

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0113

Trauma care services.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walsh, Cohee, Esquibel,  
F., Martin, Millin and Quarberg and  
Senator(s) Jennings, Massie, Peck, Perkins  
and Von Flatern

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to medical care; extending payment program  
2 to hospitals for unreimbursed trauma care, as specified;  
3 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective  
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) As used in this act:

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12 (i) "Acute care hospital" means a hospital  
13 licensed in Wyoming pursuant to W.S. 35-2-901 through  
14 35-2-911 and which provides acute patient care;

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1           (ii) "Ambulance service" means an ambulance  
2 service licensed in Wyoming pursuant to W.S. 33-36-102  
3 through 33-36-113 and which provides emergency medical  
4 transportation to hospitals or emergency rooms;

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6           (iii) "Department" means the Wyoming department  
7 of health;

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9           (iv) "Incident" means an admission, both  
10 inpatient and outpatient, involving traumatic care for an  
11 individual patient within a one (1) year period to a single  
12 hospital. Admissions of the same patient for causes not  
13 directly related to an earlier admission shall be  
14 considered a separate incident;

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16           (v) "Trauma care services" means services to  
17 patients with at least one (1) injury diagnosis code, using  
18 the International Classification of Diseases, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition,  
19 from 800.0 through 904, 925 through 929, 940 through 959.9  
20 and 994.7, plus at least one (1) of the following:

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22                   (A) Hospitalization for one (1) calendar  
23 day;

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1                   (B) Admission to the intensive care unit or  
2 monitored bed unit;

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4                   (C) Cardiac or respiratory arrest on route  
5 to the hospital or emergency room;

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7                   (D) Dead on arrival at the facility;

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9                   (E) Transfer from or to another acute care  
10 hospital;

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12                   (F) Admission directly from the emergency  
13 room to the operating room;

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15                   (G) Trauma team activation;

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17                   (H) Meets prehospital triage criteria;

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19                   (J) Ambulance services providing patient  
20 transportation to a hospital or emergency room.

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22           (b) Acute care hospitals or ambulance services shall  
23 be reimbursed on a per incident basis, subject to the  
24 following:

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2 (i) There is compliance with the reporting  
3 requirements of the Wyoming trauma care program registry  
4 before the request for reimbursement;

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6 (ii) Reimbursement shall be available for costs  
7 incurred after June 30, 2006 and before July 1, 2007;

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9 (iii) Requests for reimbursement may be  
10 submitted to the health department for payment only after  
11 one hundred eighty (180) days have elapsed from the date  
12 the bill for the services rendered was sent to the patient  
13 or his representative.

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15 (c) The department shall promulgate rules and  
16 regulations to administer this program on behalf of the  
17 state of Wyoming. The rules and regulations shall include  
18 provisions for:

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20 (i) Ensuring that reimbursements do not exceed  
21 the appropriated funds;

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23 (ii) Limiting reimbursement to the necessary  
24 support of the poor;

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2 (iii) Preventing duplication from this  
3 appropriation and insurance;

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5 (iv) Reimbursing hospitals for trauma service  
6 costs and ambulance services for transporting patients to a  
7 hospital or emergency room.

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9 (d) The department may contract with a fiscal agent  
10 to make the actual payments and conduct any necessary  
11 audits of reimbursement requests. Reimbursement requests  
12 shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the  
13 department. The department or its agent on its behalf may  
14 request any documentation it deems necessary to support any  
15 request for reimbursement.

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17 (e) The department shall not reimburse any one (1)  
18 acute care hospital or ambulance service in a cumulative  
19 amount greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the  
20 appropriation in section 2 of this act. However, if the  
21 department reasonably concludes as of May 31, 2007, that  
22 the appropriation for this act will not be fully expended,  
23 the remaining funds may be used to reimburse hospitals on a  
24 pro rata basis above the twenty-five percent (25%) limit of

1 this subsection, subject to the requirements of subsection  
2 (b) of this section.

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4       **Section 2.** There is appropriated to the department of  
5 health two million five hundred thousand dollars  
6 (\$2,500,000.00) from the general fund for the program set  
7 forth in section 1 of this act. Notwithstanding W.S.  
8 9-4-207, funds appropriated under this subsection for  
9 unreimbursed trauma care shall not lapse at the end of the  
10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 but shall remain available  
11 for expenditures until June 30, 2008, subject to the  
12 requirements of subsection (b) of section 1 of this act.

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14       **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
15 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
16 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
17 Constitution.

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19 (END)