2006 Budget Session Health Care Related Legislation

Proposed Legislation Directly Related to "Wyoming Healthcare Commission"				
Bill Number	**Title**	**Summary**	**Sponsor**	**Status**
HB0034	Medical Specialty Centers	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; providing a temporary moratorium on licensing of new medical specialty centers, as specified; providing a definition; providing for a study of medical specialty centers by the Wyoming health care commission; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/13/06 H- Did not consider for Introduction vote
HB0072	Healthy Living-Healthy Learning Grants	AN ACT relating to education; creating the healthy living-healthy learning program account, as specified; providing for grants to school districts from the account; providing criteria for healthy living-healthy learning grants; establishing a maximum grant level; establishing a healthy living-healthy learning panel, as specified; granting rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/14/06 H- Failed Introduction 26-33-1-0-0
SF0048	Health Care Commission Amendments	AN ACT relating to the Wyoming health care commission; expanding commission membership, as specified; providing for staggered terms; removing limitation on staff for the commission; amending the commission's duties, as specified; repealing obsolete provisions; authorizing fees for commission reports and data; authorizing commission subcommittees to include non-commission members; amending reporting dates; extending sunset date; requiring a report on reducing private health insurance costs and the number of uninsured; requiring a study and report for redesign of the Medicaid benefit system as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/22/06 S- Amendments Adopted: eliminated administrative subpoena power; eliminated the pilot administrative compensation system; provided for non-commission members to be on subcommittees; provided for appropriation of $2,091,616.00 from the general fund.

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SF0057	Medical Specialty Centers-2.	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; providing a temporary moratorium on licensing of new hospitals or medical specialty centers, as specified; providing a definition; providing for a study of medical specialty centers by the Wyoming health care commission; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/24/06 S- Amendments Adopted: eliminated temporary moratorium on licensing of new hospitals or specialty hospital centers; added "new general hospitals" where previously only stated

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SF0057 (*Continued*)	Medical Specialty Centers-2.	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; providing a temporary moratorium on licensing of new hospitals or medical specialty centers, as specified; providing a definition; providing for a study of medical specialty centers by the Wyoming health care commission; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	*(Continued)* 3/11/06 S- President Signed SEA No. 0066 3/11/06 H- Speaker Signed SEA No. 0066 3/24/06 Governor Signed SEA No. 0066 3/24/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0112 Sessions Law 2006
HB0136	Nursing Education	AN ACT relating to nursing education programs; providing a salary supplement for nurse educators in the community colleges, as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Representative(s) Hastert, Barnard, Harvey, …	2/14/06 H- Did not consider for Introduction vote
HB0170	Unreimbursed Medical Trauma Care Services	AN ACT relating to medical care; extending payment program to hospitals for unreimbursed trauma care, as specified; expanding unreimbursed trauma care services eligible for reimbursement from the state to include ambulance services; providing appropriations; authorizing a position; and providing for an effective date.	Representative(s) Diercks and Osborn and Senator(s) Scott	2/24/06 H- Amendment Adopted: eliminated full-time position to administer program. 2/28/06 H- Amendment Adopted: eliminated appropriation to the DOH for administration of program.

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HB0170 (*Continued*)	Unreimbursed Medical Trauma Care Services	AN ACT relating to medical care; extending payment program to hospitals for unreimbursed trauma care, as specified; expanding unreimbursed trauma care services eligible for reimbursement from the state to include ambulance services; providing appropriations; authorizing a position; and providing for an effective date.	Representative(s) Diercks and Osborn and Senator(s) Scott	(*Continued*) 3/08/06 S- Amendment Adopted: extended availability of funds appropriated by 2005 Sessions Law, Chapter 160, for unreimbursed trauma care from June 30, 2006, to June 30, 2007. 3/10/06 H- Speaker signed HEA No. 0046 3/10/06 S- President signed HEA No. 0046 3/24/06 Governor Signed HEA No. 0047 3/24/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0117 Sessions Law 2006

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Bill Number	**Title**	**Summary**	**Sponsor**	**Status**
HB184	Denturists	AN ACT relating to the licensure of denturists; requiring the board of dental examiners to regulate denturists; regulating the practice of denturism; providing for licensing, fees, examinations and other regulation of denturists; repealing…	Representative(s) Quarberg and Senator(s) Geis and Scott	2/15/06 H- Did not consider for Introduction vote
SF0003	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Psychiatry	AN ACT relating to professional health services; establishing an educational loan repayment program for students seeking to specialize as advanced practice registered nurses in psychiatry; specifying requirements; providing for loan forgiveness as specified; requiring reports; providing for a continuous appropriation; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Select Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	3/07/06 S- President Signed SEA No. 0017 3/07/06 H- Speaker Signed SEA No. 0017 3/09/06 Governor Signed SEA No. 0017 3/09/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0019 Sessions Law 2006
SF0028	Wyoming State Hospital Psychiatrists Recruitment	AN ACT relating to the department of health; authorizing the Wyoming state hospital, with assistance from the office of rural health, to recruit and hire psychiatrists as specified; authorizing educational loan forgiveness; authorizing the office of rural health to administer the loan forgiveness program; requiring rulemaking; conforming a provision; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Select Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	2/20/06 No Report Prior to Committee of the Whole Cutoff

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Bill Number	**Title**	**Summary**	**Sponsor**	**Status**
SF0046	Nursing Care Facility Construction	AN ACT relating to public health; amending the construction limitation for nursing care facilities; and providing for an effective date.	Senator(s) Hawks	2/13/06 S- Did not consider for Introduction vote
SF0047	Health Care Provider Loan Repayments	AN ACT relating to health care providers; removing the requirement that the department of health, in administering loan repayment programs for physicians, dentists and allied health care providers, consult with the department advisory council; requiring the department to consult with licensing boards and professional associations, as specified; removing a restriction on eligible physician and dentist loans to post-undergraduate loans; authorizing loan reimbursement for speech language pathologists; removing a local matching funds requirement for allied health care provider loan reimbursements; providing priority for Wyoming graduates in loan reimbursement agreements; providing appropriations; authorizing an additional position; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	3/08/06 S- President Signed SEA No. 0025 3/09/06 H- Speaker Signed SEA No. 0025 3/24/06 Governor Signed SEA No. 0025 3/24/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0118 Sessions Law 2006
SF0050	Healthcare Information Technology	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; providing for electronic health records; providing for the designation of a regional health information organization; providing for contracting with the regional health information organization for development of a system of electronic health records; providing priorities in system development; providing protections for patient privacy; providing for development of incentives for use of the system; providing appropriations; authorizing additional positions; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/22/06 S- Failed Committee of the Whole 14-14-2-0-0 Indefinitely Postponed

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Bill Number	**Title**	**Summary**	**Sponsor**	**Status**
SF0051	Hospital Improvement Grants	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; requiring the department of health to establish a magnet hospital grant program and a critical access hospital grant program as specified; providing grant criteria and deadlines; providing for repayment of grants as specified; requiring matching fund expenditure by grant recipients; granting rulemaking authority; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/22/06 S- Amendments Adopted: eliminated requirement for hospitals to demonstrate they cannot afford magnet hospital certification without grant; specified size of hospitals qualified for grant to hospitals with less than 100 beds; eliminated appropriation of $100,000 from the budget reserve to the department of health for providing technical and professional assistance for hospitals awarded grants and eliminated appropriation of $9,800 from the general fund for administration of grants. 3/08/06 H- Amendment Adopted: changed “critical access hospitals” to “hospitals” 3/10/06 S- President signed SEA No. 0053 3/10/06 H- Speaker signed SEA No. 0053

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SF0051 (*Continued*)	Hospital Improvement Grants	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; requiring the department of health to establish a magnet hospital grant program and a critical access hospital grant program as specified; providing grant criteria and deadlines; providing for repayment of grants as specified; requiring matching fund expenditure by grant recipients; granting rulemaking authority; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	(*Continued*) 3/24/06 Governor Signed SEA No. 0053 3/24/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0119 Sessions Law 2006
SF0070	Nursing Care Facility Construction-2.	AN ACT relating to public health; amending the definition of construction area for nursing care facilities; amending the construction limitation for nursing care facilities; and providing for an effective date.	Senator(s) Peck	2/24/06 S- Amendments Adopted: fixed grammatical errors. 3/10/06 S- President signed SEA No. 0044 3/10/06 H- Speaker signed SEA No. 0044 3/15/06 Governor Signed SEA No. 0044 3/15/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0056 Sessions Law 2006

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Bill Number	**Title**	**Summary**	**Sponsor**	**Status**
SF0071	Medical Practice Act Amendments	AN ACT relating to medical practice; providing for licensing of physicians in training; providing for annual renewal of medical licenses; providing for fees to be set by the board of medicine; amending competency evaluation procedures; repealing a provision concerning impaired physician examination committees; and providing for an effective date.	Senator(s) Massie and Barrasso and Representative(s) Harvey, Hastert and Meuli	2/21/06 S- Amendments Adopted: added requirement of supervision by residency faculty for person eligible for medical training license; added restricted or conditional licenses and inactive licenses; specified that bill repeals a provision concerning impaired physician examination committees. 3/06/06 H- Amendment Adopted: reinserted requirement of proof of compliance with fulfillment of continuing medical education for license renewal. 3/09/06 S- President Signed SEA0039 3/09/06 H- Speaker Signed SEA0039

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Proposed Legislation Related to "Coverage"				
Bill Number	**Title**	**Summary**	**Sponsor**	**Status**
SF0082	Critical Access Hospital Endowment Challenge Program	AN ACT relating to the critical access hospital endowment challenge fund; establishing the endowment; providing for separate accounts for each critical access hospital; defining terms; imposing conditions and limitations; establishing a matching program based upon gifts received by each critical access hospital's foundation; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Senator(s) Peterson and Representative(s) Harvey	2/24/06 S- No Report Prior to Committee of the Whole Cutoff
SF0106	Immunization By Pharmacists	AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Pharmacy Act; authorizing pharmacists and pharmacist interns to prescribe and administer immunizations; and providing for an effective date.	Senator(s) Mockler and Representative(s) Harvey	3/10/06 S- President signed SEA No. 0052 3/10/06 H- Speaker signed SEA No. 0052 3/24/06 Governor Signed SEA No. 0052 3/24/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0121 Sessions Law 2006

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Bill Number	**Title**	**Summary**	**Sponsor**	**Status**
HB0007	Insurance-intoxication Exclusion	AN ACT relating to insurance; prohibiting clauses in insurance policies excluding coverage for losses caused by the insured's being intoxicated or under the influence of drugs; repealing a provision authorizing alcohol exclusion clauses in disability policies; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee	2/20/06 H- Failed Committee of the Whole 10-49-1-0-0 Indefinitely Postponed
HB0035	Child Health Insurance Program Amendments	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; amending eligibility criteria under the child health insurance program to include parents or guardians as specified; providing a maximum participation limit; providing appropriations; and providing for ..	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/13/06 H- Did not consider for Introduction vote
HB0036	Childhood Immunization	AN ACT relating to healthcare; providing for state-funded vaccinations for those Wyoming children who are not eligible children under the federal vaccines for children program; providing for reports; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/21/06 H- Amendments Adopted: changed determination of vaccines provided for from, recommendations by a federal advisory committee to, recommendations by a state based advisory group and additional clarifications. 3/09/06 H- Speaker Signed HEA0013 3/09/06 S- President Signed HEA0013

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HB0036 (*Continued*)	Childhood Immunization	AN ACT relating to healthcare; providing for state-funded vaccinations for those Wyoming children who are not eligible children under the federal vaccines for children program; providing for reports; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	(*Continued*) 3/21/06 Governor Signed HEA No. 0013 3/21/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0065 Sessions Law 2006
HB0054	Tobacco Tax Increase	AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; providing for an increase in tobacco taxes as specified; providing for distribution; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/23/06 H- Failed 3rd Reading
HB0114	Tobacco Tax	AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; providing for an increase in tobacco taxes as specified; providing for distribution of the increase by continuous appropriation to the department of health for the Wyoming medical assistance and services program and community dental health programs as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Representative(s) Warren, Harvey, Hastert, Meuli and Osborn	2/13/06 H- Did not consider for Introduction vote
HB0173	Medical Liability Insurance Assistance	AN ACT relating to providing medical care and services; stating legislative findings; establishing a medical liability insurance assistance account; providing for the payment of a portion of physician medical liability premiums as specified; providing definitions; specifying duties of the insurance commissioner; granting rulemaking authority; providing a sunset date; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.	Representative(s) Osborn, Cohee, Harvey, Iekel, Lubnau and Meuli and Senator(s) Barrasso, Jennings, Massie, Ross and Sessions	2/15/06 H- Did not consider for Introduction vote

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Bill Number	**Title**	**Summary**	**Sponsor**	**Status**
SF0014	Mental Health Insurance Parity	AN ACT relating to health insurance; mandating coverage for specified mental illnesses under health insurance policies issued in the state; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.	Select Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse	2/22/06 S- Failed 3rd Reading
SF0058	Child Health Insurance Program Amendments-2.	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; amending eligibility criteria under the child health insurance program to include parents or guardians as specified; providing a maximum participation limit; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	2/22/06 S- Amendment Adopted: changed appropriation to the department of health for case service expenditures from $3,350,000.00 to $2,258,947.00 in federal funds and $1,650,000.00 to $1,131,946.00 from the general fund. 2/23/06 S- Amendment Adopted: Added provision allowing qualified parent or guardian to participate in program by paying employer's share of premium and also allowing funds from parent to come from a HSA, third party or other source. 3/10/06 S- President signed SEA No. 0051

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SF0058 *(Continued)*	Child Health Insurance Program Amendments-2.	AN ACT relating to public health and safety; amending eligibility criteria under the child health insurance program to include parents or guardians as specified; providing a maximum participation limit; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee	*(Continued)* 3/10/06 H- Speaker signed SEA No. 0051 3/21/06 Governor Signed SEA No. 0051 3/21/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0066 Sessions Law 2006
SF0098	Health Insurance-Small Employer Carrier Reinsurance	AN ACT relating to health insurance; amending the small employer carrier reinsurance program; authorizing separate pools for reinsured persons; expanding the program as specified; authorizing reduced premium rates; creating an account as specified; providing for an insurance carrier assessment as specified; providing an insurance premium tax credit as specified; repealing existing assessment provisions; and providing for effective dates.	Senator(s) Scott and Case	2/24/06 S- Amendment Adopted: specified insurers as "authorized" insurers; changed date that board must determine each insurer's assessment for the calendar year and date of notification from "May 1" to "June 1;" included retaliatory taxes in addition to premium taxes. 3/07/06 H- Amendment Adopted: added five percent (5%) of total assessment to be

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SF0098 (*Continued*)	Health Insurance-Small Employer Carrier Reinsurance	AN ACT relating to health insurance; amending the small employer carrier reinsurance program; authorizing separate pools for reinsured persons; expanding the program as specified; authorizing reduced premium rates; creating an account as specified; providing for an insurance carrier assessment as specified; providing an insurance premium tax credit as specified; repealing existing assessment provisions; and providing for effective dates.	Senator(s) Scott and Case	(*Continued*) allowed as a credit against premium or retaliatory tax owed by member. 3/10/06 S- President signed SEA No. 0056 3/10/06 H- Speaker signed SEA No. 0056 3/24/06 Governor Signed SEA No. 0056 3/24/06 Assigned Chapter No. 0120Sessions Law 2006

Note: Bills in red are dead. Bills in black have been signed by the Governor. Information last updated on 3/27/06.