

SENATE FILE NO. SF0019

Costs of emergency detention and hospitalization.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Mental Health and  
Substance Abuse Services

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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

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13 (d) The hospital or other treatment provider shall  
14 attempt to recover all costs of treatment from public and  
15 private health insurance, from patients, and from  
16 government benefit programs prior to seeking payment from

1 the county or the department. The hospital or other  
2 treatment provider shall limit its treatment cost recovery  
3 attempts with the patient to not more than three (3)  
4 contacts with the patient.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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8 (END)