

*The Wyoming Healthcare Commission is charged in W.S. § 9-2-2803 (a) with:*

“Developing strategies to improve healthcare and reduce health care costs for Wyoming citizens by holding public meetings throughout the state, hearing from experts and other interested parties, studying and researching other states’ actions on health care reform, studying and utilizing Wyoming data and considering past efforts and future possibilities that can be useful in decision making by addressing issues related to health care access, quality and cost.”

### **Wyoming Healthcare Commission Guiding Principles**

**Establish and maintain a stable supply of health care professionals** to support primary and secondary care everywhere in the state, including dental, behavioral and geriatric health providers.

**Promote the integration of healthcare services** to deliver patient-centered care incorporating best practices while encouraging healthy lifestyles and preventative care.

**Pursue incremental steps to reduce the number of uninsured individuals** while pledging to ultimately make certain that all Wyoming residents have access to affordable health insurance coverage.

**Build on the strengths of the current health insurance system** with the intent of minimizing dislocation for those who already have good coverage, while making changes to better meet the needs of those who currently lack affordable health coverage.

**Establish a core set of services** that support high quality outcomes for the lowest possible cost as part of a strategy to make available affordable health care and insurance, including Emergency Medical Services.

**Include government, employers, individuals and insurers as contributors** in addressing Wyoming’s healthcare needs. All have a responsibility in ensuring the success and sustainability of a system that allows access to a medical home for Wyoming citizens.

**Encourage shared responsibility for achieving goals** for individual and population health among public and private organizations and with individuals who are responsible for their own health.

**Work to address and resolve healthcare errors** by ensuring a more efficient system with the ultimate goal of improving patient safety in Wyoming.

**Foster a collaborative effort to strengthen Wyoming’s data infrastructure** to improve the delivery of healthcare services by engaging stakeholders to prioritize resources for health information and communication needs.