

SENATE FILE NO. SF0060

Medicaid reform.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Medicaid program; providing
2 direction to the department of health for the reform and
3 redesign of the program; requiring reports; repealing a cap
4 on the number of participants in the home and community
5 based waiver program; providing an appropriation; and
6 providing for an 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.**

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12 (a) The department of health shall proceed with a
13 reform and redesign of the Wyoming Medicaid program to
14 include the following elements that were identified by the
15 department in its final report on the Medicaid options
16 study performed pursuant to 2012 Wyoming Laws, Chapter 103:

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2 (i) Concerning health care services, the
3 department shall, to the extent practical, implement:

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5 (A) Use of incentives to encourage
6 recipients to engage in designated activities or behaviors
7 to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle;

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9 (B) Use of incentives to encourage health
10 care providers to meet identified, measurable performance
11 outcomes in the provision of health care;

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13 (C) Decreased use of emergency rooms for
14 nonemergency care by such methods as a nurse triage
15 hotline, targeted education and increased monitoring for
16 excessive utilization and inappropriate drug seeking
17 behavior;

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19 (D) An evaluation of enhanced use of
20 managed care using tiers of services and more intense
21 management for high cost clients. The department shall
22 explore the use of managed care for all or a designated
23 part of the Medicaid population, with the goal of
24 delivering care of the same or better quality as currently

1 delivered but at reduced cost. The managed care plan shall
2 include identification of goals, outcome measurements and
3 evaluation tools. The department may initiate the process
4 of federal approval for necessary state plan amendments;

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6 (E) Inclusion of supplementary services at
7 the time a prospective client applies for Medicaid
8 benefits, such as referrals to other benefit programs and
9 job training resources;

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11 (F) Provision of prenatal services to all
12 women whose children are likely to be eligible for
13 Medicaid;

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15 (G) Expansion of available behavioral
16 health services, with particular attention to persons with
17 serious and persistent mental illness or serious
18 psychological distress;

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20 (H) Increased fraud prevention and
21 reduction activities;

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23 (J) Use of a capitated payment model
24 instead of a fee-for-service payment model for some health

1 care providers, including predetermined bundled payments
2 for specific health events or time periods;

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4 (K) Use of health homes to coordinate
5 patient care;

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7 (M) Screening, brief intervention and
8 referral for treatment for pregnancy and maternity care;

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10 (N) Enhanced healthcare management for
11 foster care children.

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13 (ii) Concerning long term care services, the
14 department shall, to the extent practical, implement:

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16 (A) Development of an assessment tool to
17 replace the "Assessment of Medical Necessity for Long Term
18 Care" required by W.S. 42-6-102;

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20 (B) Redesign of nursing facility
21 reimbursements to reflect patient acuity;

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23 (C) Elimination of the caps on the number
24 of clients admitted to the long term care and assisted

1 living facility waiver programs. The objective shall be to
2 serve all persons currently on waiting lists for waiver
3 services within the current budget.

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5 (iii) Concerning developmental disability and
6 acquired brain injury services, the department shall, to
7 the extent practical, implement:

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9 (A) Creation of two (2) separate waiver
10 programs, including one (1) for supportive services and one
11 (1) for comprehensive services. The objective shall be to
12 serve all persons currently on waiting lists for waiver
13 services within the current budget;

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15 (B) Creation of individual budget amounts
16 for each person served on the waivers to reflect assessed
17 individual needs;

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19 (C) Replacement where possible of higher
20 cost residential and day habilitation services with
21 community based services;

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1 (D) Provide for a case management system
2 for the waiver programs that is free of conflicts of
3 interest and independent of direct service providers.

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5 (b) The department of health shall make a preliminary
6 report by October 1, 2013 and a final report by October 1,
7 2014 to the joint labor, health and social services interim
8 committee regarding the status of the reform and redesign
9 of the Medicaid program pursuant to subsection (a) of this
10 section. The report shall separately identify those items
11 that have been implemented or are scheduled for
12 implementation and those items that are contingent on a
13 state Medicaid plan amendment or approval of a waiver by
14 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services. To the
15 extent practicable, the report shall include an estimate of
16 the costs or savings associated with each reform and
17 redesign item.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 42-6-106(a) is repealed.

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21 **Section 3.** There is appropriated one hundred twenty
22 thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) from the general fund to the
23 department of health. This appropriation shall be for the
24 period beginning with the effective date of this act and

1 ending June 30, 2014. This appropriation shall only be
2 expended for the purpose of studying and developing an
3 implementation plan for Medicaid reform pursuant to this
4 act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
5 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
6 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
7 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
8 by law on June 30, 2014. This appropriation shall not be
9 included in the department's 2015-2016 standard biennial
10 budget request.

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12 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
15 Constitution.

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