

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0165

Insurance-coverage of inherited disorders.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Craft,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to insurance; requiring coverage of
2 inherited enzymatic disorders; providing a definition; and
3 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. 26-20-401 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 4

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INHERITED ENZYMATIC DISORDER COVERAGE

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12 **26-20-401. Inherited enzymatic disorder coverage**
13 **required.**

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15 (a) All individual and group health insurance
16 policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis,

1 individual and group service or indemnity type contracts
2 issued by any insurer including any nonprofit corporation
3 and individual and group service contracts issued by a
4 health maintenance organization, shall also provide
5 coverage for the equipment, supplies and outpatient self-
6 management training and education, including medical
7 nutrition therapy for the treatment of inherited enzymatic
8 disorders caused by single gene defects involved in the
9 metabolism of amino, organic and fatty acids if prescribed
10 by a health care professional legally authorized to
11 prescribe such items under law. Covered inherited enzymatic
12 disorder outpatient self-management training and education
13 shall be provided by a certified, registered or licensed
14 health care professional with expertise in inherited
15 enzymatic disorders. For purposes of this section, required
16 covered outpatient self-management training and education
17 shall be limited to:

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19 (i) A one (1) time evaluation and training
20 program when medically necessary for the caregiver or
21 patient;

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1 (ii) Additional medically necessary self-
2 management training shall be provided upon a significant
3 change in symptoms, condition or treatment.

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5 (b) For purposes of this section, "inherited
6 enzymatic disorders" includes, but is not limited to
7 phenylketonuria, maternal phenylketonuria, maple syrup
8 urine disease, tyrosinemia, homocystinuria, histidinemia,
9 urea cycle disorders, hyperlysinemia, glutaric acidemias,
10 methylmalonic acidemia and propionic acidemia.

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12 (c) The benefits provided under this section shall be
13 subject to the same annual deductibles or coinsurance
14 established for all other covered benefits within a given
15 policy. Private third party payors may not refuse, reduce
16 or eliminate coverage due to the requirements of this
17 section. Enforcement of this section shall be performed by
18 the commissioner or his designee.

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20 (d) This section shall apply to a private health
21 benefit plan as defined under W.S. 26-1-102(a)(xxxiii)
22 delivered or issued on or after July 1, 2011.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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