

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0082

Trauma care services.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lockhart, Cohee, Esquibel, F. and Martin and Senator(s) 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, 9th 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, 2007 and before July 1, 2008;

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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, 2008, 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 to the health
7 department for the program set forth in section 1 of this
8 act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
9 appropriation shall not be expended for any other purpose.
10 Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207, funds appropriated under this
11 subsection for unreimbursed trauma care shall not lapse at
12 the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 but shall
13 remain available for expenditures until June 30, 2009,
14 subject to the requirements of subsection (b) of section 1
15 of this act. This appropriation shall not be included in
16 the health department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget.

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

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