News from the Wyoming Department of Health

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Public Asked to Provide Online Input for Wyoming Medicaid Study

Residents interested in Wyoming Medicaid are being asked by the Wyoming Department of Health to provide online input as part of a study of the program.

A link to a brief survey will be available online at www.health.wyo.gov until August 6. The survey invites Medicaid clients, providers and anyone else interested in Wyoming Medicaid to provide their ideas and comments about strengthening the program and using available funding responsibly.

Tom Forslund, Wyoming Department of Health director, said the Wyoming Legislature approved legislation earlier this year requiring the department to carry out a study of Wyoming Medicaid. "We expect the study to examine cost drivers, identify areas of Medicaid programs that may benefit from redesign and evaluate design options," he said.

As part of the study a number of public forums were also scheduled. Remaining forums are:

Riverton - Tuesday, July 24, 5-7 p.m.
Central Wyoming College - RAP Theater (Arts Center Building), 2660 Peck Avenue

Rock Springs - Wednesday, July 25, 5-7 p.m.
Rock Springs City Hall Council Chambers, 212 "D" Street

Jackson - Tuesday, July 31, 5-7 p.m.
Teton County Administrative Building- Commissioners Chambers, 200 South Willow Street

Medicaid is a joint federal and state government program that pays for medical care for some low-income and medically needy individuals and families. Nearly 90,000 residents were enrolled in Wyoming Medicaid at some time during 2011 with about 77,000 receiving services. There are currently four primary categories of Medicaid eligibility in Wyoming: Children, Pregnant Women, Family Care Adults, and individuals who are Aged, Blind or Disabled.

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