

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0047

Long term care access.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Long Term Care Choices Act;
2 authorizing a statewide network of aging and disability
3 resource centers as specified; granting rulemaking
4 authority; authorizing amendments to the state Medicaid
5 plan; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
6 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.** W.S. 42-6-109 is created to read:

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12 **42-6-109. Aging and disability resource centers.**

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14 (a) The department is authorized, using competitive
15 grants and contracts, to fund a statewide network of aging
16 and disability resource centers.

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2 (b) The purpose of each center shall be to create a
3 single, coordinated system of information and access for
4 all persons seeking long term support. Each center shall
5 assist eligible persons in making informed decisions about
6 health care access and long term care service and support
7 options and shall serve as a referral agency to the long
8 term care support system. Centers shall provide
9 information and assistance to individuals needing either
10 public or private resources, professionals seeking
11 assistance on behalf of their clients, and individuals
12 planning for their future long term care needs.

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14 (c) The department may amend the state plan for
15 medical assistance and services developed pursuant to W.S.
16 42-4-104(a)(ii) to provide for the aging and disability
17 resource center network.

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19 (d) The department is authorized to adopt rules and
20 regulations to implement this section.

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22 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one million five
23 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00), or as much
24 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the

1 department of health for the fiscal biennium beginning July
2 1, 2008 to implement the purposes of this act.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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