

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0005

Behavioral health redesign amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim  
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; requiring the  
2 department of health to pay behavioral health services  
3 claims as specified; requiring the department of health to  
4 collect information regarding payment of behavioral health  
5 services claims; requiring a report; amending definitions;  
6 providing a sunset date; and providing for an effective  
7 date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-613(a)(xix), as amended by 2021  
12 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 79, Section 1 and as amended  
13 by 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 31, Section 1, is  
14 amended to read:

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1           **35-1-613. Definitions.**

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3           (a) As used in this act:

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5                   (xix) "Indigent general access clients" means  
6 persons ~~who do not have private or public health insurance~~  
7 ~~that provides coverage for mental illness or substance use~~  
8 ~~disorder treatment and~~ whose total household income is not  
9 more than two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty  
10 level. After July 1, 2026 a person who has private or  
11 public health insurance that provides coverage for mental  
12 illness or substance use disorder treatment shall not  
13 qualify as "indigent general access clients";

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15           **Section 2.** If a behavioral health center sends the  
16 department of health a claim for behavioral health  
17 services, the department shall pay the claim in the same  
18 manner as it would have prior to the behavioral health  
19 redesign, recognizing that providers have been and will  
20 continue to be obligated contractually to bill private  
21 health insurance and other liable third parties before  
22 submitting claims to the state. The department shall  
23 utilize its claims processing system and data warehouse

1 infrastructure to collect information on the potential  
2 magnitude of savings from implementing additional third  
3 party liability measures and shall report these findings to  
4 substantiate a recommendation on the design of a new third  
5 party liability system to the joint labor, health and  
6 social services interim committee not later than September  
7 1, 2025.

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9 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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