

DOCTORS TAKE ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

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The Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce is doing something they don't normally do – taking a stance. Thursday they brought in doctors from around the country to speak on health care.

Although the "Coalition to Protect Patients' Rights" believes this country needs health care reform, they don't agree with the senate's current document.

Thursday, doctors met in Cheyenne to ask the tough questions.

Dr. Jerry Calkins asked, "Is health care a right or is it a privilege? Or a combination there of?...One question that I'm still not convinced of, yes we need to make changes, but why do we need to make massive changes today?"

With those massive changes would come a massive bill and where does that money come from?

"Health care reform is going to impact very directly the businesses in this community," according to Dr. Larry Meuli.

Dr. Marcy Zwelling-Aamot feels that health care is about relationships, and because of that she worries about this reform. "It really fails to get at the core issue of what you want from your physician and what your choices may be."

Dr. Jerry Calkins states that there are problems that run much deeper than just getting everyone insured. "We have manpower shortages. We do not have enough physicians or nurses or allied health to handle our current demands that we have."

According to the most recent numbers from the National Coalition on Health Care, nearly 46 million people under the age of 65 are without health care.

The Wyoming Democratic Party is holding a press conference Friday at 10 am, to discuss their reasons why health care reform needs to happen now and what they believe it should include. We will bring you that story Friday.

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