Notice of Public Hearing Hot Springs County Hospital District

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the proposed budget for the Hot Springs County Hospital District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, which is now being considered by the Hot Springs County Hospital District Board of Trustees will be held at the Hot Springs County Hospital District Conference Room at 150 E. Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY on the 18th day of July 2024 at 5:00 PM at which time any and all such persons interested may appear and be heard regarding such budget:

A summary of such proposed budget follows:

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Total Operating Revenue	37,236,004
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries & Wages	15,400,509
Employee Benefits	3,184,081
Professional Fees	7,498,949
Supply Expense	6,400,110
Other Expenses	2,810,293
Depreciation & Amort Exp	3,334,818
Total Operating Expenses	38,628,759
Net Operating Surplus/(Loss)	(1,392,755)
Non-Operating Income/(Exp):	
Property Tax Mill Levy	626,681
Interest Expense	(640,064)
Other Non-Operating Income	2,272,048
Total Non-Operating Revenue/(Exp)	2,258,665
Total Net Surplus/(Loss)	865,910
Restricted Funds for Building	
Project-Special Purpose Tax	1,200,000
Capital Expendintures	1,093,300

) ss.	
COUNTY OF )	FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS )	DISTRICT
H. Frank Robbins	)
AND	) Civil Action
Karen P. Robbins	) No. C2024-17

IN THE

DISTRICT COURT

No. 1667

Pub. July 11 & 18, 2024

STATE OF

WYOMING

V. THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Defendants.

Husband and Wife,

Plaintiffs.

### **PUBLICATION SUMMONS**

TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, KNOW OR UN-KNOWN:

You are hereby notified that H. Frank Robbins and Karen P. Robbins have filed in the District Court of Hot Springs County, Wyoming in Thermopolis, Civil Action No. C2024-17, a Complaint the object and prayer of which is to recover and Quiet Title against you and in the Plaintiff's name to the following described property:

## Meanders of Robbins Island

From the upstream meander corner heretofore described; bearing S. 20°36' W.,5.770 chains distant form the auxiliary meander

Thence with the meanders of Robbins Island generally along the ordinary high water mark, downstream, along the left bank of the island and right bank of the left arm or main channel of the Big Horn River, along a sloping bank approximately 2 ft. high N. 38°35' W., 2.035 chains through

scattered brush

N. 16°07' W., 1.360 ch. N. 24°02' E., 3.105 ch.

N. 38°31' E., 1.050 ch. At the end of course, short section of wooden pallet fence, enter dense Russian Olive trees

N. 35°15' E., 3.725 ch.

- N. 54°12' E., 1.230 ch. At the end of course, small clearing west of access road, re-enter dense Russian Olive trees
- N. 20°06' E., 2.500 ch. At the end of course, on grassy slope opposite northwest corner of seasonal residence 0.25 ch. distant
- N. 48°36' E., 1.540 ch. Along grassy slope opposite seasonal residence, re-enter dense Russian Olive trees
- N. 84°19' E., 3.115 ch.
- S. 66°14' E., 2.110 ch. At end of course, 3 ft. high cut bank
- S. 62°58' E., 1.570 ch. At end of course, 6 ft. high cut bank, downstream meander corner, Azimuth Mark

bears S. 47°13' W., 2.050 ch. distant Thence continuing with the meanders of Robbins Island generally along the approximate ordinary high water mark, upstream, along the right of the island and left bank of the right or backwater side channel of the

big Horn River, continuing though dense Russian Olive undergrowth S. 31°46' W., 2.590 ch. Channel approximately 50 ft. wide

45° W., 3.390 ch. At end of course channel 15 ft. wide S. 20°38' W., 2.500 ch. At end of course,

opposite downstream end of pond

S. 60°21' W., 3.575 ch. At end of course, opposite upstream end of pond, continuing though dense Russian Olive undergrowth

S. 45°35' W., 3.750 ch. At end of cousre, edge of water on east side of gravelled access road swale "Kansas Bridge"

S. 73°42' W., 1.300ch. Cross access road, re-enter dense Russian Olive undergrowth and trees

S. 12°59' W., 0.765 ch. Leave under growth, through scattered brush to upstream meander corner, as heretofore described, the place of beginning.

and for further equitable relief, and you are notified that you are required to answer said Complaint on or before the 31st day of August, 2024, and that judgment by default may be rendered against you if you fail to appear.

Witness my hand and official seal at Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, this 27th day of June, 2024.

> Tiffany Simeral Clerk/Deputy Clerk of District Court

Pub. July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 2024 No. 1662

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., local time, July 31, 2024 at the Thermopolis Town Hall, at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERI-ALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTA-TION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF the THERMOPOLIS 2024 CHIP SEAL PROJECT. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$90,000 to \$120,000. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Mail or deliver to Town of Thermopolis, P.O. Box 603, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443. The Town of Thermopolis will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$25 by inputting Quest project #9209478 on the website's Project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. The Town of Thermopolis reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time, on July 24, 2024 at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2024.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

Pub. July 11 & 18, 2024 No. 1669

## FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

## WHEREAS NOTICE IS HERBY GIV-

**EN** that a default in the payment under the terms of a secured and perfected Note has occurred. The Note is secured by a Mortgage dated June 8, 2022 and recorded on June 9, 2022 at REC # 0549542 Book 200, Page 919 in the records of Hot Springs County, Wyoming from Calvin Morsette and Kayla Morsette, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank for the amount of \$166,920.00. The Mortgage having been assigned to and now in possession of PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, through an assignment recorded on June 12, 2024 at REC# 0557953 Book 210, Page 452 in the records of Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS the Mortgage contains a power of sale, which by reason of the default that has occurred, the Mortgagee has declared to become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any suit or proceeding instituted and the same discontinued and:

WHEREAS written Notice of Intent to Foreclose by Sale and Advertisement has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to commencement of the publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage at the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the estimated total sum of \$167,577.17 which consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$163,009.99, plus outstanding charges, attorney fees, costs expected, accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice.

WHEREAS this property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.

NOW, THEREFORE PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by having the mortgaged property sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash on August 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. Proof of funds are required to bid at sale. For application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to wit:

The North 70 feet of Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Forty-Four (44), Original Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

With an address of 303 S 9th St, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. Together with all improvements thereon situated and all fixtures and appurtenances, thereto.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Scott D. Toebben,

Wyoming State Bar No. 7-5690 Aricyn J. Dall,

Wyoming State Bar No: 7-6499 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. - CO 216 16th Street, Suite 1210 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 720-259-6710 wyoming@rsmalaw.com

Pub. June 27, July 4, 11 & 18, 2024 No. 1645

STATE OF ) IN THE DISTRICT WYOMING ) COURT **COUNTY OF** ) SS. HOT SPRINGS ) FIFTH JUDICIAL ) DISTRICT IN THE MATTER OF ) Probate No. THE ESTATE OF ) CV-2024-14 ROBERT SCHMIDT, Deceased.

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT SCHMIDT:

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of May, 2024, the Estate of the above named decedent was admitted to probate by the District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Probate No. CV-2024-14, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, and that Gladies Schmidt was appointed Administrator.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or his estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Robert Schmidt, 14 Frederick Street, Plymouth, WI 53073.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are requested to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of District Court, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

Dated June 27, 2024.

Jill Logan, WSB#6-4256 Attorney for the Estate of Robert Schmidt

Pub. July 4, 11 & 18, 2024 No. 1656

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HOT SPRINGS CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing, to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 18, 2024. The hearing will be held during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hot Springs Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The location of the hearing is the NRCS Office, which is located at 601 Broadway, Suite A, Thermopolis, WY. The purpose of said hearing is to accept public comments on the Hot Springs Conservation District's proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. All persons wishing to be heard on this matter may appear and be heard at the designated time and place stated herein.

Pub. July 18, 2024

No. 1674

STATE OF IN THE WYOMING DISTRICT COURT ) ss. FIFTH JUDICIAL **COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS** District

Civil Action No. 7978

IN THE MATTER OF THE KIRBY DITCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## ORDER FOR HEARING

The Commissioners of the Kirby Ditch Irrigation District having filed with the Clerk of District Court of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, their Report and Proposed Budget for the Year 2024 for said District, and therein itemizing money to be raised by assessment against lands compromising said District, and in the total amount of \$33,201.90 and by assessment of \$75.00 for the first acre of each landowner and \$9.00 per acre against the remaining 3,239.10 acres of land and for the purpose of paying indebtedness, to operate and maintain the facilities of the District, to meet and pay expenses heretofore and to be incurred, pay miscellaneous expenses, and to meet possible delinquencies.

ITIS. THEREFORE, ORDERED that the 23rd day of July, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., in the Courtroom of the above-entitled Court at Thermopolis, Wyoming, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, is hereby fixed as the time and place for an examination of said Report and Proposed Budget, and for the hearing of any objections thereto, and for fixing and determining the actual amount to be raised by assessment against lands within said District for the Year 2024, and

IT IS FURTHERMORE ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published at least twice in the Thermopolis Independent Record prior to said hearing.

DATED this 2nd day of July, 2024.

Bobbi Overfield District Judge

Pub. July 11 & 18, 2024

No. 1668

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER ) OF THE ESTATE ) Probate No. ) 2024-CV-18 OF CATHERINE EILEEN HAMMOND, Deceased.

#### **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Georgeanne Hammond has made Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property to the above Court as provided in Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205 for a Decree of Distribution in the above-captioned matter establishing rights to title to the following described real property located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming:

Lots Four (4) and Five (5) in Block Fifteen (15) of McManigal's Third Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

Said Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property is filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District at the Hot Springs County, Wyoming, Courthouse, and any dispute as to the facts as presented in the Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property should be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication hereof, at which time the real property of decedent described above and located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, will be set over to the Estate of Catherine Eileen Hammond.

DATED this 8th day of July 2024.

/s/ Marshall E. Keller Marshall E. Keller  $\overline{\text{WSB}} = \frac{1}{47-6406}$ Keller Law Firm, P.C. P. O. Box 111 Thermopolis, WY 82443-0111 marshall@kellerlawpc.com (307) 864-2318

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No. 1675

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

AMENDED PRIMARY ELECTION

**PROCLAMATION** CHANGES TO MAY 10, 2024 PRIMA-

RY PROCLAMATION

The following is in addition to the Primary Proclamation published May 16, 2024:

TAX QUESTIONS Senior Citizens Service District Formation/Mill Levy Proposition

"Shall the Hot Springs County Senior Citizen Service District be established with a maximum Levy of Two (2) Mills to be imposed on the taxable Property of the District?"

YES NO

\*\*To be voted on by all Hot Springs County voters.

Proclaimed this 18th day of July, 2024 in accordance with Wyoming State Statute §22-2-109 by:

> Becky Kersten, Hot Springs County Clerk

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No. 1673

# **News briefs from around the state of Wyoming**

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From Wyoming News Exchange newspapers

SUV crashes into geyser

CODY (WNE) — All five occupants escaped their vehicle after it left a road and plunged into hot, acidic water in Yellowstone National Park on Thursday morning, July 11.

They escaped the vehicle on their own, and each one went by ambulance to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The car had gone off the road "inadvertently," according to the park. The incident occurred at a thermal feature called Semi-Cen-

tennial Geyser located near Roaring Mountain between Mammoth Hot Springs and Norris Junction. The vehicle was fully submerged in about nine feet of water. The geyser has acidic and hot surface water temperatures

ranging around 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

The next day, law enforcement rangers temporarily closed

both lanes of the road near the accident in order to safely lift

the car out of the thermal feature. The road reopened after about two hours.

The incident is under investigation.

Kidnapped man lands up to 14 years in prison

GILLETTE (WNE) — A Gillette man who pleaded guilty to the second-degree sexual abuse of a minor received has been sentenced to 10 to 14 years in prison.

Zackery Minard, 22, was found in bed with a 14-year-old girl by the girl's mother, who called her boyfriend, Timothy

Ott, 30, and a friend beat up Minard, put him in a car trunk and drove him out of town, eventually abandoning him on a country road. The temperature outside was about 35 degrees.

According to Minard, Ott told him to walk back to town and think about what he had done, according to court documents.

A sheriff's deputy found Minard, who appeared to have been beaten up, after a passerby reported seeing a man looking disheveled and without shoes in the country east of Gillette. An ambulance took Minard to the hospital where he was treated

Ott pleaded guilty in April to kidnapping and felony meth possession, with the kidnapping charge changed to clarify that he had voluntarily released Minard, according to court

Prosecutors have agreed in a plea deal to recommend nine to 10 years for the kidnapping charge. Ott's sentencing is July 19. While talking to police, Ott was remorseful and said he had been impulsive and taken things too far, according to court

The meth charge came after police were called Dec. 11 to Second Chance Ministries, where Ott had been staying. While workers cleared out his belongings, they found paraphernalia with trace amounts of meth, according to court documents.

# **Public notices**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to update tariff Schedule 37, the Standard Rates for Avoided Cost Purchases of Power from Qualifying Facilities (Schedule 37), as more fully described below.

- 1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi) (C) and 37-2-112.
- 2. On June 25, 2024, RMP filed its Application, requesting authority to update tariff Schedule 37, to revise the costs of power purchased from qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities (QFs) under the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA).
- 3. Schedule 37 rates were last approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20000-545-ET-18. The proposed avoided cost rates are based on RMP's most recent official forward price curve and the 2023 IRP Update, and result in a proposed avoided cost rate of \$47.12 per MWh, an increase of \$9.15 per MWh for base load QFs. Proposed avoided costs rates for wind, fixed solar, and tracking solar QFs are \$20.32 per MWh, \$37.60 per MWh, and \$37.54 per MWh, respectively. The Application

states the higher avoided costs are primarily due to higher power prices the first few years. The addition of renewable resources to the 2023 IRP Update is projected to help suppress power prices and avoided energy costs.

- 4. This is not a complete description of the Application. The complete Application is available at the Commission's offices or online at https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx (Enter Record No. 17614), or RMP's website at www.pacificorp.com.
- 5. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a hearing must do so in writing, on or before August 12, 2024. Public comments should be submitted to wpsc\_comments@ wyo.gov. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-668-ET-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.
- 6. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711.

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No. 1676

#### NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

documents.

- 1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or the Company) request for Deferred Accounting Order to record a regulatory asset associated with incremental costs related to third-party liability in excess of \$10 million dollars. The public hearing is set to commence on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 2. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility, subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. WYO. STAT. §§ 37-l-101(a) (vi)(C) and 37-2-112.
- 3. On December 18, 2023, RMP filed its Application requesting the Commission issue a Deferred Accounting Order to record and defer a regulatory asset associated with incremental costs from increased premiums for third-party liability insurance, specifically wildfires. The deferral is for possible future recovery of costs.
- 4. A complete description of RMP's Application and its supporting testimony and exhibits may be viewed at the Commission's office during business hours or

online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/external/ publicusers.aspx (enter Record No. 17470).

- 5. Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC) petitioned to intervene in this matter, which the Commission granted by Order issued on December 21, 2023. Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate is also a party under the provisions of Wyoming Statute §37-2-402(a).
- 6. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules. All interested persons may appear and be heard, in person, by video or telephone conference, or through counsel appearing in person or by video or telephone conference.

Attend Zoom Meeting and actively participate at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933449233 **Or by Dialing:** 1-669-900-9128 or 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 993 344 9233

7. If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-654-EA-23 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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No. 1678

## INSURANCE

# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS?



Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) are third party companies that function as intermediaries between insurance providers and pharmaceutical manufacturers. PBMs create formularies, negotiate rebates with manufacturers, process claims, create pharmacy networks, review drug utilization and occasionally manage mail-order specialty pharmacies.

Background: When insurance companies began offering prescription drugs as a health plan benefit in the 1960s, PBMs were created to help insurers contain drug spending. Originally, PBMs decided which drugs were offered in formularies and administered drug claims. In the late 1980s, PBMs filled the need for a way to keep rapidly rising drug prices in check. Without the PBMs there wasn't a middle man to hold the pharmaceutical industry accountable to consistent pricing standards and there was little to prevent exorbitant overpricing by manufacturers or to guarantee reliable prices from region to region. PBMs provided that stability and eased the billing process for payers by creating vast networks of pharmacies.

PBMs Today: According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, today, there are 66 PBM companies serving more than

270 million Americans. The three largest, Express Scripts, CVS Caremark and OptumRX control approximately 89% of the market. PBMs work in conjunction with drug manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacies and health insurance providers but play no direct role in the physical distribution of prescription drugs, only handling negotiations and payments within the supply chain. When a new drug is available, the manufacturer negotiates with wholesalers who then sell and distribute the drugs to pharmacies. PBMs negotiate agreements with drug manufacturers on behalf of insurers and are paid rebates by drug manufacturers. Pharmacy Services Administrative Organizations (PSAOs) negotiate reimbursements with PBMs on behalf of pharmacies. PBMs then pay pharmacies on behalf of health insurance providers for drugs dispensed to patients. PSAOs represent and offer services to independent pharmacies and PBMs represent health insurers.

**National Attention:** Concerns have been raised by state and federal government regarding transparency to consumers and PBMs rebates and reimbursements. In 2018, the Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act, S.2554 and the Know the Lowest Price Act, S2553 were passed to promote transparency towards patients. Prior to those acts, PBMs had provisions in contracts that prevented pharmacists from telling patients when the cash price of a drug was less than the insurance copay price.

PBMs and Wyoming: In 2016, the

Wyoming legislature passed law that addressed Pharmacy Benefit Managers. The law can be found at Wyo. Stat. Ann. §26-52-101 et seq. The initial laws established a licensing requirement, direction regarding audits by PBMs on pharmacies and MAC (Maximum Allowable Cost) pricing. In 2023, the legislature passed additional law regarding transparency and in 2024 passed legislation regarding prompt payment of claims. (The 2024 law goes into effect July 1, 2024).

The Department of Insurance was granted authority to review complaints from pharmacies regarding possible lack of compliance with the laws. A pharmacist who believes a PBM has not been compliant with the laws can file a complaint on the DOI website. The complaint form is found on the Department of Insurance website at <a href="https://doi.wyo.gov/">https://doi.wyo.gov/</a> home under the header of Con-

sumers/Consumer Assistance/File a Complaint. When a complaint is filed it is assigned to the Pharmacy Benefit Program Manager for investigation. This position was appropriated for the department by the legislature in 2023. Since 2019, the department has investigated seventeen complaints.

The Department of Insurance will continue to work with PBMs and pharmacists to enforce Wyoming's laws regarding PBMs. If you are a pharmacist and have questions regarding the law in Wyoming or need assistance filing a complaint, please reach out to our office at 307-777-7401.

This public service announcement is presented and paid for by the insurance companies licensed to do business in Wyoming in cooperation with the Wyoming Insurance Department. For more information on the state's insurance companies, including financial information, visit the Insurance Department website's "Company Financial Information" section.



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