WORKING DRAFT

Medicaid payments - disease screening & prevention.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hines

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act; authorizing medical assistance incentives for certain chronic disease screening and prevention services as specified; providing for an increase in the medicaid payments for specified services; authorizing additional

6 payments for specified referral services; providing

7 appropriations; requiring a report; and providing for an

8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-4-120 is created to read:

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14 42-4-120. Chronic disease screening and testing;

15 rulemaking; funding.

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2 (a) The department shall provide incentives for

3 physicians referring persons eligible for cancer or chronic

4 disease screening and prevention services and tobacco use

5 prevention, education and cessation services under W.S. 42-

6 4-103(a)(xxxi) to the extent funding is available.

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8 (b) The department shall by rule and regulation

9 establish reasonable incentives to physicians under this

10 section which shall include eligibility criteria for

11 participation. The eligibility criteria shall include a

12 requirement that the recommended screening shall based upon

13 nationally recognized best practices.

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 42-4-103(a) by creating a new

16 paragraph (xxxi) is amended to read:

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18 **42-4-103**. Authorized services and supplies.

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20 (a) Services and supplies authorized for medical

21 assistance under this chapter include:

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1 (xxxi) Services provided for cancer and chronic

2 disease screening and prevention and tobacco use

3 prevention, education and cessation.

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5 Section 3.

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The department of health shall amend the state plan 7 for medicaid to provide for payment of one hundred percent 8 9 (100%) of the usual and customary charges for cancer and chronic disease screening services and for tobacco use 10 and shall reimburse 11 cessation services health care 12 providers for those services accordingly. The department 13 shall report to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee on the results of these increased 14 payments, the referral service incentives under W.S. 42-4-15 120 and the implementation of services authorized under 16 17 W.S. 42-4-103(a) (xxxi) not later than December 1, 2005, and on December 1 annually thereafter. 18 The report shall include services delivered and amounts expended and shall 19 20 include any recommendations for administration 21 implementation of the services.

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23 Section 4.

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1	(a) There is appropriated to the department of health
2	for purposes of this act:
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4	(i) One million eight hundred thousand dollars
5	(\$1,800,000.00) from the general fund; and
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7	(ii) Two million three hundred thousand dollars
8	(\$2,300,000.00) from federal funds.
9 10 11 12 13 14	*** STAFF COMMENTS *** The appropriation amounts were inserted based upon Representative Luthi's testimony. The department of health has been requested to provide information for a fiscal note.
16	Section 5. This act is effective January 1, 2005.
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18	(END)