Title 25 payment obligations—federal entities.

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

A BILL for

AN ACT relating to the hospitalization of mentally ill persons; specifying the entities from whom payment for treatment shall be sought; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 25-10-112(d)(intro) and (ii) is amended to read:

25-10-112. Liability for costs of detention, involuntary hospitalization and proceedings therefor.

(d) The hospital or other treatment provider shall attempt to recover all costs of treatment from public
private health insurance and from government benefit programs, including the veterans' administration, the Indian health service of the United States department of health and human services and any other federal agency that may be responsible for the costs of treatment, prior to seeking payment from the county or the department. The hospital or other treatment provider shall have discharged its obligation to recover costs under this subsection if it:

(ii) Certifies to the county or the department that:

(A) The patient has no public or private health insurance; and that

(B) There are no other government benefit programs from which it can recover the costs of treatment; and

(C) If the patient might qualify for benefits, payment has been denied after submitting a written demand for payment to all federal agencies that may
be responsible for the costs of treatment, including the veterans' administration and the Indian health service of the United States department of health and human services. Payment shall be deemed denied if a written demand for payment is made and no response is received within six (6) months of being properly submitted.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2017.