



FACT SHEET

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SUMMARY – LONG TERM CARE CHOICES, 2007 SF89 ('07 LAWS, CH. 219)

Table 1. Summary: SF0089, Long term care choices ('07 Laws, Ch. 219).

Component	Quick Summary
1. Transition services \$150,000 GF	Funds transition services for persons leaving nursing homes or avoiding more restrictive placements.
2. Expansion of long term care Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBW) program and increased Medicaid costs \$1,610,377 GF; \$1,752,691 FF	Authorizes the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) to seek expansion of the number of slots in the HCBW program from 1,150 to 1,450 from the federal government.
3. Increased reimbursement, HCBW providers \$492,800 GF; \$507,200 FF	Increases reimbursement levels by up to \$3.00 per hour or 17.6 percent above the prevailing rate for nonhourly services as of December 1, 2006.
4. Additional assisted living waiver slots \$246,400 GF; \$253,600 FF	Authorizes a request for federal approval of an increase in assisted living Medicaid waiver slots from 146 to 168.
5. Expansion of community based in-home program \$850,000 GF	Adds language regarding the prioritization of persons at risk of placement in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or other institutional care settings.
6. Administration \$94,800 GF; \$94,800 FF; 2 FTE	Appropriates funding for administration of the act, including for the long-term care assessment program. Authorizes two additional full-time positions to WDH.
7. Alternative eldercare grant program \$150,000 GF	Funds the alternative eldercare grant programs, or pilot programs created in W.S. 42-6-104 and referred below as the "pilot programs."
8. Charges of WDH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes WDH to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the act. • Authorizes three pilot grants, with a 25 percent local match, to study the feasibility of innovation in long term care facilities. • Authorizes WDH to license an adult foster care home pilot project, subject to several requirements. • Authorizes adverse licensing action or remedial action for adult foster care home for specified grounds.
9. Reporting WDH submissions to the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires an annual report by October 1 on the state of all adult foster care home pilot projects. • Requires a report on provider reimbursements by November 1, 2007. • Requires a report regarding progress toward expanding the number of Medicaid HCBW clients in self-directed budget plans by November 1 in 2007, 2008, and 2009. • Requires a report by the Department on adult day care providers in Wyoming with respect to access, rates, administration or rules and regulations and their impact on providers and clients.
10. Definitions	Defines "adult foster home," "alternative eldercare home," "long term care assessment," among other key terms.
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$3,594,377 GF; \$2,608,291 FF; and 2 additional FTE	

Source: LSO Research staff summary.

Notes: This summary is not intended to provide all of the specific details, requirements, and guidelines for the long term care choices legislation adopted during the 2007 General Session. For a complete discussion of each component, please refer to the adopted legislation. All appropriations and administrative charges are directed to the Wyoming Department of Health.