



## Top Stories

### Access to Maternity Care in Rural Wisconsin

Pregnant women in rural Wisconsin can face multiple barriers to maternity care, including long distances to hospitals that offer maternity services and coverage gaps of clinical providers. Twenty of Wisconsin's seventy-two counties have no OB-GYN, and the number of rural hospitals that no longer provide obstetric services has spiked in recent decades.

Wisconsin Public Radio takes a look at rural maternity health in the state.



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### Rise in E-Cigarette Use Prompts State Advisory

A survey of Wisconsin high school students finds that in 2018, one out of five students used e-cigarettes, a trend that prompted a [public health advisory](#) from the Department of Health Services last Friday.

The trend is worrying for a variety of reasons, but largely because nicotine harms the developing brain, and the aerosol contained in e-cigarettes contains other harmful substances.

The advisory lists steps parents, teachers, health professionals, and leaders can take to address the issue. (Source: Wisconsin State Journal)



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# Cybersecurity Best Practices for Hospitals

Phishing, ransomware, equipment theft, data loss. Unfortunately, these can all beleaguer health organizations, regardless of size, complexity, or type.

A new publication helps hospitals up their cybersecurity game. The document guides hospitals through considering threats, and outlines voluntary, consensus-based, and industry-led procedures to mitigate potential vulnerabilities.

The document is released by the Department of Health and Human Services. [Find it here.](#)



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## Funding & Opportunities

- [Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs \(Deadline: Jan. 29th\)](#)
- [WIPFLI-RWHC Cost Champion Award \(Deadline: January 31st\)](#)
- [Alzheimer's Foundation of America Bi-Annual Award \(Deadline: February 1st\)](#)
- [Top Rural Development Initiatives Award \(Deadline: February 1st\)](#)

## Events

- Jan 14th: [The Current State of Rural Healthcare, on WPR](#)
- Jan 15th: [Preventive Care and Screening-Electronic Clinical Quality Measures](#)
- Jan 16th-20th: [WEMSA's Working Together Conference & Expo](#)
- Jan 17th: [Tackling the Opioid Epidemic: Where to Begin](#)



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