

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0115

ENROLLED ACT NO. 19, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2024 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; requiring the department of health to pay behavioral health services claims as specified; requiring the department of health to collect information regarding payment of behavioral health services claims; requiring a report; amending definitions; providing a sunset date; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-1-613(a)(xix), as amended by 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 79, Section 1 and as amended by 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 31, Section 1, is amended to read:

35-1-613. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xix) "Indigent general access clients" means persons ~~who do not have private or public health insurance that provides coverage for mental illness or substance use disorder treatment and~~ whose total household income is not more than two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level. After July 1, 2026 a person who has private or public health insurance that provides coverage for mental illness or substance use disorder treatment shall not qualify as "indigent general access clients";

Section 2. If a behavioral health center sends the department of health a claim for behavioral health services, the department shall pay the claim in the same manner as it would have prior to the behavioral health redesign, recognizing that providers have been and will continue to be obligated contractually to bill private

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health insurance and other liable third parties before submitting claims to the state. The department shall utilize its claims processing system and data warehouse infrastructure to collect information on the potential magnitude of savings from implementing additional third party liability measures and shall report these findings to substantiate a recommendation on the design of a new third party liability system to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee not later than September 1, 2025.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2024.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk