

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0193

Reimbursement for uncompensated trauma care.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Meuli

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the department of health; requiring the
2 department to reimburse uncompensated trauma care as
3 specified; requiring rulemaking; providing an
4 appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-804 and 35-1-805 are amended to
9 read:

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11 **35-1-804. Department of health to promulgate rules;**
12 **contents.**

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14 The department shall promulgate reasonable rules and
15 regulations which specify state trauma system objectives
16 and standards, hospital categorization criteria and
17 criteria and procedures to be utilized in designating

1 trauma system hospitals and for the prevention of trauma
2 and injuries. The rules shall be in conformance with the
3 most current standards of the American college of surgeons
4 committee on trauma standards, but may be expanded into
5 further categories. The department shall also promulgate
6 reasonable rules and regulations establishing standards for
7 the reimbursement of uncompensated medical care and
8 treatment provided to trauma patients by trauma system
9 hospitals as provided in W.S. 35-1-805(b).

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11 **35-1-805. Duties of the department of health.**

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13 (a) The department of health shall identify the
14 causes of trauma in Wyoming and propose programs of
15 prevention thereof for consideration by the legislature,
16 health care providers and other agencies concerned with
17 accident prevention or aftercare.

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19 (b) The department of health shall, to the extent
20 funds have been appropriated for the purpose, reimburse
21 trauma system hospitals for medical care and treatment
22 provided to trauma patients for which the hospital has not
23 been compensated. Beginning June 30, 2003, reimbursement
24 shall be paid to all trauma system hospitals that have

1 provided uncompensated care to trauma patients in the
2 preceding state fiscal year on a prorated basis.

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4 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general
5 fund to the department of health, division of emergency
6 medical services, two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for
7 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 to provide
8 reimbursement to trauma system hospitals for uncompensated
9 medical care and treatment for trauma patients.

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11 **Section 3.**

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13 (a) W.S. 35-1-804, as amended by this act, is
14 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary
15 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section
16 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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18 (b) The balance of this act is effective July 1,
19 2002.

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