

Bill No.: SF0053 **Effective:** **Immediately**
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Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0014
Chapter No.: 32
Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Ground ambulance service provider assessment act.**
Subject: Upper payment limit / supplemental payments for private ground ambulance service providers.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes the Department of Health to operate a program, with federal Medicaid approval, that would place a monetary assessment on private ground ambulance service providers. The money collected would be used to obtain federal matching funds that would then be paid back to qualifying ground ambulance service providers. When operational, this program would provide larger reimbursements to qualifying private ground ambulance service providers than are currently available.
- Similar programs already operate in Wyoming for the benefit of other types of health care service providers.
- The act allows the Department of Health to retain up to three percent (3%) of all funds collected to reimburse administrative expenses.
- Among other qualifications determined by federal law, to qualify for a payment, a private ambulance service provider would have to provide services to Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries, accept Wyoming Worker's Compensation payments and, with some exceptions, accept insurance payments from Wyoming insurers.
- The act also authorizes the Department of Health to provide enhanced reimbursement rates to ground ambulance service providers to the extent those enhanced rates were approved by the federal government.
- Finally, the act clarifies the authority of the Department of Health to utilize intergovernmental transfers with qualifying health care facilities and health care providers as a means of utilizing federal funding.

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