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**Wyoming Health Council Wins Grant to Help Uninsured**

*New staff will help people buy needed health insurance*

The Wyoming Health Council (WHC) of Cheyenne, Wyoming is the recent recipient of a competitive grant from the Department of Human and Health Services (DHHS). This grant allows for new staff positions to be created at three of Wyoming's Family Planning Clinics in anticipation of the 2014-2015 open enrollment period under the Affordable Care Act.

This grant was designed for non-profits focused on serving individuals of a reproductive age. The funding from the grant allows the WHC to increase their outreach and enrollment efforts for those who want health insurance, but can't get it. Western Wyoming Family Planning in Rock Springs, Laramie Reproductive Health in Laramie and Gillette Reproductive Health in Gillette have been named as the three clinics who will receive the new staff members.

These new staff members will be Certified Application Counselors (CAC). CACs assist people through the enrollment application process. This grant will allow for two CACs to be placed at each of the three clinics.

"This is an opportunity to educate people without health insurance about their options within the Marketplace," said Brenda Burnett, the Nurse Consultant at WHC. She went on to add, "Having the CACs on location at the clinics provides patients easier access to health insurance options, including Medicaid, as they come in to address their health care needs."

The three clinics were chosen based on age and socio-economic factors of the populations located in those communities. For more information on the Wyoming Health Council and the work they do for the state of Wyoming visit their website at [www.wyhc.org](http://www.wyhc.org).

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