

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0058

Developmental disability services transition grants.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid; creating a grant program to
2 assist developmental disability service providers or
3 employers in complying with a revised Medicaid waiver
4 program as specified; providing grant criteria;
5 establishing an account; requiring reports; providing an
6 appropriation; and providing 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.** W.S. 42-4-122 is created to read:

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12 **42-4-122. Medicaid waiver transition grants.**

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14 (a) The department of health shall administer a grant
15 program to assist developmental disability service

1 providers or employers in transitioning their service
2 delivery systems to conform to the requirements of Medicaid
3 waiver programs for children with developmental
4 disabilities, adults with developmental disabilities and
5 persons with acquired brain injuries, as those programs
6 were redesigned in 2014.

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8 (b) Grants pursuant to this section shall be subject
9 to the following:

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11 (i) Grants shall be available to service
12 providers or employers to implement specific changes that
13 support the comprehensive and supports waiver programs and
14 meet the community based setting standards of the centers
15 for Medicare and Medicaid services;

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17 (ii) Grant funds may be used to assist providers
18 or employers in, but not limited to:

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20 (A) Updating their business plans;

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22 (B) Implementing person centered planning;

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1 (C) Implementing community integration
2 services;

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4 (D) Funding consultants, updating processes
5 and training staff on new services;

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7 (E) Promoting and increasing the variety of
8 living options and employment services being provided to
9 participants as documented in their plans of care.

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11 (iii) Grants under this section shall be awarded
12 for a one (1) year period, and may be renewed not more than
13 two (2) times for additional one (1) year periods.

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15 (c) The department shall adopt rules and regulations
16 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. Rules
17 shall be promulgated in sufficient time to enable awarding
18 of grants to applicant service providers or employers
19 commencing July 1, 2015. Rules shall include provisions
20 relating to:

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22 (i) Grant application procedures;

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1 (ii) Grant eligibility;

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3 (iii) Procedures for distribution of grant
4 funds;

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6 (iv) Grantee record keeping, reporting and
7 auditing requirements.

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9 (d) The comprehensive and supports waiver transition
10 account is created. The account shall consist of those
11 funds appropriated to the account by the legislature and
12 all monies received from federal grants and other
13 contributions, grants, gifts, transfers, bequests and
14 donations to the account. The account may accept grants,
15 gifts, transfers, bequests and donations. Funds in the
16 account are continuously appropriated to the department for
17 the purpose of providing grants as provided in this
18 section.

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20 (e) The department shall report on grants issued
21 under this section to the joint labor, health and social
22 services interim committee on or before October 1, 2015 and
23 by October 1 annually through 2018. Reports submitted

1 under this subsection shall provide information for the
2 time period since the submittal of the last report,
3 including:

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5 (i) Total number of grants issued;

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7 (ii) Total amount of funds contracted;

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9 (iii) Number of waiver recipients covered under
10 grants awarded under this section;

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12 (iv) The nature of the provider or employer
13 improvements or changes facilitated by the grants awarded
14 under this section; and

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16 (v) Any other information the department deems
17 necessary.

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19 **Section 2.** One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is
20 appropriated from the general fund to the comprehensive and
21 supports waiver transition account as created under section
22 1 of this act. Of this appropriation, the department shall
23 expend not more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)

1 for grants during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.
2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
3 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
4 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
5 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
6 by law on June 30, 2016. This appropriation shall not be
7 included in the department's 2017-2018 or subsequent
8 standard biennial budget requests.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
12 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
13 Constitution.

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15 (END)