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2012 Budget Session - Legislation as of February 17, 2012

Bill No.	Legislative Given Title & Summary	WMS Practical Summary	Sponsor	WMS Position	House	Senate
HB1	General Government Appropriations-2 An act to make appropriations for the biennium commencing July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2014; providing definitions; providing for appropriations and transfers of funds during that biennium and for the remainder of the current biennium as specified; providing for funding for carryover of certain funds beyond the biennium as specified; providing for employees positions as specified; providing for fees, conditions and other	WMS will closely monitor the budget as well as support legislative action to fully fund the required moneys to maintain sustainability of Medicaid. Will watch funding to the U. of WY medical education program as well as vaccine program allowances.	Joint Appropriation's Interim Committee			
HB24	Collateral source payment reductions An act relating to civil actions; authorizing the admissibility of collateral source payments in a civil action after the verdict for the plaintiff has been entered as specified; requiring a reduction in civil awards if collateral source payments are available as specified; providing a definition; providing for the applicability of the act; and providing for an effective date.	Allows admissibility of evidence that proves a plaintiff's expenses for medical care, rehabilitations services, or losses of earnings, earning capacity or other economic losses were paid or are payable by a collateral source.	Rep K. Gingery	Support	Failed Introduction	
HB57	Clinical trial coverage An act relating to insurance; requiring coverage of clinical trials for cardiology; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.	Amends existing state law that already requires insurance to cover portions of patient expenses related to cancer clinical trials to now include clinical trials for cardiology - cardiovascular disease.		Support	Failed Introduction	

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HB75	<p>Physicians' orders for life sustaining treatment An act relating to public health; establishing the physician orders for life sustaining treatment program; providing definitions; granting rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.</p>	<p>Appropriates \$10,000 to the WY Dept. of Health to develop the rules and regulations to establish the Physicians' Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) program. Provides an easily understandable form for patients and guardians to complete that expresses goals and preferences for care to a health care provider or facility. Specifies that providers or institutions acting in good faith in accordance with generally accepted health care standards are not subject to civil or criminal liability.</p>	<p>Rep Gingery and Sen Dockstader</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Referred to Labor, Health and Social Services Committee</p>	
HB84	<p>Massage Therapy Practice Act An act relating to professions and occupations; providing for licensure and registration of massage therapists as specified; prohibiting the practice of massage therapy by unlicensed persons as specified; providing definitions; establishing the board of massage therapy; providing regulatory authority; providing for fees; providing penalties; and providing for an effective date.</p>	<p>Establishes the Wyoming Massage Therapy Practice Act and forms a licensure board to govern the practice of massage therapy, and sets requirements for licensure.</p>	<p>Rep Pedersen</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Failed Introduction Deadline</p>	
HB122	<p>Mental health parity An act relating to health insurance; mandating coverage for specified mental illnesses under health insurance policies issued in the state; specifying applicability; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.</p>	<p>Requires health insurance plans to provide coverage for the treatment of mental illness that is no less extensive than the coverage provided for any other physical illness. Would not apply to group plans with 25 employees or less.</p>	<p>Rep(s) Craft, Barbuto and Connolly and Sen Hastert</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Failed Introduction</p>	

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SF006	County memorial hospital districts-staggered terms An act relating to county memorial hospital districts; providing for five year terms for board members after initial staggered terms; and providing for an effective date.		Amends the statute guiding county memorial hospital boards to specify five year terms.	Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee	Monitor		Passed out of Corporations Committee
SF32	Workers' compensation amendments An act relating to workers' compensation; authorizing the medical commission to report suspected substandard or inappropriate medical or hospital care to appropriate licensing authorities; providing that false reporting shall be a misdemeanor; clarifying that members of the workers' compensation medical commission shall be considered public employees for purposes of the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act; providing that confidentiality does not prohibit authorized reports to professional licensing authorities; and providing for an effective date.		Provides that any member of the medical commission has the right and responsibility to report suspicions of substandard or inappropriate care to the appropriate professional or facility. States that members of the commission will be deemed public employees so they are covered by the WY Governmental Claims Act and thus immune from liability.	Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee	Support		Passed out of Labor, Health and Social Services Committee

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SF34	<p>Medicaid Options Study An act relating to the administration of government, Medicaid and the 2010 federal health care reform; providing for a study related to options for reconfiguring of the Medicaid program; requiring a report; providing report requirements; providing for legislative advice as specified; reappropriating funds to be used for the study; providing an appropriation; repealing previous legislative authority for the Medicaid options study; and providing for an effective date.</p>	<p>Legislature has given guidance to the Governor to give authority to a state agency to study the cost drivers of Medicaid and identify areas within Medicaid that will benefit from redesign. The study shall report the total appropriations necessary to support each program by fiscal year through the 2019-2020 biennium.</p>	<p>Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee</p>	<p>Monitor</p>		<p>Referred to Health, Labor and Social Services Committee</p>
SF37	<p>Medicaid Waiver Funding An act relating to Medicaid; providing an appropriation to reduce the number of persons on waiting lists for services under the home and community based waiver programs; requiring notice from the governor if waiting lists exceed specified limits; and providing for an effective date.</p>	<p>Joint labor sponsored this bill to appropriate \$14,000,000 from the general fund and \$14,000,000 in federal funds to the dept. of health to provide services to adults and children on the home and community based waiver services program who have been wait listed for more than six months and to persons under the acquired brain injury home and community services program who have been wait listed for more than one month.</p>	<p>Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee</p>	<p>Monitor</p>		<p>Passed out of Labor, Health and Social Services Committee</p>
SF50	<p>Youth sports concussion management An act relating to public health and safety; providing for training of coaches and trainers of nonscholastic youth sports activities; providing for education of youth sports participants, parents and guardians regarding head injury and concussion resulting from athletic activities; granting rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.</p>	<p>Requires that nonscholastic sports coaches and trainers not allow youth sports participants to play if they meet certain criteria indicating risk of concussion or head and neck injury.</p>	<p>Sen. Nutting</p>	<p>Support</p>		<p>Referred to Health, Labor and Social Services Committee</p>

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SF54	Meningococcal Vaccination An Act relating to public health; providing for mandatory meningitis vaccination for university and and community college students; providing exceptions; granting rulemaking authority; providing for applicability; and providing for an effective date.		Mandates that all university and community college students in Wyoming receive the meningitis vaccination.	Sen. Landen	Monitor		Referred to Health, Labor and Social Services Committee
SF58	Health insurance exchange study act relating to the administration of government; amending duties of the Wyoming health insurance exchange steering committee as specified; requiring a report; limiting the state's authority to operate a federally required health insurance exchange as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	An	Further extends the reporting date of the already established Wyoming health insurance exchange steering committee. Requires that the committee report to the joint, labor, health and social services committee by October1, 2012.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee	Monitor		Referred to Health, Labor and Social Services Committee
SF66	Medical assistance-hospice care act relating to Medicaid; authorizing payment for certain hospice services; providing for an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	An	Authorzes for the payment of hospice services including room and board and appropriates more than \$800,000 from the WY general fund to the Dept. of Health	Sen(s) Perkins, Bebout, Esquibel, Landen, Martin, and Nutting and Rep(s) Barbuto, Blake, Bonner, Campbell, Esquibel, Lockhart, McOmie and Reeder.	Support		Referred to Health, Labor and Social Services Committee

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SF81	Medicaid Fraud Recovery An act relating to Medicaid; creating the Wyoming Medicaid False Claims Act; authorizing civil recoveries for the state as specified; prescribing duties of the attorney general; providing procedures; providing for a limitations period and applicability of the act; providing definitions; prescribing criminal penalties as specified for failure to maintain required records; creating a cause of action for retaliatory employment actions; and providing for an effective date.	Strengthens the Wyoming Attorney General's authority in investigating and prosecuting fraudulent Medicaid claims made by providers. Provides that not maintaining records in accordance with Medicaid program rules and requirements is a felony punishable by imprisonment or a fine of up to \$10,000. Offers protection from retaliation for employees who file a complaint or participate in the investigation or prosecution of a provider.	Sen(s) Peterson and Dockstader and Rep(s) Greene, Harvey and Miller	Oppose		Referred to Judiciary Committee
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