SENATE FILE NO. SF0101

Medicaid school health program.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
                    Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid and public school funding;

2 requiring the departments of health and education to

3 jointly develop a management and billing system for the

4 Medicaid   school   health   program   as   specified;   granting

5 rulemaking authority; providing for transfer of Medicaid

6 funds for compensable school health expenditures to the

7 school foundation account; requiring reports; providing an

8 appropriation; and providing for an 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.**

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14   (a)   The department of education and the department of

15 health shall cooperate to develop a joint management and

1   billing program to generate Medicaid claims for special

2   education expenditures, subject to the following:

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4   (i) The program shall be developed, tested and

5   implemented in time for districts to begin using the program

6   to   generate   Medicaid   claims   for   special   education

7   expenditures no later than school year 2006-2007;

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9   (ii) The program shall use an internet-based

10   statewide software system for the management and billing by

11   district personnel of individual education programs and

12   services delivered to special education students;

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14   (iii) The program and reporting procedures shall

15   be developed in a manner that identifies special education

16   services and related administrative expenses provided to

17   students enrolled in the Medicaid school health program

18   under W.S. 42-4-103(xxx) that are compensable under the

19   Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act;

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21   (iv) The department of health shall use the

22   information   obtained   under   paragraph   (iii)   of   this

23   subsection, with additional documentation as necessary from

24   the districts, to pay claims for services and

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2 administrative costs compensable under the school health

3 program;

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5   (v) The program and procedures shall provide for

6 the   qualification   of   individual   school   districts   as

7 Medicaid service providers and for payment of approved

8 Medicaid   school   health   claims   on   a   monthly   basis   by

9 transfer from the department of health to the account

10 established pursuant to W.S. 21-13-306;

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12   (vi) The program and procedures shall include

13 adequate security measures to protect the privacy of all

14 students whose information is contained in the system and

15 to   appropriately   limit   users'   access   to   identifying

16 information;

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18   (vii) The department of education may provide in

19 its   rules   and   regulations   that   district's   reporting

20 pursuant to this subsection also satisfies the district's

21 reporting requirements under W.S. 21-13-321(d);

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23   (viii) The   department   of   education   and   the

24 department of health shall adopt complementary rules and

1   regulations for the joint reporting program and the

2   department of health shall amend the state Medicaid plan

3   and obtain any necessary approval from the federal Centers

4   for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

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6   (ix) The department of health shall provide

7   monthly reports to the state department of education

8   itemizing the total amount claimed by the districts and

9   reimbursed to the foundation during the previous month for

10 programs and services under the school health program;

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12   (x) School district administrative expenses

13 connected with billing Medicaid for eligible special

14 education expenses, which are not reimbursed by the federal

15 government, shall be reimbursed in the same manner as other

16 special education expenses.

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18   **Section 2.** On or before December 31, 2005, and again

19 on or before December 31, 2006, the department of education

20 and department of health shall report to the joint labor,

21 health and social services interim committee and the joint

22 education interim committee on the implementation status of

23 the program established in Section 1 of this act, any

1 recommended statutory changes, and startup and continuing

2 costs of administering this program.

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4   **Section 3.** In addition to any other appropriation to

5 implement the medical assistance and services program,

6 there is appropriated to the department of education for

7 the purposes of implementing the computer program required

8 by this act two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) from the

9 school foundation program account.

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11   **Section 4.** No funds appropriated under Section 3 of

12 this act shall be expended without the prior approval of

13 the chief information officer.

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15   **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon

16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law

17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming

18 Constitution.

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20   (END)