

HOUSE BILL NO. 437

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO INCLUDE A DISPUTE RESOLUTION CLAUSE IN ITS CONTRACTS WITH THIRD-PARTY PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Dispute resolution requirement for contracts.** ~~Each contract or agreement for human services that the department of public health and human services enters into with a third-party provider of services must contain a clause requiring dispute resolution in the event of a disagreement between the provider and the department about the terms of the contract or agreement~~ EACH WRITTEN CONTRACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENTERS INTO FOR THE PROVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES TO A THIRD PARTY MUST CONTAIN A CLAUSE PROVIDING FOR A DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS IN THE EVENT OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CONTRACTOR AND THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 22, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 22, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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