SENATE FILE NO. SF0133

Medicaid diversion program.

Sponsored   by: Senator(s)   Scott   and   Schiffer   and
                Representative(s) Bonner, Brown and Harvey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Medicaid program; providing for

2 diversion of some Medicaid recipients and qualified

3 applicants to the healthy frontiers or similar program;

4 providing enrollment criteria; authorizing receipt of and

5 continuously appropriating funds; and providing for an

6 effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10   **Section 1.** W.S. 42-4-301 through 42-4-305 are created

11 to read:

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13   ARTICLE 3

14   MEDICAID DIVERSION PROGRAM

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16   **42-4-301. Medicaid diversion program created.**

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2   The Medicaid diversion program is created to reduce

3   Medicaid expenditures by diverting adult recipients and

4   qualified applicants from the Medicaid program to the

5   healthy frontiers health care reform demonstration project

6   pursuant to W.S. 26-43-201 through 26-43-207 or a similar

7   program limited to individuals diverted from Medicaid.

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9   **42-4-302. Diversion; department of health duties.**

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11   (a) The department of health may divert from the

12   Medicaid program adult recipients or qualified applicants,

13   subject to the following:

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15   (i) The person diverted voluntarily consents to

16   the diversion;

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18   (ii) At the time of the diversion, the person

19   diverted is a current recipient or qualified applicant for

20   the Wyoming Medicaid program;

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22   (iii) The person diverted shall comply with work

23   requirements of the healthy frontiers program within one

1   hundred twenty (120) days of enrollment in the Medicaid

2   diversion program;

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4   (iv) The person diverted meets all other

5   eligibility requirements of W.S. 26-43-204;

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7   (v) The cumulative number of recipients or

8   qualified applicants diverted shall not exceed five hundred

9   (500) prior to January 1, 2012, one thousand (1,000) prior

10   to April 1, 2012 and two thousand (2,000) thereafter;

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12   (vi) The person diverted shall pay premiums and

13   contributions to the personal health account on the same

14   sliding scale as other participants in the healthy

15   frontiers project;

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17   (vii) The director of the department of health

18   may at any time discontinue further diversions and may,

19   with one hundred twenty (120) days notice to persons

20   diverted pursuant to this article, disenroll all persons in

21   the program and may transfer qualified recipients back to

22   the Medicaid program.

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24   **42-4-303. Receipt and use of funds.**

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2 The director of the department of health may accept federal

3 or private funds, or both, to pay for any part of the

4 expenses of the diversion program, provided that no

5 conditions attached to the receipt of the funds jeopardize

6 the integrity of the diversion program. The state expenses

7 for the program shall be paid from the health care

8 financing line item appropriation in the department of

9 health budget and from premiums paid by the persons

10 diverted. Premiums and other funds received as authorized

11 by this section are continuously appropriated to the

12 department for purposes of the diversion program.

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14 **42-4-304. Medicaid diversion program; evaluation and**

15 **reports.**

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17 (a) The director of the department of health shall

18 report to the joint appropriations interim committee and

19 the joint labor, health and social services interim

20 committee by November 15, 2012 and December 31, 2014 on:

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22 (i) The number of persons enrolled in the

23 diversion program;

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1   (ii) Per client expenditures in the program,

2   itemizing total and state general fund expenditures;

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4   (iii) A comparison of per client expenditures in

5   the diversion program to per client expenditures for

6   comparable persons in the Medicaid program.

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8   **42-4-305. Sunset.**

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10   This article is repealed effective December 31, 2015 and

11   all participants shall be disenrolled effective July 1,

12   2015.

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14   **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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16   (END)