

SENATE FILE NO. SF0089

Long term care choices.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to long term care and the Wyoming Medical
2 Assistance and Services Act (Medicaid); modifying the
3 Medicaid reimbursement formulas for nursing homes and other
4 long term care facilities; modifying limitations on new
5 nursing home construction; expanding the Medicaid home and
6 community based waiver program; regulating the entry of
7 people into long term care; providing consultation to help
8 individuals and their families understand their long term
9 care options; authorizing application to the federal
10 government for Medicaid program long term care waivers;
11 authorizing and regulating an adult foster home care
12 system; authorizing an alternative long term care pilot
13 program; encouraging expanded use of hospice care; granting
14 rulemaking authority; providing appropriations; authorizing
15 positions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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3 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-6-101 through 42-6-119 are created
4 to read:

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CHAPTER 6

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LONG TERM CARE CHOICES PROGRAM

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42-6-101. Short title.

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11 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Wyoming
12 Long Term Care Choices Act".

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42-6-102. Definitions.

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(a) As used in this act:

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(i) "Adult foster care" means care in a home
licensed as an adult foster home and care provided to a
resident of the home while temporarily away from the adult
foster home;

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(ii) "Adult foster home" means any family home
or facility in which residential care is provided in a

1 homelike environment for five (5) or fewer adults who are
2 not related to the provider by blood, marriage or adoption.
3 "Adult foster home" does not include any residential
4 facility otherwise licensed or funded by the state of
5 Wyoming. The homes shall be regulated in accordance with
6 W.S. 35-2-109 through 35-2-908 and this act which shall
7 govern in case of conflict;

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9 (iii) "Alternative eldercare home" means a
10 facility and program which:

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12 (A) Provides housing to no more than ten
13 (10) residents per house at the same time;

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15 (B) Provides services and care at the
16 highest level required by a resident and as permitted under
17 the applicable facility;

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19 (C) Shall be licensed as a health care
20 facility pursuant to W.S. 35-2-901 through 35-2-908;

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22 (D) Creates communities that allow long-
23 term residents to develop lasting relationships with other
24 residents and staff;

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(E) Maintains residences as units independent from each other and from other facilities such that there is no physical connection or shared roof structures between houses;

(F) Provides, at a minimum, a private bedroom and full bath for each resident;

(G) Provides services to Medicaid supported residents at the Medicaid reimbursement rates;

(H) Provides a secured exterior patio or garden with covered seating for each house accessible by all residents including those with wheelchairs and assistive devices;

(J) Maintains all common spaces within the house, including secured exterior space, accessible and open to all residents during waking hours;

(K) Provides for locked storage of hazardous materials and control of kitchen access during high traffic periods of meal preparation and clean-up;

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(M) Provides an office within each house
for use as a nurses' station;

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(N) Provides a common area in each house
including a seating area;

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(O) Provides a den in each house to
accommodate television viewing and limited overnight
guests;

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(P) Provides public and staff bathroom
facilities;

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(Q) Creates a residential home environment
in all aspects, using residential materials and designs
appropriate to the style of the community;

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(R) Implements a self-managed work team
approach to in-house and clinical support staffing. Each
house shall have its own core in-house staffing that is
specific and dedicated to a single house;

1 (S) Uses a home base facility for the
2 clinical support team members that is outside and separate
3 from the house;

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5 (T) Is fully committed to a restraint free
6 environment;

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8 (U) Maintains a lift free environment by
9 providing ceiling lifts in each resident's bedroom and
10 bathroom;

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12 (W) Implements a culture of learning and
13 participation by the residents and honors the elder hood
14 stage of life.

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16 (iv) "Assisted living facility" means as defined
17 in W.S. 35-2-901(a)(xxii);

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19 (v) "Department" means the department of health;

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21 (vi) "Home medical testing" means medical
22 testing designed to be done in the home of the person being
23 tested by a person who is not a licensed health care
24 professional and includes but is not limited to testing

1 done using a home blood pressure monitor or a home diabetes
2 management blood sugar monitor;

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4 (vii) "Long term care assessment" means a form
5 and an assessment process conforming with relevant federal
6 regulations and designed to measure the abilities and
7 disabilities of a person in the activities of daily living
8 to determine the person's need for long term care. As of
9 January 1, 2007 the department of health form LT-101
10 entitled "Assessment of Medical Necessity for Long Term
11 Care" and the assessment needed to complete it shall be the
12 long term care assessment;

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14 (viii) "Medicaid" means the program administered
15 by the state pursuant to the Wyoming Medical Assistance and
16 Services Act and this act and partly funded by the federal
17 government pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social
18 Security Act;

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20 (ix) "Nursing home" means a nursing care
21 facility as defined in W.S. 35-2-901(a)(xvi) and licensed
22 pursuant to Wyoming Statutes, article 9, chapter 2, title
23 35;

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1 (x) "Residential care" means the provision of
2 room and board and services that assist the resident in
3 activities of daily living including but not limited to
4 bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, medication management,
5 incontinence care, home medical testing, money management
6 or recreation;

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8 (xi) "This act" means W.S. 42-6-101 through
9 42-6-111.

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11 **42-6-103. Rulemaking; guidance.**

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13 The department is authorized to promulgate rules and
14 regulations to implement this act. The rules and
15 regulations shall seek to implement the objectives of this
16 act by changing the long term care system to one
17 emphasizing home, home like and community based care
18 alternatives and one driven by meaningful consumer choice.

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20 **42-6-104. Consultative services; legislative finding.**

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22 (a) The department shall contract with one (1) or more
23 entities to provide consultative services for persons in need

1 of long term care or at risk of being in need of long term
2 care. The consultative services shall:

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4 (i) Be available to any person in need of long
5 term care in Wyoming in those counties in which consultative
6 services are available and the person's family, guardian and
7 any person authorized to make medical decisions on the
8 person's behalf. A person in need of long term care who is
9 of sound mind may designate who may receive consultative
10 services concerning the person's long term care needs;

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12 (ii) Set forth the alternatives for long term care
13 that are available to the person;

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15 (iii) Advise the person on the least restrictive
16 alternatives for long term care that are available and
17 practical;

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19 (iv) Advise the person on the relative costs of
20 options and the public assistance available;

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22 (v) Respect and seek to implement to the extent
23 possible the wishes of the person; and

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1 (vi) Assist the person in making arrangements for
2 long term care.

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4 (b) Consultative services described in subsection (a)
5 of this section shall be available free of charge to anyone
6 entering or at risk of entering the long term care system
7 and, on an as needed basis, to anyone in the long term care
8 system.

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10 (c) Except for stays of one hundred (100) days or
11 less, no person shall be admitted to a nursing home or an
12 assisted living facility until consultative services have
13 been offered as provided in this section. The department
14 shall waive this requirement in those counties in which
15 consultative services are not available. Neither failure of
16 the state or its contractor to offer the consultative
17 services as required by this subsection nor the fact the
18 services have not yet been offered shall be cause to delay
19 movement of a person from a more restrictive to a less
20 restrictive environment.

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22 (d) Any public health nurse performing a long term
23 care assessment evaluation on a person potentially in need
24 of long term care and who is not designated as a

1 consultative service provider shall refer that person to an
2 appropriate consultative service contractor and shall,
3 unless prohibited by the person, furnish the consultative
4 service contractor with a copy of the completed long term
5 care assessment form. Any hospital planning to discharge a
6 patient who is at risk of needing long term care shall
7 refer the patient to an appropriate consultative service
8 contractor.

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10 (e) Any appropriate private for profit entity,
11 private nonprofit entity, political subdivision, senior
12 citizens center or organization affiliated with the
13 University of Wyoming or a community college may receive a
14 contract from the department to provide consultative
15 services under this section. The department may expand
16 existing contracts or grants already providing this or
17 similar services. Consultative service contracts shall not
18 exceed five (5) years in length and shall be subject to
19 termination for cause and for lack of legislative
20 appropriations. The contracts may cover specified
21 geographic areas and may cover people with particular
22 characteristics or affiliations. The department may elect
23 to let contracts to multiple organizations who will compete

1 for business. The department shall seek to have in each
2 county at least one (1) contractor with a local presence.

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4 (f) When a person is at immediate risk of having to
5 move to a more restrictive form of long term care,
6 consultative services contractors shall seek to have an
7 initial meeting and preliminary consultation with the
8 person within two (2) working days of receiving a request
9 for consultation or a referral. The contract with the
10 consultative services contractor shall provide that
11 repeated unjustified failure to meet this standard shall be
12 cause to terminate the contract.

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14 (g) Consultative services shall be funded to the
15 extent possible through the Medicaid program, but may be
16 funded with state funds to the extent federal Medicaid
17 funding is not available or if federal regulations or
18 constraints make the program ineffective or unable to
19 conform with the requirements and objectives of this act.
20 Consistent with approved budgets, the department shall make
21 available a pool of state funds to meet transitional needs
22 of clients moving from a more restrictive to a less
23 restrictive environment in circumstances where Medicaid
24 funds are not available due to federal restrictions. If

1 sufficient funds are available these state funds may also
2 be used to meet short term needs of clients seeking to
3 avoid placements in more restrictive environments. The
4 department shall govern the expenditure of these funds
5 though contracts, policies and rules and regulations as
6 needed.

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8 **42-6-105. Long term care assessment evaluation**
9 **required.**

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11 No person shall be admitted to a nursing home, except for a
12 stay of one hundred (100) days or less, unless a public
13 health nurse has performed a long term care assessment
14 evaluation and the score on that evaluation is sufficient to
15 permit the person to be admitted to the nursing home with the
16 Medicaid program paying the costs if other eligibility
17 criteria are met.

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19 **42-6-106. Alternative long term care home pilot**
20 **program authorized.**

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22 (a) Three (3) pilot program grants are authorized to
23 study the feasibility of innovation in long term care
24 facilities. Eligible recipients shall include cities,

1 counties and any entity planning for long term care needs
2 or providing long term care including private nonprofit and
3 private for profit entities. The department shall solicit
4 proposals for the grants through a request for proposals
5 developed in consultation with the advisory council on
6 aging. The council shall select the recipients from the
7 proposals received. The department shall negotiate any
8 specific provisions of the grant award needed and shall
9 administer the grants. In selecting the recipients, the
10 council shall:

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12 (i) Consider the extent to which the proposal
13 moves the staff of the facility to a more patient centered
14 culture;

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16 (ii) Consider at least one (1) project to
17 reconfigure an existing nursing home to achieve a more
18 homelike atmosphere;

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20 (iii) Fund at least one (1) study relating to
21 the creation of an alternative eldercare home provided that
22 an acceptable project proposal is received in response to
23 the request for proposals;

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1 (iv) Consider the extent to which there is a
2 market for the proposed facility or the extent to which
3 people in need of long term care are likely to choose the
4 proposed facility; and

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6 (v) Consider the extent to which the proposed
7 pilot project will determine the effectiveness of its
8 approach to elder care in a timely manner.

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10 (b) Each grant proposal shall include plans for a
11 local or applicant match of twenty-five percent (25%) of
12 the grant amount.

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14 (c) For applicants that have completed any
15 appropriate needs study or market study, the grant funding
16 may be used for design and development of the facility and
17 the organization which will operate it. If this is done,
18 the grant recipient shall agree to accept Medicaid clients
19 in the facility without discrimination.

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21 (d) The department is directed to work with grant
22 recipients in the development of rules and regulations
23 which are compatible with the culture of the homes and
24 which will assure appropriate licensure for the care

1 provided and the needs of the elder residents. The
2 department shall inform the joint labor, health and social
3 services interim committee if legislation is needed to
4 authorize any necessary rules and regulations.

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6 (e) As a condition of receiving the grants, each
7 grantee shall agree to provide training and reports to
8 other parties in the state interested in innovative long
9 term care approaches.

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11 **42-6-107. Adult foster care homes; licensure;**
12 **suspension or revocation.**

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14 (a) The department may initiate and license an adult
15 foster care pilot project subject to the following:

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17 (i) The applicant shall pay a one-time fee of
18 one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which shall be deposited in
19 the general fund;

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21 (ii) The department, a public health nurse or
22 other employee of a local department of health shall
23 complete an inspection of the proposed adult foster care
24 home;

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2 (iii) The proposed home shall comply with all
3 state and local building, sanitation, utility, fire and
4 zoning codes applicable to single family dwellings;

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6 (iv) The home shall have the ability to evacuate
7 all resident clients within three (3) minutes in case of
8 emergency;

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10 (v) The home shall provide a private room with a
11 handicapped accessible bathroom for all resident clients.
12 Spouses occupying the same room by mutual consent shall be
13 deemed to have a private room;

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15 (vi) The pilot program shall consist of no more
16 than five (5) adult foster homes. At least three (3) of
17 the homes shall be in counties with a population of thirty
18 thousand (30,000) or less.

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20 (b) The department may, after notice and opportunity
21 for hearing, revoke or suspend any license issued pursuant
22 to this section, may prohibit a facility from accepting new
23 resident clients, may place conditions on the continuation

1 of a license, or may require a facility to take specified
2 remedial actions within a specified time, if:

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4 (i) There is a threat to the health, safety or
5 welfare of any resident client;

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7 (ii) There is credible evidence of abuse,
8 neglect or exploitation of any resident client;

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10 (iii) The facility is not operated in compliance
11 with this act or any rules and regulations promulgated
12 pursuant to this act.

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14 (c) If, in the professional judgment of the state
15 health officer, there is a clear and present threat to the
16 health or safety of a resident client, the state health
17 officer may close an adult foster home and transfer the
18 residents to another place. The department shall also
19 initiate proceedings pursuant to subsection (b) of this
20 section within three (3) working days.

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22 (d) The department shall complete a criminal records
23 check on any individual employed by adult foster homes and
24 on any individual, other than a resident client or a

1 resident client's spouse, who at the time of licensure is
2 expected to live in the adult foster home or who, after
3 licensure, lives or comes to live in the adult foster home.
4 The department may refuse to license a facility or prohibit
5 the individual from living in the facility if he has been
6 convicted of a felony indicating he may abuse a resident or
7 steal from a resident.

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9 (e) The department shall promulgate rules and
10 regulations consistent with this act to govern the pilot
11 project in the provision of adult foster care. In
12 developing the rules and regulations, the department shall
13 consider the regulations governing similar programs in
14 other states including but not limited to Oregon.

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16 **42-6-108. Home and community based waiver program**
17 **expanded; requirements.**

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19 (a) The department is authorized to seek from the
20 federal government expansion of the number of slots in the
21 home and community based waiver program from one thousand
22 one hundred fifty (1,150) to one thousand four hundred
23 fifty (1,450). Additional expansions may be authorized
24 through the biennial budget.

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2 (b) The department is authorized to increase the
3 provider reimbursement levels by an amount up to three
4 dollars (\$3.00) per hour for nonhourly services or
5 seventeen and six-tenths percent (17.6%) above that
6 prevailing as of December 1, 2006. The department shall
7 report to the joint labor, health and social services
8 interim committee by November 1, 2007 the extent to which
9 reimbursement improvements and any other changes made have
10 improved the availability of home health care services and
11 any additional remedies that may be needed. The length of
12 the report shall not exceed one thousand (1,000) words plus
13 any appropriate charts and graphs. Additional reports may
14 be made from time to time as the need arises. In
15 constructing standard budgets for biennial budgets the
16 department and the department of administration and
17 information shall include additional increases in provider
18 reimbursement as needed to compensate for inflation
19 including increases in the cost of living in Wyoming and
20 wage inflation in Wyoming. The budget documentation shall
21 explicitly identify these provider reimbursement inflation
22 adjustments and their total cost.

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1 (c) The department shall set goals for expanding the
2 number of Medicaid home and community based clients in self
3 directed budget options and shall report progress toward
4 those goals to the joint labor, health and social services
5 interim committee no later than November 1, 2007, November
6 1, 2008 and November 1, 2009. The department shall allow
7 these options to be managed by persons designated to do so
8 in advanced health care directives.

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10 **42-6-109. Assisted living expansion; reimbursement**
11 **increase.**

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13 The department shall seek federal approval to increase the
14 number of allowed slots in the assisted living Medicaid
15 waiver from one hundred forty-six (146) to one hundred sixty-
16 eight (168) slots.

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18 **42-6-110. Adult day care.**

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20 The department shall investigate why so many adult day care
21 providers in Wyoming have gone out of business in the past
22 four (4) years and shall report its findings to the joint
23 labor, health and social services interim committee and to
24 the advisory council on aging. The report shall not exceed

1 two thousand (2,000) words in length plus appropriate charts
2 and graphs.

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4 **42-6-111. Nursing homes; phase in of private room**
5 **standard; reimbursement formulas.**

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7 (a) The department shall seek federal approval via a
8 state plan amendment or a waiver request to implement an
9 incentive for nursing homes to move to private rooms for long
10 term nursing home Medicaid clients. To the extent permitted
11 by the federal government, the change from semi-private to
12 private rooms shall be voluntary on the part of the nursing
13 home and the client. The plan or waiver shall provide that,
14 where a spouse is involved, the spouse shall retain the right
15 by mutual consent to share a semi-private room. The plan or
16 waiver shall seek federal permission to allow a person who is
17 not Medicaid eligible to share by mutual consent an otherwise
18 private room with a spouse on a private pay basis.

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20 (b) The department shall, in consultation with the
21 nursing home industry, negotiate a Medicaid nursing home
22 reimbursement formula for private rooms which shall provide:

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1 (i) Recovery of the variable costs of serving a
2 client;

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4 (ii) Recovery of the fixed costs of serving a
5 client at twice the level provided for a semi-private room;
6 and

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8 (iii) An incentive for private rooms which on a
9 per client basis shall be approximately ten percent (10%) of
10 the variable cost of serving a client.

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12 (c) The department is authorized to expend funds from
13 the Medicaid administrative budget to assist in developing
14 the formula and to identify the fixed and variable costs of
15 serving Medicaid clients.

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17 (d) The formula shall provide that semi-private rooms
18 temporarily with only one (1) occupant shall continue to be
19 billed as semi-private rooms and shall provide a means for
20 distinguishing between rooms converted to private status and
21 rooms remaining semi-private.

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23 (e) Nursing homes shall retain the right to convert
24 private rooms back to semi-private. Nursing homes may not

1 waive this right. The Medicaid semi-private room capacity
2 shall continue to be used for calculating capacity for the
3 purposes of W.S. 35-2-906.

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5 (f) Semi-private rooms shall continue to be the
6 standard for short stays for rehabilitation and respite care
7 purposes.

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9 (g) The department shall not implement the expansion of
10 the assisted living program authorized by this section,
11 implement the formula developed pursuant to subsection (c) of
12 this section or expend Medicaid funds for alternative
13 eldercare homes until the federal government has approved the
14 waivers or state plan amendments necessary to implement this
15 section.

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17 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1208(a) and (b)(iv),
18 35-2-901(a)(x), by creating new paragraphs (xxiv) and (xxv)
19 and by renumbering (xxiv) as (xxvi), 35-2-906 by creating
20 new subsections (f) and (g) and 42-4-101 are amended to
21 read:

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23 **9-2-1208. Community based in-home services.**

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1 (a) The department of health shall administer a state
2 program to provide community based in-home services for
3 senior citizens. Priority shall be given to persons at
4 risk of placement in nursing homes, assisted living or
5 other institutional care settings and the program may serve
6 persons who are not senior citizens if the program's
7 services are needed, as determined by consultation and
8 assessment pursuant to the Wyoming Long Term Care Choices
9 Act, to avoid institutional placement.

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11 (b) The program authorized by this section may
12 include but is not limited to the following in-home
13 services:

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15 (iv) Hospice care for individuals who are not
16 able to pay for the care due to lack of income or assets
17 and are not able to qualify for hospice services under the
18 Medicaid program; and

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20 **35-2-901. Definitions; applicability of provisions.**

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22 (a) As used in this act:

23

1 (x) "Health care facility" means any ambulatory
2 surgical center, assisted living facility, adult day care
3 facility, adult foster care home, alternative eldercare
4 home, birthing center, boarding home, freestanding
5 diagnostic testing center, home health agency, hospice,
6 hospital, intermediate care facility for the mentally
7 retarded, medical assistance facility, nursing care
8 facility, rehabilitation facility and renal dialysis
9 center;

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11 (xxiv) "Adult foster care home" means a home
12 where care is provided for up to five (5) adults who are
13 not related to the provider by blood, marriage or adoption,
14 except in special circumstances, in need of long term care
15 in a home like atmosphere. Clients in the home shall have
16 private rooms which may be shared with spouses and shall
17 have individual handicapped accessible bathrooms. "Adult
18 foster home" does not include any residential facility
19 otherwise licensed or funded by the state of Wyoming. The
20 homes shall be regulated in accordance with this act and
21 with the Wyoming Long Term Care Choices Act, which shall
22 govern in case of conflict with this act;

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1 (xxv) "Alternative eldercare home" means a
2 facility providing skilled nursing care and limited to ten
3 (10) residents per housing entity. The homes shall be
4 regulated in accordance with this act and with the Wyoming
5 Long Term Care Choices Act which shall govern in case of
6 conflict with this act;

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8 ~~(xxiv)~~ (xxvi) "This act" means W.S. 35-2-901
9 through 35-2-912.

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11 **35-2-906. Construction and expansion of facilities;**
12 **exemption.**

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14 (f) Beds in adult foster care homes and beds in
15 alternative eldercare homes constructed pursuant to the
16 pilot programs authorized in W.S. 42-6-106 and 42-6-107
17 shall not be considered as nursing care facility beds for
18 the purposes of this section.

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20 (g) If a plan amendment or waiver is granted pursuant
21 to W.S. 42-6-111(a), Medicaid private room beds in nursing
22 care facilities shall be counted as having the capacity of
23 semi-private rooms as long as the nursing care facilities

1 retain the practical ability to reconvert these rooms to
2 semi-private status.

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4 **42-4-101. Short title.**

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6 This chapter may be cited as the "Wyoming Medical
7 Assistance and Services Act". The program and services
8 provided pursuant to this chapter and Title XIX of the
9 federal Social Security Act may be cited as "Medicaid" or
10 the "Medicaid program".

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12 **Section 3.**

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14 (a) For transition services for persons leaving nursing
15 homes or avoiding more restrictive placements, there is
16 appropriated one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)
17 from the general fund to the department of health for the
18 fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2008.

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20 (b) For expansion of the long term care home and
21 community based waiver program, there is appropriated to the
22 department of health one million fifty-four thousand three
23 hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$1,054,377.00) from the
24 general fund and one million one hundred eighty-four thousand

1 six hundred ninety-one dollars (\$1,184,691.00) in federal
2 funds for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2008. There is
3 appropriated from the general fund to the department of
4 health five hundred fifty-six thousand dollars (\$556,000.00)
5 and five hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$568,000.00)
6 in federal funds for additional costs to the Medicaid
7 program.

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9 (c) For improvement of the reimbursement of long term
10 care home and community based waiver program providers, there
11 is appropriated to the department of health four hundred
12 ninety-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$492,800.00) from
13 the general fund and five hundred seven thousand two hundred
14 dollars (\$507,200.00) in federal funds for the fiscal
15 biennium ending June 30, 2008.

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17 (d) For expansion of the assisted living waiver slots,
18 there is appropriated to the department of health from the
19 general fund two hundred forty-six thousand four hundred
20 dollars (\$246,400.00) and two hundred fifty-three thousand
21 six hundred dollars (\$253,600.00) in federal funds for the
22 fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2008.

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1 (e) For the expansion of the community based in-home
2 program, eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00)
3 is appropriated to the department of health from the general
4 fund for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2008.

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6 (f) To administer the long term care assessment
7 program created by this act, for the fiscal biennium ending
8 June 30, 2008 there is appropriated to the department of
9 health from the general fund ninety-four thousand eight
10 hundred dollars (\$94,800.00) and ninety-four thousand eight
11 hundred dollars (\$94,800.00) in federal funds.

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13 (g) Two (2) additional full-time positions are
14 authorized to the department of health.

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16 (h) For purposes of the alternative eldercare grant
17 program created by this act, there is appropriated to the
18 department of health from the general fund one hundred fifty
19 thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the fiscal biennium
20 ending June 30, 2008.

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

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(END)