SENATE FILE NO. SF0049

Direct primary care-insurance exemption.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to insurance; exempting direct primary care agreements from insurance regulation; specifying requirements for exemption; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 26-1-104(a) by creating a new paragraph (vi) and 26-22-301 by creating a new subsection (c) are amended to read:

26-1-104. Applicability of provisions.

(a) This code does not apply to:
(vi) A direct primary care agreement. A direct primary care agreement means a written agreement that:

(A) Is between a patient or their legal representative and a health care provider;

(B) Allows either party to terminate the agreement in writing, without penalty or payment of a termination fee, at any time or after notice as specified in the agreement which notice shall not exceed sixty (60) days;

(C) Describes the health care services to be provided in exchange for payment of a periodic fee;

(D) Specifies the periodic fee required and any additional fees that may be charged;

(E) May allow the periodic fee and any additional fees to be paid by a third party;
(F) Prohibits the provider from charging or receiving additional compensation for health care services included in the periodic fee; and

(G) Conspicuously and prominently states that the agreement is not health insurance and does not meet any individual health insurance mandate that may be required by federal law.

26-22-301. Prepaid hospital, medical-surgical or other health service plans subject to provisions of code; exceptions.

(c) This section does not apply to a direct primary care agreement as defined in W.S. 26-1-104(a)(vi).

Section 2. 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.

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