

SENATE FILE NO. SF0008

Essential subsidy payments to behavioral health centers.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Baldwin and Dockstader and
Representative(s) Larsen, L and Walters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; providing that
2 the department of health may make essential subsidy
3 payments to behavior health centers based on service needs;
4 and providing for an 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. 35-1-620(b)(x) is amended to read:

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10 **35-1-620. Powers and duties of the department and its**
11 **divisions.**

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13 (b) The department shall:

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1 (x) Subject to subsection (c) of this section,
2 the priority populations tier requirements under paragraph
3 (ix) of this subsection and in addition to other
4 contractual payments to behavioral health centers and other
5 service providers under this act, the department ~~shall~~may
6 provide essential subsidy payments to eligible behavioral
7 health centers, or to other eligible service providers
8 under paragraph (vi) of this subsection, to help defer
9 continuing operating costs needed to provide services to
10 priority populations. A behavioral health center or other
11 service provider under paragraph (vi) of this subsection
12 shall be eligible to receive essential subsidy payments
13 only upon demonstrating a need for operational cost
14 assistance as determined by rule of the department. The
15 amount of any essential subsidy payment shall be subject to
16 available funding and based on ~~the total population of the~~
17 ~~geographic area served by the behavioral health center or~~
18 ~~other provider and the number of other~~ service needs as
19 demonstrated by the behavioral health ~~care providers within~~
20 ~~a thirty-five (35) mile radius~~ center;

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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