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HOUSE BILL NO.

Medicaid personal needs allowance and asset limit.

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

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to medical assistance and services; authorizing nursing facility residents receiving medicaid to retain assets and a monthly personal needs allowance as specified; providing appropriations; and providing for a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 42-4-125 is created to read:

42-4-125. Personal needs allowance; asset threshold; nursing facility residents.

(a) In accordance with the requirements of federal medicaid law and this chapter, nursing facility residents applying for or receiving medical assistance under this chapter shall be authorized to retain:

(i) Not more than one hundred dollars ($100.00) per month as a personal needs allowance;

(ii) Not more than five thousand five hundred dollars ($5,500.00) in assets as a medicaid long-term care resource threshold.

Section 2. There is appropriated three hundred forty-six thousand nine hundred dollars ($346,900.00) from the general fund and three hundred forty-six thousand nine hundred dollars ($346,900.00) from federal funds to the department of health for purposes of increasing the medicaid long-term care resource threshold and personal needs allowance as provided by this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2027 and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or 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.

Section 3. This act is effective on the date the centers for medicare and medicaid services approve all state plan amendments necessary to implement section 1 of this act.

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