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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Medicaid plan amendment-gap payment program.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Medicaid program; authorizing the
2 department of health to obtain an amendment to the state
3 plan for the governmental nursing facility gap payment
4 program; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) Before July 1, 2016, the department of health
11 shall make application to the federal department of health
12 and human services for an amendment to the state plan for

1 medical assistance and services developed under W.S. 42-4-
2 104(a)(ii). The application shall seek a plan amendment to
3 allow the department to operate cost coverage programs
4 funded through provider contributions or through available
5 federal funding. These programs, if approved in a plan
6 amendment, shall be budget-neutral to the state of Wyoming
7 and shall provide supplemental payments to participating
8 government-owned nursing facilities with the goal of
9 compensating the facilities for care provided to Medicaid
10 patients up to the upper payment limit applicable to each
11 facility.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
14 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as
15 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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