

ENROLLED ACT NO. 27, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2024 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; including vulnerable adults within the behavioral health redesign; clarifying advanced age or a physical or mental disability does not establish a presumption of severe mental illness; providing a sunset date; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-613(a)(xv), as amended by 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 79, Section 1, and as that act was amended by 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 31, Section 2, is amended to read:

**35-1-613. Definitions.**

(a) As used in this act:

(xv) "Adults with severe mental illness" means persons who, based on diagnosis and history, have a substantial probability of being unable to meet their needs for food, shelter and medical care if they do not receive regular mental health treatment or case management. For purposes of this paragraph, the presence of advanced age or a physical or mental disability shall not solely establish a presumption of severe mental illness. Until June 30, 2026, "Adults with severe mental illness" shall include vulnerable adults as defined by W.S. 35-20-102(a)(xviii);

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk