

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0095

Costs of emergency detention and hospitalization.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Warren, Craft, Gingery and
Philp and Senator(s) Massie and Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to emergency detention costs; limiting
2 authority to seek recovery of costs from patients as
3 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 25-10-112(d) is amended to read:

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9 **25-10-112. Liability for costs of detention,**
10 **involuntary hospitalization and proceedings therefor.**

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12 (d) The hospital or other treatment provider shall
13 attempt to recover all costs of treatment from public and
14 private health insurance first, then from patients, and
15 from government benefit programs prior to seeking payment
16 from the county or the department. If the patient has been

1 diagnosed as actually or potentially seriously and
2 persistently mentally ill and the patient's income is at or
3 below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty
4 level, the hospital or other treatment provider shall limit
5 its treatment cost recovery attempts with the patient to
6 not more than three (3) contacts with the patient.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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