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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Birth centers insurance parity.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Yin

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the insurance code; mandating health
2 insurance coverage parity for services provided by birth
3 centers as specified; specifying applicability; 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. 26-20-901 is created to read:

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10 ARTICLE 9

11 BIRTHING CENTER INSURANCE PARITY

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13 **26-20-901. Birth center insurance coverage.**

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2 All individual and group health insurance policies
3 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis and
4 individual and group service or indemnity type health
5 insurance contracts issued by any insurer, including any
6 nonprofit corporation and individual and group service
7 contracts issued by a health maintenance organization, that
8 provide coverage for maternity care and coverage for
9 newborn care in a hospital setting shall provide coverage
10 for maternity care and coverage for newborn care, in
11 accordance with W.S. 26-20-101 through 26-20-104, in a
12 birthing center as defined by W.S. 35-2-901(a)(iii).
13 Covered services required under this section shall include
14 the professional services of licensed midwives and other
15 licensed health care providers practicing within the
16 midwives' or providers' scope of practice. Coverage
17 required to be provided under this section shall be
18 provided at no less favorable terms, conditions and
19 reimbursement rates as coverage for comparable maternity
20 and newborn care services in a hospital setting.

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22 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to all health
23 insurance policies, plans and contracts delivered, issued,

1 renewed, modified, amended or extended on or after July 1,
2 2026.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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