

HOUSE BILL NO. 119

INTRODUCED BY C. PEASE-LOPEZ

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PAY FOR TRANSPORTING THE BODY OF A DECEASED RECIPIENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PERSON'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Payment of costs for transporting deceased recipients of medical assistance -- rulemaking authority. (1) The department may pay for transporting the body of a recipient of medical assistance to the person's place of residence in Montana for the purposes of burial, cremation, or disposal by other means permitted by law if the person:

(a) was enrolled at the time of death in the healthy Montana kids plan provided for in Title 53, chapter 4, part 11, or the medicaid program provided for in Title 53, chapter 6, part 1; and

(b) died in a hospital, as defined in 50-5-101, or a critical access hospital, as defined in 50-5-101, located 60 miles or more from the person's place of residence.

(2) The department may adopt rules to implement this section, including but not limited to rules:

(a) defining place of residence; and

(b) establishing an amount allowed for transportation costs.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 53, chapter 2, part 2, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 2, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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