

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 12  
 2 INTRODUCED BY C. PEASE-LOPEZ  
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE  
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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PROVIDER RATE PAYMENTS;  
 6 AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."  
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8 WHEREAS, the 2009 Legislature appropriated money to pay for a 2% increase in the reimbursement  
 9 rates paid to nonphysician Medicaid providers, as well as child care, foster care, subsidized adoption, and  
 10 in-home services providers, in both fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, physicians participating in the Medicaid program were scheduled to receive a 6% rate  
 12 increase in fiscal year 2011 under Chapter 414, Laws of 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, the forecast for state revenue and the state budget in early 2010 triggered a statutory  
 14 requirement for the Governor to reduce state general fund spending; and

15 WHEREAS, the Governor eliminated the provider rate increases scheduled for fiscal year 2011 as part  
 16 of the reductions made to comply with state law; and

17 WHEREAS, the reduction in expected reimbursement payments had financial repercussions for  
 18 individuals and organizations that provide services to Montanans in need of medical care, mental health care,  
 19 foster care, child care, long-term care, and assistance with activities of daily living; and

20 WHEREAS, the ending fund balance for the 2013 biennium is expected to be higher than originally  
 21 predicted.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriations for medicaid provider reimbursements.** (1) There is  
 26 appropriated \$6,481,952 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services for fiscal  
 27 year 2013 to be allocated as follows:

- 28 (a) \$660,757 to the addictive and mental disorders division;
- 29 (b) \$292,013 to the child and family services division;
- 30 (c) \$1,133,820 to the developmental services division;



1 (d) \$2,337,400 to the health resources division, with \$374,113 of that amount to be disbursed to the  
2 children's mental health bureau and \$817,751 to be used for reimbursements to physicians as authorized under  
3 Chapter 414, Laws of 2007;

4 (e) \$230,358 to the human and community services division for child care provider increases; and

5 (f) \$1,827,604 to the senior and long-term care division.

6 (2) (a) Each division shall use its allocation to make a payment to providers who are enrolled with the  
7 state at the time the appropriation is made. The disbursements to providers must be made according to a formula  
8 devised by the department to estimate the amount of general fund money that a provider group would have  
9 received if the fiscal year 2011 provider rate increases had gone into effect. The formula must take into account  
10 a provider's caseload.

11 (b) Provider groups that received an increase in reimbursement rates in fiscal year 2011 are not eligible  
12 for the payment provided for in this section.

13 (c) A payment may not be made to a provider if the formula devised by the department results in an  
14 individual payment of less than \$20.

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16 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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