

SENATE FILE NO. SF0122

Medical necessity standard-timeline amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Dockstader and Brennan and
Representative(s) Erickson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the insurance code; amending the number
2 of days a health insurer has to determine the medical
3 necessity of a health care service; amending the number of
4 days an independent review organization has to make an
5 external review determination regarding medical necessity
6 of a health care service; and providing for an effective
7 date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-40-201(d) and (m) (intro) is
12 amended to read:

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14 **26-40-201. Payment of claims under medical necessity**
15 **standard; review.**

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2 (d) A claimant shall have not less than thirty (30)
3 days in which to file a request for the review provided in
4 subsection (c) of this section and such review shall be
5 completed by the insurer, and a decision delivered to the
6 claimant, ~~no~~ not later than ~~forty-five (45)~~ twenty-one (21)
7 days after receipt of a request for review.

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9 (m) ~~Within forty-five (45)~~ Not later than twenty-one
10 (21) days after the date of receipt of the request for
11 external review, the assigned independent review
12 organization shall provide written notice to the claimant,
13 the insurer and the commissioner of its decision to uphold
14 or reverse the decision of the insurer that the provision
15 of or payment for medical services, procedures or supplies
16 requested by the claimant are not medically necessary.
17 Such written notice shall include:

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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