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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Community mental health-payment reform.

Sponsored by: HDraft Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community human services; requiring a  
2 reform and redesign of state-funded mental health and  
3 substance abuse treatment programs as specified; and  
4 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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-624(a)(v) is repealed.

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10 **Section 2.** The department of health shall proceed with  
11 a reform and redesign of the State funded mental health and  
12 substance use treatment programs to include the following  
13 elements:

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2 (a) Base payments for community mental health and  
3 substance use centers;

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5 (b) A pay for performance program for high need mental  
6 health and substance use clients that rewards providers for  
7 achieving outcomes, as determined by the department.  
8 Payments shall be awarded to providers based on client  
9 outcomes that support independence and self-reliance.  
10 Outcomes to be established by the department shall include  
11 but are not limited to:

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13 (i) Prevention of psychiatric hospitalization;

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15 (ii) Competitive and integrated employment,  
16 consistent with provisions outlined in W.S. 9-2-1002; and

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18 (iii) Independent housing.

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20 (c) A mental health and substance use treatment  
21 services benefit plan for priority populations, as  
22 established by the department. The department shall  
23 establish a method of reimbursing providers that collects

1 sufficient data to support actuarially sound projections of  
2 utilization and costs to be used for future community  
3 mental health and substance use system improvements.

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5       **Section 3.** In order to implement the reforms required  
6 by section 2 of this act, the department may repurpose  
7 funds from the following units: 2506 (MH Outpatient), 2507  
8 (SA Outpatient), 2508 (MH Residential) and 2509 (SA  
9 Residential).

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11       **Section 4.** The department shall promulgate rules and  
12 regulations for mental health and substance use treatment  
13 programs in order to implement the reforms required by this  
14 act.

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16       **Section 5.** The department of health shall make a  
17 report by November 1, 2017 to the joint labor, health and  
18 social services interim committee regarding the status of  
19 the reform required by this act and in that report shall  
20 evaluate the reform's impacts to populations served and  
21 other systems affected by the reform.

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1           **Section 6.**       Individuals served in the pay for  
2 performance program required by section 2(b) of this act  
3 who are committed to the Wyoming state hospital under W.S.  
4 §25-10-110 shall continue to have their care coordinated by  
5 the entity responsible for their care in the pay for  
6 performance program. This shall include, but is not limited  
7 to:

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9                   (i) Discharge planning performed in conjunction  
10 with the Wyoming state hospital or designated hospitals;  
11 and

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13                   (ii) Testimony at hearings conducted under W.S.  
14 25-10-109 or 25-10-110.

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16           **Section 7.**       The department of health may extend  
17 existing contracts with community mental health and  
18 substance use centers, as necessary, to comply with the  
19 effective date of this act.

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21           **Section 8.**       No reform developed pursuant to this act  
22 shall be implemented before July 1, 2017.

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1           **Section 9.**

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3           (a) For the purpose of allowing the department of  
4 health to begin planning the reforms required by this act  
5 and promulgating rules to implement the reforms required by  
6 this act, this act is effective immediately upon completion  
7 of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided  
8 by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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10           (b) For all purposes other than those specified in  
11 subsection (a) of this section, this act is effective July  
12 1, 2017.

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