

SENATE FILE NO. SF0129

Health insurance billing codes.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier and Representative(s) Millin

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health insurance; providing for the  
2 creation and regulation of a web site by the insurance  
3 department to post medical billing code information as  
4 specified; requiring posting of billing codes as specified;  
5 providing for an exception; granting rulemaking authority;  
6 requiring payment of wellness benefits without regard to  
7 billing code identification; and providing for an effective  
8 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. 26-15-137 is created to read:

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14 **26-15-137. Publication of procedure billing codes.**

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1           (a) The department shall develop and make available  
2 free of charge to the public, via the Internet, the World  
3 Wide Web or a similar proprietary or common carrier  
4 electronic system, a web site for the posting of billing  
5 code information relating to the medical claim procedure  
6 codes of each insurer or health maintenance organization  
7 that pays medical claims on behalf of its insureds or  
8 certificate holders in this state on a fee for service  
9 basis. The information posted shall be indexed for each  
10 insurer by procedure name and alphanumerically by billing  
11 code, with an appropriate cross index. The web site shall  
12 permit the insurer to describe in footnotes the services  
13 included in each procedure or code. The web site shall  
14 also contain a section where the insurer may post contact  
15 information for further explanation of the posted  
16 information.

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18           (b) The department shall specify by rule and  
19 regulation the mandatory and optional information to be  
20 posted, the frequency of updates permitted and the format  
21 of the information to be supplied by insurers and health  
22 maintenance organizations.

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1           (c) Each insurer or health maintenance organization  
2 that pays medical claims on behalf of its insureds or  
3 certificate holders in this state on a fee for service  
4 basis shall provide the information described in subsection  
5 (a) of this section, and in department rules and  
6 regulations promulgated pursuant to this section, in the  
7 manner and at such times as prescribed by the department.

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9           (d) Upon approval of the commissioner, an insurer may  
10 comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this  
11 section by posting on the department's web site a link to  
12 another web site that contains the same information as  
13 required by subsection (a) of this section and department  
14 rule and regulation.

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16           **Section 2.** W.S. 26-18-103(b) is amended to read:

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18           **26-18-103. General requirements for policies.**

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20           (b) As used in paragraph (a)(ix) of this section,  
21 "comprehensive adult wellness benefits" means benefits not  
22 subject to policy deductibles, which provide a minimum  
23 benefit equal to eighty percent (80%) of the reimbursement  
24 allowance under the private health benefit plan with a

1 maximum of twenty percent (20%) coinsurance by the insured  
2 and which provide a benefit structure to the insured equal  
3 to a minimum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per  
4 insured adult per calendar year, or a benefit structure of  
5 similar actuarial value to the insured. In addition, the  
6 benefits shall at minimum provide for testing procedures  
7 and for the examination of adult policyholders and their  
8 spouses for breast cancer, prostate cancer, cervical cancer  
9 and diabetes. The insurer under a policy covering  
10 comprehensive adult wellness benefits shall promptly pay a  
11 valid claim for a covered test or procedure if the claim is  
12 presented as required by the policy and the test or  
13 procedure is sufficiently described by the health care  
14 provider, without regard to the provider's identification  
15 of the correct billing code for the test or procedure.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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