

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0170

Unreimbursed medical trauma care services.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Diercks and Osborn and
Senator(s) Scott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to medical care; extending payment program
2 to hospitals for unreimbursed trauma care, as specified;
3 expanding unreimbursed trauma care services eligible for
4 reimbursement from the state to include ambulance services;
5 providing appropriations; authorizing a position; and
6 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.**

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12 (a) As used in this act:

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14 (i) "Acute care hospital" means a hospital
15 licensed in Wyoming pursuant to W.S. 35-2-901 through
16 35-2-911 and which provides acute patient care;

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2 (ii) "Ambulance service" means an ambulance
3 service licensed in Wyoming pursuant to W.S. 33-36-102
4 through 33-36-113 and which provides emergency medical
5 transportation to hospitals or emergency rooms;

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7 (iii) "Department" means the Wyoming department
8 of health;

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10 (iv) "Incident" means an admission, both
11 inpatient and outpatient, involving traumatic care for an
12 individual patient within a one (1) year period to a single
13 hospital. Admissions of the same patient for causes not
14 directly related to an earlier admission shall be
15 considered a separate incident;

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17 (v) "Trauma care services" means services to
18 patients with at least one (1) injury diagnosis code, using
19 the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition,
20 from 800.0 through 904, 925 through 929, 940 through 959.9,
21 and 994.7, plus at least one (1) of the following:

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23 (A) Hospitalization for one (1) calendar
24 day;

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2 (B) Admission to the intensive care unit or
3 monitored bed unit;

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5 (C) Cardiac or respiratory arrest on route
6 to the hospital or emergency room;

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8 (D) Dead on arrival at the facility;

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10 (E) Transfer from or to another acute care
11 hospital;

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13 (F) Admission directly from the emergency
14 room to the operating room;

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16 (G) Trauma team activation;

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18 (H) Meets prehospital triage criteria;

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20 (J) Ambulance services providing patient
21 transportation to a hospital or emergency room.

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1 (b) Acute care hospitals or ambulance services shall
2 be reimbursed on a per incident basis, subject to the
3 following:

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5 (i) There is compliance with the reporting
6 requirements of the Wyoming trauma care program registry
7 before the request for reimbursement;

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9 (ii) Reimbursement shall be available for costs
10 incurred after June 30, 2006 and before July 1, 2007;

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12 (iii) Requests for reimbursement may be
13 submitted to the health department for payment only after
14 one hundred eighty (180) days have elapsed from the date
15 the bill for the services rendered was sent to the patient
16 or his representative.

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18 (c) The department shall promulgate rules and
19 regulations to administer this program on behalf of the
20 state of Wyoming. The rules and regulations shall include
21 provisions for:

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23 (i) Ensuring that reimbursements do not exceed
24 the appropriated funds;

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2 (ii) Limiting reimbursement to the necessary
3 support of the poor;

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5 (iii) Preventing duplication from this
6 appropriation and insurance;

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8 (iv) Reimbursing hospitals for trauma service
9 costs and ambulance services for transporting patients to a
10 hospital or emergency room.

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12 (d) The department may contract with a fiscal agent
13 to make the actual payments and conduct any necessary
14 audits of reimbursement requests. Reimbursement requests
15 shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the
16 department. The department or its agent on its behalf may
17 request any documentation it deems necessary to support any
18 request for reimbursement.

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20 (e) The department shall not reimburse any one (1)
21 acute care hospital or ambulance service in a cumulative
22 amount greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the
23 appropriation in section 2 of this act. However, if the
24 department reasonably concludes as of May 31, 2007, that

1 the appropriation will not be fully expended, the remaining
2 funds may be used to reimburse hospitals on a pro rata
3 basis above the twenty-five percent (25%) limit of this
4 subsection, subject to the requirements of subsection (b)
5 of this section.

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7 **Section 2.** There is appropriated to the department of
8 health two million five hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$2,500,000.00) from the general fund for the program set
10 forth in section 1 of this act and fifty thousand dollars
11 (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to administer the
12 program. One (1) full-time position is authorized for the
13 department to administer the program created by this act.

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15 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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17 (END)