STATE OF WYOMING

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0142

Insurance benefits-usual, customary and reasonable.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gilmore and Senator(s)
Scott

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to insurance; modifying provisions for
- 2 review of claims denied upon application of usual,
- 3 customary and reasonable standard; prohibiting denial of
- 4 payment for medical charges as specified; specifying
- 5 application; and providing for an effective date.

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

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- 9 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-40-103(a)(i) and by creating a new
- 10 paragraph (iv) is amended to read:

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12 **26-40-103.** Payment of claims.

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- 14 (a) If any disability insurance policy provides for
- 15 settlement of a claim for payment of medical services or

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procedures provided by a health care provider using a

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2 usual, customary and reasonable basis the insurer shall: 3 4 (i) Submit to the department upon request 5 statistical data of health care provider's charges on which the insurer bases payment of claims. Such data shall be 6 7 submitted upon request of the commissioner., provided, however, no insurer may be required to submit data more 8 9 than once every six (6) months The commissioner shall 10 request such data upon receiving within any three (3) month 11 period two (2) or more written complaints from insureds who have been denied payment for the full amount of a health 12 13 care provider's charge based upon application of usual, 14 customary and reasonable criteria. The data submitted shall 15 contain only charges for services performed not more than one (1) year prior to the date of the most recent data; 16 17 (iv) Not refuse to pay or otherwise deny any 18 19 part of a claim for payment of medical services or 20 procedures provided by a health care provider based upon 21 application of usual, customary and reasonable criteria if 22 the charge is within one hundred ten percent (110%) of the insurer's calculation of the usual, customary and 23 24 reasonable charge for the service or procedure.

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2 **Section 2.** This act applies to disability insurance

3 policies and certificates of coverage issued, renewed,

4 delivered or issued for delivery in this state on or after

5 July 1, 2009.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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9 (END)

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