

**WORKING DRAFT**

SENATE FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Medicaid reimbursement for obstetric services.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to medical assistance and services;  
 2 providing for increased reimbursement for obstetric  
 3 services under the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services  
 4 Act for a specified period; making an appropriation;  
 5 specifying application; requiring a report; and providing  
 6 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.** For the period commencing July 1, 2006 and  
 11 ending June 30, 2008, services authorized under the Wyoming  
 12 Medical Assistance and Services Act involving the delivery  
 13 of a child, including prenatal and postpartum care related  
 14 to the delivery, shall be reimbursed at ninety percent  
 15 (90%) of the statewide average of the physician's specialty

1 for the services provided as of July 1, 2006, not to exceed  
2 one hundred percent (100%) of the provider's usual and  
3 customary billed charges. This reimbursement rate shall  
4 apply if the service was rendered during the period  
5 commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2008.

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7 **Section 2.** The department of health shall report to  
8 the joint appropriations interim committee on or before  
9 October 31, 2007, the additional costs incurred by the  
10 increased reimbursement rate under this act and  
11 recommendations for modifications to the reimbursement rate  
12 for obstetric services under the Medical Assistance and  
13 Services Act.

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15 **Section 3.**

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17 (a) For the purposes of this act, there is  
18 appropriated to the department of health for the period  
19 commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2008:

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21 (i) Two million three hundred thousand dollars  
22 (\$2,300,000.00) from the general fund; and

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1           (ii) Two million four hundred thousand dollars  
2 (\$2,400,000.00) in federal funds.

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**\*\*\*Staff Comment\*\*\***

5           The appropriation listed in Section 3 is only  
6 intended as a place holder, based upon 2004 Spec.  
7 Sess. laws., Chap. 2. I have not yet received an  
8 estimate from the Department of Health with  
9 respect to what the appropriation should be for  
10 the time periods specified in this bill.

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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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