

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 in
3 complying with a revised Medicaid waiver program as
4 specified; providing grant criteria; establishing an
5 account; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; 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.** 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 in transitioning their service delivery systems
2 to conform to the requirements of Medicaid waiver programs
3 for children with developmental disabilities, adults with
4 developmental disabilities and persons with acquired brain
5 injuries, as those programs were redesigned in 2014.

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

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

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

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19 (A) Updating their business plans;

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21 (B) Implementing person centered planning;

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 commencing July 1,
19 2015. Rules shall include provisions relating to:

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21 (i) Grant application procedures;

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23 (ii) Grant eligibility;

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

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

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

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

1 time period since the submittal of the last report,
2 including:

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4 (i) Total number of grants issued;

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6 (ii) Total amount of funds contracted;

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

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

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

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18 (f) This section is repealed effective June 30, 2018.
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20 **Section 2.** Two million five hundred thousand dollars
21 (\$2,500,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to
22 the comprehensive supports waiver transition account as
23 created under section 1 of this act. Of this

1 appropriation, the department shall expend not more than
2 one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars
3 (\$1,250,000.00) for grants during the fiscal year beginning
4 July 1, 2015, not more than seven hundred fifty thousand
5 dollars (\$750,000.00) for grants during the fiscal year
6 beginning July 1, 2016 and not more than five hundred
7 thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for grants during the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 2017. Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
10 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
11 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
12 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
13 2018. This appropriation shall not be included in the
14 department's 2017-2018 or subsequent standard biennial
15 budget requests.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
18 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
19 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
20 Constitution.

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22 (END)