

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 625

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO INCREASE WAGES FOR
5 EMPLOYEES PROVIDING DIRECT CARE TO INDIVIDUALS IN MEDICAID-FUNDED COMMUNITY SERVICES;
6 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated to the to the department of public
11 health and human services \$8,530,676 in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, to increase the
12 wages paid to direct-care and ancillary workers who are employed by medicaid-funded providers of community
13 services and who earn less than \$11 an hour.

14 (2) Money is appropriated as follows in fiscal year 2012:

15 (a) \$12,197 of state special revenue and \$23,878 of federal funds to the addictive and mental disorders
16 division;17 (b) \$1,263,615 of state general fund and \$2,477,104 of federal funds to the developmental disabilities
18 program;19 (c) \$241,698 of state general fund and \$473,174 of federal funds to the children's mental health bureau;
20 and21 (d) \$1,365,590 of state general fund and \$2,673,422 of federal funds to the senior and long-term care
22 division.

23 (3) Money is appropriated as follows in fiscal year 2013:

24 (a) \$12,359 of state special revenue and \$23,716 of federal funds to the addictive and mental disorders
25 division;26 (b) \$1,281,571 of state general fund and \$2,459,149 of federal funds to the developmental disabilities
27 program;28 (c) \$244,915 of state general fund and \$469,957 of federal funds to the children's mental health bureau;
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30 (d) \$1,383,765 of state general fund and \$2,655,246 of federal funds to the senior and long-term care

1 division.

2 (4) The money must be used to provide a wage increase of 50 cents per hour, including benefits, to
3 direct-care and ancillary workers in fiscal year 2012 and to maintain the wage increase in fiscal year 2013.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2011.

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