

**FISCAL NOTE**

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Revenue (decrease)			
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT FUND	(\$3,858,277)	(\$3,858,277)	(\$3,858,277)

Source of revenue(decrease): Decreased employer premium rates, to the extent necessary, to cover the decreased expenditures for air ambulance charges.

Assumptions: Pursuant to W.S. 27-14-201(a), the revenue decrease will be equal to the expenditure decrease, described below.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Expenditure (decrease)			
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT FUND	(\$3,858,277)	(\$3,858,277)	(\$3,858,277)

Source of expenditure (decrease): Decreased expenditures for air ambulance charges, which includes a base fee plus a per mileage charge.

Assumptions: The key assumption for this fiscal impact is the difference between the amount if this bill passed with the 2X Medicare proposed fee schedule as compared to what the average actual expenditures were from 2014 through 2017.

Per federal court order, the Department of Workforce Services (Department) is currently required to pay billed air ambulance charges at 100%.

This bill would provide for a new fee schedule based on twice the Medicare rate for air ambulance charges. When calculating the proposed fee schedule, the Department assumed the highest possible Medicare rates because Wyoming is designated as, predominantly, rural. The proposed fee schedule is as follows:

- Fixed Wing Base Fee \$9,149.08
- Rotary Wing Base Fee \$10,637.16
- Fixed Wing Mileage \$25.96/Mi.
- Rotary Wing Mileage \$69.28/Mi.

The estimate presented in the table above is based on the following assumptions:

- The Department reviewed rates and charges for air ambulances and identified the following 5-year averages
  - 25 Fixed Wing flights/year
  - 39 Rotary Wing (RW) flights/year
  - Average Fixed Wing flight is approximately 225 miles
  - Average Rotary Wing flight is approximately 95 miles
- The Department calculated that from 2014 to 2017, over four years the total charges were approximately \$19,618,242.

- The Department calculated that from 2014 to 2017, over four years the total charges based on the proposed fee schedule would have been approximately \$4,185,135.
- \$19,618,242 total actual charges - \$4,185,135 proposed fee schedule = \$15,433,107 total decrease from 2014 to 2017
- $\$15,433,107 / 4 \text{ years} = \$3,858,277$  average decrease per year from 2014 to 2017

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