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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Medicaid rate increase-obstetric services.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to medical assistance and services;
2 providing for increased reimbursement for obstetric
3 physician services and critical access hospitals under the
4 Wyoming medical assistance and services act for a specified
5 period; making appropriations; requiring reports;
6 specifying applicability; 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.**

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1 (a) For the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending
2 June 30, 2028, obstetrics and gynecology physician services
3 authorized under the Wyoming medical assistance and
4 services act that involve the delivery of a child,
5 including prenatal and postpartum care related to the
6 delivery, shall be reimbursed at one hundred five percent
7 (105%) of the current Medicare rate for those services, not
8 to exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the health
9 care provider's usual and customary billed costs. To be
10 eligible for the increased reimbursement rate provided by
11 this act, if the services are applicable to the patient's
12 situation, a provider shall offer to the patient or refer
13 the patient to prenatal health programs developed by the
14 department of health and identified for this purpose by the
15 department in its rules and regulations. This reimbursement
16 rate shall apply if the reimbursable services were rendered
17 during the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June
18 30, 2028.

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20 (b) For the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending
21 June 30, 2028, critical access hospitals in this state that
22 offer labor and delivery services authorized under the
23 Wyoming medical assistance and services act shall be

1 reimbursed for inpatient services at one hundred percent
2 (100%) of the actual cost for all services offered as of
3 July 1, 2026, not to exceed one hundred percent (100%) of
4 the critical access hospitals' usual and customary billed
5 costs. This reimbursement rate shall apply if the
6 reimbursable services were rendered during the period
7 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028.

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9 **Section 2.** The department of health shall report to
10 the joint appropriations committee and the joint labor,
11 health and social services interim committee on or before
12 October 31, 2027 regarding the additional costs incurred by
13 the increased reimbursement rates required under this act.
14 The report required by this section shall include any
15 recommendations for modifications to the reimbursement
16 rates for obstetric physician services and services offered
17 by critical access hospitals that offer labor and delivery
18 services under the medical assistance and services act.

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20 **Section 3.**

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22 (a) There is appropriated two hundred thousand
23 dollars (\$200,000.00) from the general fund and two hundred

1 thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) from federal funds to the
2 department of health for the increase in Medicaid
3 reimbursement rates for obstetric and gynecological
4 physician services provided by this act. This appropriation
5 shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending
6 June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred
7 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
8 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
9 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the
10 intent of the legislature that this appropriation be
11 included in the standard budget for the department of
12 health for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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14 (b) There is appropriated eight million three hundred
15 thousand dollars (\$8,300,000.00) from the general fund and
16 eight million three hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$8,300,000.00) from federal funds to the department of
18 health for the increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates for
19 critical access hospitals that provide labor and delivery
20 services provided by this act. This appropriation shall be
21 for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30,
22 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
23 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,

unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the
intent of the legislature that this appropriation be
included in the standard budget for the department of
health for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

STAFF COMMENT

In the appropriation language above, I indicated that it
was the intent of the Legislature that the Department of
Health include these appropriations in their standard
budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This
is a policy decision and the Committee may amend that
language if it wishes to do so.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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