

ENROLLED ACT NO. 18, SENATE

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to emergency detention and involuntary hospitalization costs; limiting authority to seek recovery of costs from patients as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 25-10-112(d) is amended to read:

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

(d) The hospital or other treatment provider shall attempt to recover all costs of treatment from public and private health insurance, from patients, and from government benefit programs prior to seeking payment from the county or the department. The hospital or other treatment provider shall have discharged its obligation to recover costs under this subsection if it:

(i) Has obtained or made reasonable effort to obtain from the patient or the patient's legally designated representative an affidavit showing the patient's financial condition which would support certification of the facts under paragraph (ii) of this subsection; and

(ii) Certifies to the county or the department that the patient has no public or private health insurance and that there are no other government benefit programs from which it can recover the costs of treatment.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2009.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk