Practice
Residency Programs

Wyoming Association of
Physician Assistants (WAPA)

Wyoming Health Resources
Network (WHRN)

Wyoming Hospital
Association

Wyoming WWAMI Medical
Education Program

WYOMING MEDICAL SOCIETY

Advocating for doctors since 1903

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PREFERRED VENDORS

The Doctors Company is the exclusively endorsed medical malpractice carrier for the Wyoming Medical Society.

The Fairfield Cheyenne Southwest, opened on May 17, 2016 on West Lincolnway just off the intersection of Interstates 25 and 80. The Fairfield has 84 rooms, including several suites.

RT Welter and Associates is a Denver-based organization that offers physicians and physician offices all forms of credentialing, including initial, reassignment, and on-going; as well as coding audits, education, and outsourcing.

ASPCA Pet Insurance furthers the mission of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) by helping pet parents afford quality veterinary care so their pets can live longer, healthier lives.

Medical TeleCommunications is a physician answering service located in Englewood, Colo. and owned by the Arapahoe-Douglas-Elbert Medical Society.

The Office Assistant has been in operation since 1996 and is owned by Amy Hayes, MBA, CCS, CCS-P, CHA, CMBS. OA offers all varieties of “back office” services to Wyoming clinics and medical practices.

West Edge Collective, a Cheyenne-based marketing firm, has made the healthcare industry one of its focuses. West Edge has built a website to show Wyoming physicians its healthcare portfolio.

Travel Discount Program WMS is pleased to offer an exclusive worldwide travel discount service to our members!

Cornerstone was formed in 2005 in a tiny Denver office and has grown to a six state region in the Rocky Mountain area specializing in healthcare verticals.

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Wyoming Medical society members qualify for a 5 percent premium discount.

The Fairfield Cheyenne Southwest, offers WMS members a \$99 per night rate, which is available year-round

In exchange for preferred vendor status with the Wyoming Medical Society RT Welter and Associates has offered WMS member physicians a discount on a variety of services.

Discounted coverage to fit your needs and budget. Choose your annual deductible and reimbursement (co-insurance) percent. Plus you can save 10% on your base plan premium with a multiple pet discount!

Medical TeleCommunications offers discounts to WMS members who use their services. Call Medical TeleCommunications for full details.

The Office Assistant is the preferred vendor for Wyoming Medical Society members with special discounts available to WMS members for ICD-10 coding services and much more.

WMS members receive a 5 percent discount on all services up to \$100,000 and a 10 percent discount on annual contracts over \$100,000.

Savings average 10-20% below-market on all hotels and car rental suppliers around the world.

Cornerstone offers WMS members a free network analysis including age and types of computer systems.



PREFERRED VENDORS (CONTINUED)

360 Coverage Pros offers comprehensive suite of essential business insurance products and tools designed to help protect your small business from unexpected risks, exposures and cyber crime.

Constant Contact®, Inc.'s email marketing and online survey tools help small businesses and organizations connect to customers quickly, easily, and affordably and build stronger relationships.

Long Term Care Global offers multiple solutions and carriers to provide insurance that meets your individual needs and budget.

Long Term Care Resources provides insurance that helps assure you of continued independence as you age – without depleting the personal assets you've worked hard to acquire.

Mediquis is consistently ranked as one of the top financial advisors for physicians by Medical Economics. They have a strong history of delivering results-driven individual wealth management for physicians, and retirement plan services for practices.

Office Depot/Office Max is a leading provider of business services and supplies, products and technology solutions through its fully integrated omni-channel platform of approximately 1,400 stores and online presence.

The Medical Letter, Inc is committed to providing objective, practical, and timely information on drugs and treatments of common diseases to help our readers make the best decisions for their patients— without the influence of the pharmaceutical industry. The Medical Letter is accredited by ACCME, AAFP, AAPA and ACPE.

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

WMS members receive special rates, coverage options and all programs are available all online. Members can get quotes and coverage in effect quickly and easily.

WMS members receive an additional 10% off the standard prepay discounts. That is 20% off six months, or 25% off the full year.

Premium discounts for WMS members and their extended family members.

WMS members are entitled to a special discount on certain LTC plans available through this program.

Mediquis offers a complimentary Strategic Financial Analysis (SFA) or Second Opinion review to WMS members, and there is no obligation to engage in any further business once the review is complete.

WMS members can save up to 80% on over 93,000 products. Shop online or in any Office Depot or OfficeMax store. Enjoy FREE next-day delivery on online orders over \$50!

WMS members receive a 20% discount!

The yearly subscription includes:

-26 issues of The Medical Letter: access in print, online, and with a mobile app.

-Up to 52 CME credits per year. Participants can earn ABIM MOC points upon successful completion of an activity.

-Evidence-based, peer-reviewed evaluations of new FDA-approved drugs with conclusions reached by a consensus of experts.

-Signature tables and charts that make comparing drugs quick and easy

-Comparative reviews and recommendations of all of the preferred and alternative treatments for a given indication with particular attention to clinical efficacy, adverse effects, drug interactions and cost.

**Preferred vendors are continuously added...
Check the WMS website for the most up-to-date list of member discounts!**