

SENATE FILE NO. SF0092

Long term care access.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Martin, Hastert and Scott and
Representative(s) Davison, Goggles and Jaggi

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Long Term Care Choices Act;
2 authorizing a statewide network of aging and disability
3 resource centers as specified; granting rulemaking
4 authority; authorizing amendments to the state Medicaid
5 plan; 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. 42-6-109 is created to read:

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11 **42-6-109. Aging and disability resource centers.**

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13 (a) The department is authorized, using competitive
14 grants and contracts, to fund a statewide network of seven
15 (7) aging and disability resource centers.

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1 (b) Locations of the seven (7) centers shall be
2 determined by the department of health, aging division. In
3 selecting locations, the division shall consider the degree
4 of local community support for a center by the provision of
5 a physical facility for the center, the contribution of any
6 local funding, or both.

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8 (c) The purpose of each center shall be to create a
9 single, coordinated system of information and access for
10 all persons seeking long term support. Each center shall
11 assist eligible persons in making informed decisions about
12 health care access and long term care service and support
13 options and shall serve as a referral agency to the long
14 term care support system. Centers shall provide
15 information and assistance to individuals needing either
16 public or private resources, professionals seeking
17 assistance on behalf of their clients and individuals
18 planning for their future long term care needs.

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20 (d) The department may amend, to the extent required,
21 the state plan for medical assistance and services
22 developed pursuant to W.S. 42-4-104(a)(ii) to provide for
23 the aging and disability resource center network.

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(e) The department is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to implement this section.

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

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6 (END)