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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Title 25 payment obligations-federal entities.

Sponsored by: HDraft Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the hospitalization of mentally ill
2 persons; specifying the entities from whom payment for
3 treatment shall be sought; and providing for an effective
4 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. 25-10-112(d) is amended to read:

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10 **25-10-112. Liability for costs of detention,**
11 **involuntary hospitalization and proceedings therefor.**

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1 (d) The hospital or other treatment provider shall
2 attempt to recover all costs of treatment from public and
3 private health insurance and from government benefit
4 programs, including the veterans' administration, the
5 Indian health service of the United States department of
6 health and human services and any other federal agency that
7 may be responsible for the costs of treatment, prior to
8 seeking payment from the county or the department. The
9 hospital or other treatment provider shall have discharged
10 its obligation to recover costs under this subsection if
11 it:

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13 (ii) Certifies to the county or the department
14 that:

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16 (A) The patient has no public or private
17 health insurance; ~~and that~~

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19 (B) There are no other government benefit
20 programs from which it can recover the costs of treatment;
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