

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 500

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO MEDICARE PROVIDER PAYMENT; AMENDING SECTION 56-265, IDAHO CODE,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN SERVICES SHALL BE NINETY-ONE
3 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT MEDICARE RATE.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 56-265, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 56-265. PROVIDER PAYMENT. (1) Where there is an equivalent, the pay-
9 ment to medicaid providers:

10 (a) May be up to but shall not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the
11 current medicare rate for primary care procedure codes as defined by the
12 centers for medicare and medicaid services; and

13 (b) Shall be ninety percent (90%) of the current medicare rate for all
14 other procedure codes.

15 (2) Where there is no medicare equivalent, the payment rate to medicaid
16 providers shall be prescribed by rule.

17 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if the ser-
18 vices are provided to an adolescent by a private, freestanding mental health
19 facility that is an institution for mental disease, the department shall re-
20 imburse for those services at ~~twenty-seven~~ ninety-one percent (~~27~~91%) of the
21 current medicare rate.

22 (4) The department shall, through the annual budget process, include a
23 line item request for adjustments to provider rates. All changes to provider
24 payment rates shall be subject to approval of the legislature by appropria-
25 tion.