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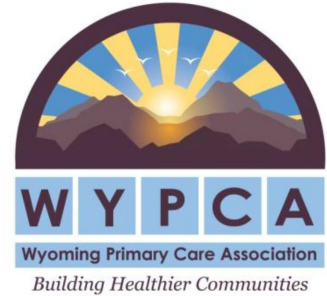


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### Expanding Funding for Rural Health IT to Wyoming's Rural Clinics and Hospitals

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

12 Noon – 5 PM (12 Noon – 12:30 lunch)

Community Health Center of Central Wyoming

5000 Blackmore Road, Casper, Wyoming

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a rural health IT funding initiative dedicated to rural clinics and hospitals in Wyoming. The initiative is focused on a broad range of funding needs, including mobile health, Telehealth and Electronic Health Record technology.

Following the lead of the [White House Rural Council](#), the US Department of Health and Humans Services (HHS), Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) are partnering with state and local leadership to streamline and improve the effectiveness of Federal programs serving rural America by helping rural clinics and hospitals leverage the full suite of complementary HHS and USDA programs to adopt and use health IT, optimize health care delivery and support rural economic development. In 2013, ONC and USDA piloted this funding initiative that successful generated over \$38 Million in funding to critical access and rural hospitals across four states as of September 30, 2013. To date, the partners have launched this initiative in ten states: [Iowa](#), Kansas, Texas, Illinois, [Mississippi](#), [Georgia](#), Michigan, Montana, [Tennessee](#), and Minnesota.

**Wyoming Program:** Wyoming Hospital Association, Wyoming Primary Care Association, Wyoming Medical Society, Wyoming Chapter of HFMA, Health Technology Services, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, and the Wyoming Department of Health's State Office of Rural Health, are convening a funding workshop to link rural safety-net providers and hospitals with funding programs to help them invest in the technology to optimize their health systems.

The participants will: 1) Identify most pressing funding needs for each hospital and clinic in attendance, 2) Engage in face-to-face problem solving with funders and rural health leadership, 3) Learn about specific low interest loan and grant programs and 4) Assist rural healthcare organizations make substantive progress developing applications for funding.



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Lunch will be provided for all registered attendees at 12 noon with the workshop beginning at 12:30 pm.

Please use this link to register. <http://mpghf.adobeconnect.com/e11z5wetoh2/event/registration.html>

Please complete the online [Needs Assessment survey](#) so we can identify your current and future funding needs prior to the WY Rural Health IT Funding workshop. We will discuss the top funding needs during the workshop.

### **Partners**

- USDA Rural Development
- Office of the National Coordinator
- Wyoming Hospital Association
- Wyoming Department of Health's State Office of Rural Health
- Wyoming Primary Care Association
- Wyoming Medical Society
- Mountain-Pacific Quality Health
- Health Technology Services the Regional Extension Center for Montana and Wyoming
- Wyoming HFMA Chapter
- Montana HIMSS Chapter