> **DRAFT ONLY**
> **NOT APPROVED FOR**
> **INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Medicaid rate increase-EMS 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 emergency medical

3 services under the Wyoming medical assistance and services

4 act as specified; making appropriations; specifying

5 applicability; requiring reports; and providing for an

6 effective date.

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

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10   **Section 1.** For the period beginning July 1, 2026 and

11 ending June 30, 2028, services authorized under the Wyoming

12 medical assistance and services act involving emergency

1   medical services provided by ground ambulance service

2   providers shall be reimbursed at one hundred percent (100%)

3   of the current Medicare rate, not to exceed one hundred

4   percent (100%) of the provider's or department's usual and

5   customary billed charges. This reimbursement rate shall

6   apply if the 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 rate required by this act. The

14   report required by this section shall include any

15   recommendations for modifications to the reimbursement rate

16   for emergency medical services provided by ground ambulance

17   providers under the medical assistance and services act.

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19   **Section 3.** There is appropriated one million three

20   hundred thousand dollars ($1,300,000.00) from the general

21   fund and one million three hundred thousand dollars

22   ($1,300,000.00) from federal funds to the department of

23   health for purposes of increasing the reimbursement rate

1   for services as provided by this act. This appropriation

2   shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending

3   June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred

4   or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,

5   unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall

6   revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the

7   intent of the legislature that this appropriation be

8   included in the standard budget for the department of

9   health for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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13 **STAFF COMMENT**

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

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

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27   (END)