

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0274

Reimbursement for uncompensated trauma care.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Cohee

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 who are not residents of the  
23 county in which the hospital is located and for which the  
24 hospital has not been compensated. Beginning June 30, 2004,

1 reimbursement shall be paid to all trauma system hospitals  
2 that have provided uncompensated care to trauma patients as  
3 specified in this subsection for the fiscal year ending  
4 June 30, 2004 on a prorated basis.

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6 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general  
7 fund to the department of health, division of emergency  
8 medical services, two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for  
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 to implement the  
10 purposes of W.S. 35-1-805(b), as created by this act.

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12 **Section 3.**

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14 (a) W.S. 35-1-804, as amended by this act, is  
15 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary  
16 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section  
17 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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19 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this  
20 section, this act is effective July 1, 2003.

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