

SENATE FILE NO. SF0084

Hospital services collection rates.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Rothfuss, Nutting and Von Flatern
and Representative(s) Craft and Harvey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to consumer credit for hospital charges;
2 limiting interest chargeable by a hospital for healthcare
3 services as specified; providing definitions; and providing
4 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. 40-14-262 is created to read:

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10 **40-14-262. Limitation on hospital interest charges.**

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12 (a) In the case of a debt arising out of healthcare
13 services provided by a hospital, interest on any
14 installment payment agreement and prejudgment interest on
15 any unpaid service charges shall not exceed seven percent
16 (7%) per year.

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2 (b) As used in this section:

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4 (i) "Healthcare services" means any care,
5 service or procedure provided by a hospital licensed under
6 the laws of this state for which payment is due to the
7 hospital or the hospital's agent for collection:

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9 (A) To diagnose, treat or maintain a
10 patient's physical or mental condition; or

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12 (B) That affects the structure or any
13 function of the human body.

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15 (ii) "Hospital" means a county memorial
16 hospital, special hospital district or privately operated
17 hospital licensed pursuant to title 35, chapter 2, article
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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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