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Governor Matthew H. Mead

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Due to continuing declines in revenues, state agencies in Wyoming were directed by the Governor to prepare budget reductions for the upcoming 2017-2018 biennium. The Governor asked most agencies to reduce their general fund budgets by 8%, but asked the larger agencies to reduce their budgets more. Specifically, the Wyoming Department of Health was asked to reduce its general fund budget by \$90 million for the biennium, which equates to a 9.23% general fund reduction.

Part of this reduction included a cut to the Title 25 per diem rates for Designated Hospitals by 14%. Previous per diem rates were fixed at \$787, plus physician fees. With the 14% cut, the new fixed per diem rate will be **\$677, plus physician fees that will be reimbursed according to the Medicaid fee schedule.** This new rate will go into effect August 1, 2016.

In addition, you should have recently received correspondence from the Wyoming Division of Healthcare Financing, Medicaid, related to Title 25/involuntary admissions claims. As stated in the Medicaid correspondence, please keep in mind that starting August 1, 2016, all claims must be submitted, on paper, to Wyoming Medicaid via the Fiscal Agent, Xerox, **and must be billed using the 0919 revenue code.** If you have not received this correspondence, please contact me at the information listed below and an additional copy will be sent to you.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (307) 777-8763 or via email at [chris.newman@wyo.gov](mailto:chris.newman@wyo.gov).

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