

## WDH Coordinated Care Study

In 2013, the Wyoming Legislature enacted legislation, [Senate Enrolled Act No. 82](#), which requires the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) to study the use of managed or coordinated models of care for some or all of the people enrolled in Wyoming Medicaid. Medicaid is the federal-state program that provides medical assistance for low-income and medically vulnerable citizens. The goal of this study is to identify coordinated care models that will provide the same or better quality of care as the current system at a reduced cost.

Managed or coordinated care can be defined in many ways. The WDH is defining managed or coordinated care as any system of healthcare delivery that focuses on management of healthcare services with the intent to provide integrated and coordinated care at a lower cost. Under this definition, managed or coordinated care could take many forms and be accomplished using various models and payment methods. The WDH is not currently focusing on one model of managed or coordinated care or one type of payment method. The WDH is most interested in models and payment methods that will work well within Wyoming's unique geography, provider community, and for its enrollees.

To help identify promising models, WDH has contracted with Health Management Associates to study a range of models that may work for Wyoming Medicaid. As part of this study, HMA will conduct a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process, ensuring that stakeholders – including enrollees – have a say in what model would work best in Wyoming. As part of this process, HMA has established an email that interested parties should use to send comments. Any comments received will be used to inform the study. However, commenters will not be identified in the study. Please send your comments to [coordinatedcarestudy@healthmanagement.com](mailto:coordinatedcarestudy@healthmanagement.com). Comments will be accepted through November 5, 2013.

In addition, HMA, along with the WDH, will conduct a series of focus groups and stakeholder interviews throughout the fall and will conduct an electronic survey to solicit feedback. More information on these stakeholder engagement activities will be available soon.