

SENATE FILE NO. SF0069

Hospice care reimbursements.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Landen, Anderson, Baldwin, Barlow
and Nethercott and Representative(s)
Chadwick, Clouston, Harshman and Walters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to welfare; increasing the Medicaid
2 reimbursement rate for hospice care as specified; providing
3 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-4-103(a)(xxv) is amended to read:

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9 **42-4-103. Authorized services and supplies.**

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11 (a) Services and supplies authorized for medical
12 assistance under this chapter include:

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14 (xxv) Hospice care as defined in W.S.
15 35-2-901(a)(xii) and authorized under 42 U.S.C. §

1 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VII) including hospice care in a
2 hospice facility for an eligible individual and room and
3 board for individuals receiving the care in a hospice
4 facility. Reimbursement rates for hospice care shall be set
5 annually to match Medicare hospice reimbursement rates.
6 The room and board reimbursement rate for hospice
7 facilities shall not exceed ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ one hundred
8 percent (100%) of the statewide average of the Medicaid
9 nursing home room and board rate when an eligible
10 individual is receiving hospice. For the purposes of this
11 paragraph, "eligible individual" means a person who is
12 eligible for hospice care as defined in the state Medicaid
13 plan in effect on July 1, 2012;

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15 **Section 2.** There is appropriated four hundred fifty
16 thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) from the general fund to the
17 department of health for purposes of providing hospice care
18 reimbursement under this act. This appropriation shall be
19 for the period beginning with the effective date of this
20 act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not
21 be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
22 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
23 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,

1 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that this
2 appropriation be included in the department of health's
3 standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal
4 biennium.

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6 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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