

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0172

Air ambulance-Medicaid coverage amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Barlow and Clem and
Senator(s) Baldwin

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid; requiring the state employees'
2 and officials' group insurance plan to offer air ambulance
3 services under the air ambulance transport services program
4 only upon federal approval of the program; requiring state
5 agency reimbursement for air ambulance services provided
6 under the air ambulance transport services program only
7 upon federal approval of the program; making the operation
8 of air ambulance provisions in Medicaid statutes contingent
9 upon federal approval of the air ambulance transport
10 services program; making the payment of premium taxes for
11 the air ambulance transport services program contingent
12 upon federal approval of the program; making workers'
13 compensation coverage for air ambulance services under
14 Medicaid contingent upon federal approval of the air

1 ambulance transport services program; and providing for an
2 effective date.

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

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6 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-219(a) and (b) and 42-4-123(b) as
7 created by 2019 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 189, Section
8 2 are amended to read:

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10 **9-3-219. Air ambulance transport services for**
11 **employees, officials and dependents; reimbursement; sunset.**

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13 (a) Emergency and medically necessary air ambulance
14 transport services for employees, officials and their
15 dependents shall be covered under W.S. 42-4-123, subject to
16 availability and any limitations specified by the
17 department of health under W.S. 42-4-123(a) and subject to
18 operation of the air ambulance transport services program
19 under W.S. 42-4-123(b).

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21 (b) Contingent on operation of the air ambulance
22 transport services program under W.S. 42-4-123(b), the
23 department of administration and information shall pay

1 reimbursement for services under this section to the
2 department of health, as specified under W.S. 42-4-123.

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4 **42-4-123. Air ambulance transport services for**
5 **Wyoming residents; sunset.**

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7 (b) Contingent on federal approval under subsection
8 (a) of this section, there is created the air ambulance
9 transport services program under the department. Operation
10 of the air ambulance services program as provided in
11 subsections (c) through (p) of this section shall be
12 contingent on the federal approval required by subsection
13 (a) of this section.

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 26-4-102(b)(iii), 26-4-103(n) and
16 27-14-401(j) as amended by 2019 Wyoming Session Laws,
17 Chapter 189, Section 3 are amended to read:

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19 **26-4-102. Record of receipts; payment to treasurer;**
20 **credit to fund.**

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22 (b) The commissioner shall promptly deposit all
23 monies he receives from any charges to the general fund,

1 with receipt and acknowledgement submitted to the state
2 treasurer, except that:

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4 (iii) Any premium assessments collected under
5 W.S. 26-4-103(n), which shall be transferred to the air
6 ambulance coverage account not more than thirty (30) days
7 after receipt.

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9 **26-4-103. Premium taxes; generally; preemption by**
10 **state.**

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12 (n) At the same time a report under subsection (a) of
13 this section is filed, an insurer making private health
14 benefit plans available in this state, and any plan which
15 has entered into agreement under W.S. 42-4-123(j), shall
16 pay to the commissioner a three-quarter percent (.75%)
17 assessment upon net premiums and net considerations. The
18 commissioner shall, not more than thirty (30) days after
19 receipt, transfer premium assessments paid under this
20 subsection to the air ambulance coverage account.
21 Application of this subsection shall be contingent on
22 operation of the air ambulance transport services program
23 under W.S. 42-4-123(b).

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2 27-14-401. Medical, hospital and ambulance expenses;
3 review of claim; employer and division designated
4 providers; contracts for bill review, case management and
5 related programs; air ambulance reimbursement.

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7 (j) Emergency and medically necessary air ambulance
8 transport services for an employee shall be covered under
9 W.S. 42-4-123, subject to availability and any limitations
10 specified by the department under W.S. 42-4-123(a). The
11 department of workforce services shall pay reimbursement
12 for services under this section to the department of health
13 as specified under W.S. 42-4-123. Application of this
14 subsection shall be contingent on operation of the air
15 ambulance transport services program under W.S.
16 42-4-123(b).

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18 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

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