

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0033

Community health services-continued redesign efforts.

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

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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15 **35-1-613. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this act:

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4 (xvii) "Families at high risk" means:

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

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

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21 (xxi) "Nonstate level justice involved" means:

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

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7 (xxiii) "State level justice involved" means
8 persons that within the previous six (6) months have been
9 released or paroled from an institution as defined by W.S.
10 7-13-401(a)(vi), ~~released or discharged from~~ or who are
11 awaiting admission to, evaluation from or have been
12 evaluated by a facility as defined under W.S.
13 7-11-301(a)(ii) and who require continuing treatment for a
14 mental illness or substance use disorder;

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

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20 **Section 3.**

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22 (b) On or before September 1, 2021,
23 September 1, 2022 and September 1, 2023, the

1 department shall report to the joint labor,
2 health and social services interim committee on
3 the discussions, findings and recommendations
4 generated by the consultations required under
5 subsection (a) of this section. As part of the
6 ~~report~~reports, the department shall present
7 recommendations on funds that could be repurposed
8 to best implement the policy changes required
9 under section 1 of this act and the
10 recommendations contained in the ~~report~~reports,
11 which shall include identifying potential budget
12 units from which funds could be repurposed,
13 including but not limited to:

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15 (c) On or before ~~September 1, 2025~~
16 September 1, 2027, the department of health shall
17 report to the joint labor, health and social
18 services interim committee and provide an update
19 on the status of the department's administration
20 of the reform and redesign of the state funded
21 mental illness and substance use disorder
22 treatment programs required under this act. The
23 report shall include any recommendations for

1 modifying the priority populations specified in
2 W.S. 35-1-613(a)(xxii) or the priority
3 populations tiers specified in W.S.
4 35-1-620(b)(ix) as created under section 1 of
5 this act.

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7 (d) The department of health and department
8 of family services shall promulgate rules and
9 regulations necessary to implement section 1 of
10 this act by ~~July 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2024.

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12 **Section 4.**

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

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18 **Section 3.** The legislature finds that the department
19 of health should submit exception budget requests for
20 federal funds made available from the American Rescue Plan
21 Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 or any other funds identified by
22 the department, to develop the provider capabilities,
23 claims processing, eligibility determination and outcomes

1 infrastructure capabilities necessary to implement the
2 behavioral health redesign required under 2021 Wyoming
3 Session Laws, Chapter 79, and as part of the continued
4 redesign efforts authorized by this act.

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

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