

ENROLLED ACT NO. 25, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT relating to public health and safety; modifying prior legislation that amended provisions related to community health services; modifying definitions; delaying the effective date for the community health services redesign; requiring reports; providing a legislative finding; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 79, Section 1, amending W.S. 35-1-613(a)(xvii)(C), (xix), (xxi)(B) and (xxiii) is amended to read:

35-1-613. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xvii) "Families at high risk" means:

(C) A child who has been referred to a behavioral health center by a youth crisis shelter, school, primary care provider, licensed therapist or law enforcement officer for treatment for mental illness or a substance use disorder that impacts the child's life. ~~and the treatment is necessary to prevent child's involvement in the judicial system.~~

(xix) "Indigent general access clients" means persons who do not have private or public health insurance that provides coverage for mental illness or substance use disorder treatment and whose total household income is not more than ~~one hundred fifty percent (150%)~~ two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level;

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(xxi) "Nonstate level justice involved" means:

(B) Persons who within the previous six (6) months have been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to a criminal offense and ordered to enroll in ~~an intensive outpatient~~a treatment program for a mental illness or substance use disorder as part of their sentence;

(xxiii) "State level justice involved" means persons that within the previous six (6) months have been released or paroled from an institution as defined by W.S. 7-13-401(a)(vi), ~~released or discharged from~~ or who are awaiting admission to, evaluation from or have been evaluated by a facility as defined under W.S. 7-11-301(a)(ii) and who require continuing treatment for a mental illness or substance use disorder;

Section 2. 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 79, Section 3(b)(intro), (c) and (d) and Section 4(a) is amended to read:

Section 3.

(b) On or before September 1, 2021, September 1, 2022 and September 1, 2023, the department shall report to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee on the discussions, findings and recommendations generated by the consultations required under subsection (a) of this section. As part of the ~~report~~reports, the department shall present recommendations on funds that could be repurposed to best implement the policy changes required under section 1 of this act and the recommendations contained in the ~~report~~reports,

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which shall include identifying potential budget units from which funds could be repurposed, including but not limited to:

(c) On or before ~~September 1, 2025~~ September 1, 2027, the department of health shall report to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee and provide an update on the status of the department's administration of the reform and redesign of the state funded mental illness and substance use disorder treatment programs required under this act. The report shall include any recommendations for modifying the priority populations specified in W.S. 35-1-613(a)(xxii) or the priority populations tiers specified in W.S. 35-1-620(b)(ix) as created under section 1 of this act.

(d) The department of health and department of family services shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement section 1 of this act by ~~July 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2024. The department shall report rules and regulations to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee prior to implementation.

Section 4.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective ~~July 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2024.

Section 3. It is the intent of the legislature that the department of health submit exception budget requests

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for federal funds made available from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 or any other funds identified by the department, to develop the provider capabilities, claims processing, eligibility determination and outcomes infrastructure capabilities necessary to implement the behavioral health redesign required under 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 79, and as part of the continued redesign efforts authorized by this act.

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Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk