

ORIGINAL SENATE  
FILE NO. SF0008

ENROLLED ACT NO. 26, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; providing that the department of health may make essential subsidy payments to behavior health centers based on service needs; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-620(b)(x) is amended to read:

**35-1-620. Powers and duties of the department and its divisions.**

(b) The department shall:

(x) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the priority populations tier requirements under paragraph (ix) of this subsection and in addition to other contractual payments to behavioral health centers and other service providers under this act, the department ~~shall~~may provide essential subsidy payments to eligible behavioral health centers, or to other eligible service providers under paragraph (vi) of this subsection, to help defer continuing operating costs needed to provide services to priority populations. A behavioral health center or other service provider under paragraph (vi) of this subsection shall be eligible to receive essential subsidy payments only upon demonstrating a need for operational cost assistance as determined by rule of the department. The amount of any essential subsidy payment shall be subject to available funding and based on ~~the total population of the geographic area served by the behavioral health center or other provider and the number of other~~service needs as demonstrated by the behavioral health ~~care providers within a thirty-five (35) mile radius~~center;

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk