

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 623

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR TARGETED
5 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR HIGH-RISK PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
6 HEALTH CARE NEEDS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 WHEREAS, targeted case management services for high-risk pregnant women were incorporated into
9 the Montana Medicaid state plan in 1991; and

10 WHEREAS, targeted case management services for children with special health care needs were
11 incorporated into the Montana Medicaid state plan in 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, these services improve the health status of pregnant women and their newborns and of
13 children with special health care needs; and

14 WHEREAS, the preventive services and coordination of services to these Medicaid clients prevents
15 higher Medicaid utilization costs; and

16 WHEREAS, these services are delivered largely by local public health nurses and other professionals
17 in local county health departments across Montana; and

18 WHEREAS, the reimbursement rates for these services, unlike other Medicaid services, have not been
19 increased since the services were authorized almost two decades ago; and

20 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that an increase in reimbursement to a rate equitable to other Medicaid
21 targeted case management services is necessary to keep these services available to high-risk pregnant women
22 and children with special health care needs.

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

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26 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Reimbursement rate for certain targeted case management services.**

27 The department of public health and human services shall adopt administrative rules increasing medicaid
28 reimbursement rates for the following targeted case management services to a minimum of:

29 (1) \$20 for each 15 minutes of service to high-risk pregnant women; and

30 (2) \$25 for each 15 minutes of service to children with special health care needs.

