

SENATE FILE NO. SF0066

Title 25 payment obligations-federal entities.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the hospitalization of mentally ill
2 persons; specifying the entities from whom payment for
3 treatment shall be sought; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 25-10-112(d)(intro) and (ii) is
9 amended to read:

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11 **25-10-112. Liability for costs of detention,**
12 **involuntary hospitalization and proceedings therefor.**

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14 (d) The hospital or other treatment provider shall
15 attempt to recover all costs of treatment from public and

1 private health insurance and from government benefit
2 programs, including the veterans' administration, the
3 Indian health service of the United States department of
4 health and human services and any other federal agency that
5 may be responsible for the costs of treatment, prior to
6 seeking payment from the county or the department. The
7 hospital or other treatment provider shall have discharged
8 its obligation to recover costs under this subsection if
9 it:

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11 (ii) Certifies to the county or the department
12 that:

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14 (A) The patient has no public or private
15 health insurance; ~~and that~~

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17 (B) There are no other government benefit
18 programs from which it can recover the costs of treatment;
19 and

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21 (C) If the patient might qualify for
22 benefits, payment has been denied after submitting a
23 written demand for payment to all federal agencies that may

1 be responsible for the costs of treatment, including the
2 veterans' administration and the Indian health service of
3 the United States department of health and human services.
4 Payment shall be deemed denied if a written demand for
5 payment is made and no response is received within four (4)
6 months of being properly submitted. If a demand is paid
7 after having been deemed denied under this subparagraph,
8 and after the county or department has paid the hospital or
9 other treatment provider, the amount of the demand payment
10 shall be remitted to the county or department, whichever
11 entity paid the hospital or other treatment provider. If a
12 county or the department has paid a hospital or other
13 treatment provider, the county or the department shall have
14 a subrogation right against any entity to whom the hospital
15 or provider sent a written demand.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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