

SENATE FILE NO. SF0043

Health care access project design.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health care and the administration of
2 government; providing for a health care access
3 demonstration project as specified; providing for a request
4 for information; providing for a contingent joint
5 legislative and executive oversight committee to succeed
6 the health care commission in overseeing the project;
7 providing for a report; providing appropriations; and
8 providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.**

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14 (a) The Wyoming health care commission shall issue a
15 request for information from interested consulting firms,
16 organizations or individuals to be used in the design of a

1 detailed health care access project to improve access to
2 health care and the quality of care delivered in a rural
3 environment while lowering health care costs.

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5 (b) Information in response to the request authorized
6 by subsection (a) of this section shall include the
7 following minimum requirements:

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9 (i) Selection of a project target population
10 taking into consideration the ability to transfer the
11 project design to another, possibly larger, population at a
12 future date;

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14 (ii) Utilization of the medical home model in
15 the delivery of health care services;

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17 (iii) Improved reimbursement rates for
18 participating providers to cover the costs associated with
19 services required in a medical home model. Participating
20 providers shall include primary care physicians, advanced
21 practice registered nurses and physician assistants;

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23 (iv) Demonstrated methods of improved access to
24 health care;

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2 (v) Emphasis on improved quality of care and on
3 preventive services;

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5 (vi) Cost containment strategies;

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7 (vii) Utilization of incentives and promotion of
8 personal responsibility for improving health outcomes;

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10 (viii) Mechanisms to strengthen delivery of
11 primary care;

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13 (ix) Strategies for providing a continuum of
14 care for seriously ill patients identified in the target
15 population;

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17 (x) Projected project costs, savings and
18 expected outcomes for the requirements identified in
19 paragraphs (i) through (ix) of this subsection, including
20 anticipated return for each dollar invested;

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22 (xi) Objective data collection and evaluation
23 methods specific to paragraphs (i) through (x) of this
24 subsection.

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2 (c) The request for information shall be prepared by
3 the Wyoming health care commission and issued by the
4 department of administration and information, general
5 services division. The commission shall review all
6 responses and select one (1) or more of the responses for
7 detailed technical analysis, to include fiscal analysis.
8 Upon completion of the detailed technical analysis, the
9 commission shall recommend one (1) or more project designs
10 for improved health care access to the governor and the
11 joint labor, health and social services interim committee.
12 The recommendation shall include a description of project
13 design criteria and an itemization of all project costs to
14 be included in any legislative appropriation for the
15 project. The recommendation may include technical analysis
16 of any already implemented access project. The commission's
17 design recommendation and report shall be made no later
18 than November 1, 2009.

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20 **Section 2.**

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22 (a) If the Wyoming health care commission sunsets as
23 currently scheduled on June 30, 2009, responsibilities
24 assigned to the commission under this act shall be

1 performed by an oversight committee, subject to the
2 following:

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4 (i) The oversight committee shall consist of:

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6 (A) One (1) representative of the
7 governor's office appointed by the governor;

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9 (B) One (1) representative of the
10 department of health appointed by the director;

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12 (C) One (1) representative of the insurance
13 department appointed by the commissioner;

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15 (D) One (1) senator appointed by the
16 president of the senate and one (1) representative
17 appointed by the speaker of the house;

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19 (E) One (1) person appointed before June
20 30, 2009 by the health care commission and who was a member
21 of the health care commission;

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1 (F) One (1) member of the joint labor,
2 health and social services interim committee appointed by
3 the chairmen of the committee.

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5 (ii) Members of the committee shall select a
6 chairman and a vice chairman;

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8 (iii) The committee shall meet at the call of
9 the chairman and shall convene its first meeting no later
10 than July 30, 2009. The committee shall review, evaluate
11 the status of the health care commission's work on the
12 project and shall complete the tasks provided in section 1
13 of this act;

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15 (iv) The committee shall issue a final report to
16 the governor and the joint labor, health and social
17 services interim committee no later than November 1, 2009,
18 as provided in subsection (c) of section 1 of this act;

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20 (v) The committee shall be staffed by the
21 governor's office. The committee may contract for
22 administrative and research services to aid in preparation
23 of the committee report;

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1 (vi) The committee shall exist until March 15,
2 2010;

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4 (vii) Members of the committee shall be paid as
5 follows:

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7 (A) Legislative members of the committee
8 shall be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as
9 provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as
10 members of the committee;

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12 (B) State employees serving on the
13 committee shall receive no additional compensation for
14 serving on the committee, but shall be paid as provided in
15 W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for travel and per diem expenses
16 incurred for their official duties as members of the
17 committee;

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19 (C) All other members of the committee
20 shall not receive a salary but shall be paid as provided in
21 W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for travel and per diem expenses
22 incurred for their official duties as members of the
23 committee.

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1 **Section 3.**

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3 (a) There is appropriated two hundred forty thousand
4 dollars (\$240,000.00) from the general fund to the
5 governor's office. This appropriation shall be for the
6 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
7 ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be
8 expended for the purpose of staffing and funding meetings
9 of the oversight committee created by this act and to
10 contract with appropriate professionals as necessary to
11 complete the committee study. Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
13 transferred or expended for any other purpose. Funds
14 appropriated under this subsection shall not revert until
15 June 30, 2010.

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17 (b) There is appropriated ten thousand dollars
18 (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
19 service office. This appropriation shall be for the period
20 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
21 June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended
22 for the purpose of paying salary, per diem and mileage for
23 legislative members of the oversight committee created by
24 this act and per diem and mileage for legislative

1 appointees. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
2 this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
3 any other purpose. Funds appropriated under this
4 subsection shall not revert until June 30, 2010.

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6 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
7 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
8 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
9 Constitution.

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