

**Bill No.:** HB0172 **Effective:** **Immediately**

**LSO No.:** **20LSO-0519**

**Enrolled Act No.:** HEA No. 0017

**Chapter No.:** 22

**Prime Sponsor:** Barlow

**Catch Title:** **Air ambulance-Medicaid coverage amendments.**

**Subject:** Air ambulance coverage - Medicaid.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- In 2019, the Wyoming Legislature created the Air Ambulance Transport Services Program by authorizing the Department of Health and Department of Insurance to submit for federal approval a plan to provide Medicaid coverage to all Wyoming citizens for the purpose of air ambulance services. A plan was submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the plan was denied.
- Parts of the 2019 law were designed to accommodate the approval of the plan and were not written to accommodate a denial of the plan.
- The bill amends the law passed in 2019 to make its operation contingent upon federal approval of a plan. Specifically:
  - The bill requires the State Employees' and Officials' Group Insurance Plan to offer air ambulance services under the Air Ambulance Transport Services Program only upon federal approval of the Program.
  - The bill requires state agency reimbursement for air ambulance services provided under the Air Ambulance Transport Services Program only upon federal approval of the Program.
  - The bill makes the operation of air ambulance provisions in Medicaid statutes contingent upon federal approval of the Air Ambulance Transport Services Program.
  - The bill makes the payment of premium taxes by insurance providers under the Air Ambulance Transport Services Program contingent upon federal approval of the Program.
  - The bill makes workers' compensation coverage for air ambulance services under Medicaid contingent upon federal approval of the Air Ambulance Transport Services Program.

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