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August Telehealth Newsletter

Wyoming Telehealth Newsletters aim to inform and educate people about news happening in the world of healthcare and telehealth!

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Provider Spotlight

Karen Funk is the Library Director of the Washakie County Public Library System with branches in Worland and Ten Sleep, Wyoming. Recently, the Ten Sleep Library Branch, which serves a community of about 260 people, received the National Medal for Museum and Library Service award; recognizing the library's commitment to serving and supporting its community.

The Ten Sleep library not only serves the local residents but also serves as the local school library for Washakie County School District #2. Over the summer months, the Ten Sleep library serves as a community hub for seasonal workers and recreators who tap into the library's high-speed Wi-Fi to stay connected with their work, friends, and families.

**Karen Funk, Washakie
County Public Library
Director**



\$5.2 million commitment will expand and enhance stroke care across Wyoming



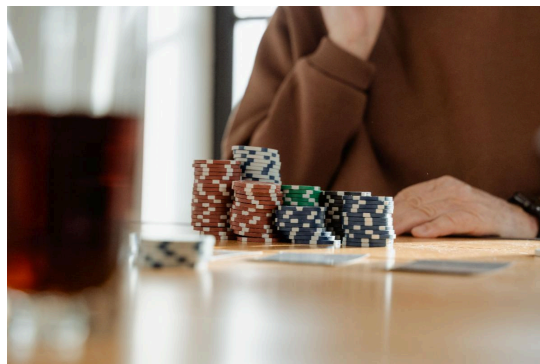
A new statewide initiative from the American Stroke Association and The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust aims to strengthen stroke care across Wyoming, where geographic distance can create significant barriers to timely treatment. Through a \$5.2 million investment, Mission: Lifeline Stroke Wyoming will

connect 28 hospitals, EMS agencies, rehabilitation providers, and community partners to improve stroke recognition, treatment, transfers, and recovery. The three-year initiative will help build a more coordinated, sustainable system of stroke care so Wyoming residents can receive lifesaving treatment as quickly as possible, no matter where they live.

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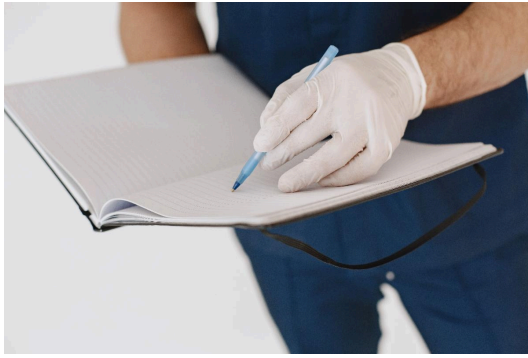
Digital Gambling Treatment Shows Symptom Improvement

A new study published in the Journal of Medical Internet Research found that nearly 72% of patients receiving virtual treatment for gambling disorder through Birches Health experienced clinically meaningful symptom improvement, with improvement occurring in an average of 14 days. The findings highlight the potential of virtual care to expand access to specialized gambling disorder treatment, particularly as stigma and limited treatment options leave many people without care.

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AI Scribe Note Quality Under Question as

Adoption Grows



A new vendor-neutral study found that AI-generated clinical notes scored lower than clinician-written notes in areas such as thoroughness, organization, and clinical usefulness, particularly in challenging conditions like background noise and language differences. While ambient AI scribes may help reduce documentation

burden, the findings highlight the importance of clinician review, patient consent, and thoughtful workflows to ensure AI is used safely and equitably in healthcare.

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80% of Adults Unfamiliar With Medicaid Work Requirements

A new NAMI-Ipsos poll found that most Americans are unfamiliar with upcoming Medicaid community engagement requirements, with only 18% of respondents aware that the requirements are scheduled to begin in January 2027. The findings highlight the need for clear beneficiary education and communication, particularly as questions remain about exemptions,



reporting requirements, and the impact on healthcare providers.

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Telehealth for Community-Engaged Cardiovascular Care in Rural Populations

Telehealth and community partnerships could help address cardiovascular care disparities in rural communities by expanding access to specialists, supporting remote monitoring, and reducing transportation barriers. A new review highlights promising approaches such as hub-and-spoke telehealth models, community-based telecardiology, and hybrid care while

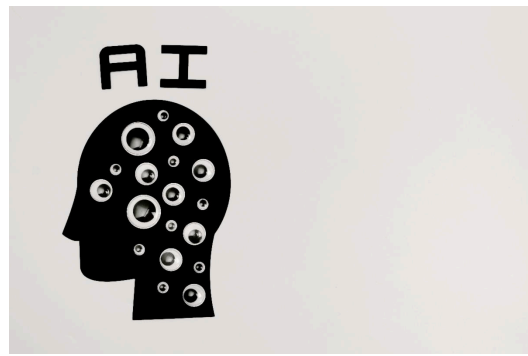


emphasizing the need to address broadband access, digital literacy, workforce shortages, and sustainable reimbursement.

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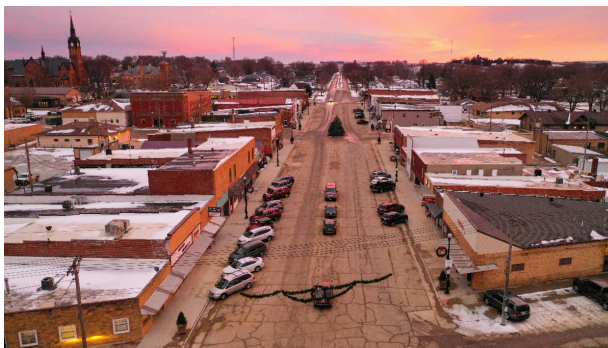
Amid Mounting Care Access Barriers, Young Adults Seek Health AI

A new Aflac and Kantar Profiles survey found that 76% of Gen Z and 63% of millennials use AI for health advice, often before consulting a healthcare provider. The findings also highlight growing challenges with access to preventive care, as young adults report delaying appointments due to long wait times, scheduling difficulties, and other barriers, raising concerns about missed opportunities for early detection and diagnosis.



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Telehealth Uptake Is Lagging in Rural Areas



A new study from the Elevance Health Public Policy Institute found that rural populations continue to use telehealth at lower rates than non-rural populations, despite facing higher rates of chronic disease. From 2022 to 2025, telehealth accounted for 3%–5% of

chronic condition visits among rural patients, compared with 5%–8% among non-rural patients. The findings highlight that expanding telehealth access requires more than technology alone, with investments in broadband, digital literacy, patient support, and strategies tailored to the unique needs of rural communities.

Additional Special Interest Group Meetings

Special interest groups are facilitated by the WyTN to improve collaboration, education, and communication for distinct groups and fields in regards to telehealth. They allow for tangible support on specific needs and access to a network of champions and experts. Each group fosters their own goals to help improve their practices.



Telemental Health

Second Friday of the month
September 11, 2026
11:00am - 12:00pm

uwyo.zoom.us/j/95240781475



Community Health & Chronic Disease Prevention

Second Tuesday of the month
September 8, 2026
11:00am - 12:00pm

uwyo.zoom.us/j/93441114342



Hospital

Third Tuesday of the month
September 15, 2026
12:00pm - 1:00pm

uwyo.zoom.us/j/95095202959

Check out the Special Interest Group webpages!

Here you'll find SIG-specific updates, agendas, minutes, and education opportunities.

Telemental
Health Website

Community
Health Website

Hospital
Website

For more information on the special interest groups, or if you would like to join one, please contact wytyn@uwyo.edu

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