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**** BILL NO. ****

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA NO WRONG DOOR PROGRAM;
REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A MEDICAID
WAIVER TO FUND THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION;
AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Department" means the department of public health and human services provided for in 2-15-2201.

(2) "Long-term services and supports" means a broad range of assistance and supports used by individuals of all ages and their caregivers to address functional, cognitive, behavioral and health challenges that allow for the individual to maintain or increase his or her ability to live in a community setting of choice, and includes services provided in facilities and community-based settings.

(3) "No wrong door" means a virtual single point of entry that is designed to help persons with disabilities and persons who are elderly, and their caregivers and families, address their unique combination of needs through public and private long-term services and supports.

(4) "Person-centered planning" means a process directed by a person with long-term services and supports needs and/or their designated representative implemented in a manner that supports the person, makes him or her central to the process, and recognizes the person as the expert on goals and needs pursuant to the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148 and 111-152.

(5) "Persons with physical disabilities or persons who are elderly" means those categories of persons who are elderly and disabled as defined in accordance with section 1915 of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396n.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Montana no wrong door program. (1) The Montana no wrong door

1 program is a state and federally funded program approved under section 1115 of the Social Security Act. It
2 enables the department to provide person-centered planning for persons with physical disabilities or persons
3 who are elderly, especially those who require long-term services and supports.

4 (2) (a) To ensure no wrong door program services are widely available, the department shall
5 partner with area agencies on aging, tribal entities, hospitals, and other community organizations that serve and
6 support persons with physical disabilities or persons who are elderly to implement the services prescribed in
7 subsection (3).

8 (b) The department shall require annual training and certification of partner organizations and their
9 staff to ensure quality of no wrong door program services.

10 (3) Program services shall include, at a minimum:

11 (a) information, referral, and assistance concerning aging and disability issues and long-term care
12 planning, including long-term services and supports;

13 (b) comprehensive assessments to identify a person's needs, desires, and any challenges the
14 person may face in accessing or receiving care;

15 (c) person-centered planning services, training, credentialing, and quality assurance;

16 (d) advice, information, and counseling to help a person obtain employment or employment-related
17 services,

18 (ii) screening for private resources and public benefits for which they are eligible, including health
19 insurance, medicaid and medicaid coverage, benefits and services for veterans, and benefits and services under
20 the Older Americans' Act;

21 (iii) information on long-term services and supports and other long-term care planning;

22 (e) follow-up to ensure referrals met a person's needs and to offer additional assistance if needed,

23 (f) help coordinating transitions between providers, facilities, other state agencies, or other sites of
24 care;

25 (g) a toll-free telephone number;

26 (h) other services deemed applicable by the department or the division of the department that
27 administers long-term care services for senior citizens and individuals with physical disabilities.

28 (4) The department may adopt rules to implement the Montana no wrong door program.

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2 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Montana no wrong door program -- eligibility.** (1) Any aged individual
3 or person with a physical disability seeking long term care services in their home or community are eligible to
4 receive assistance available through the no wrong door program, regardless of payor source.

5 (2) The certified organization providing no wrong door services may claim medicaid reimbursement
6 for:

7 (i) outreach to individuals who are medicaid-eligible or potentially medicaid-eligible;

8 (ii) referral, coordination and monitoring of medicaid services when providing assistance related to
9 medicaid services and supports;

10 (iii) facilitating medicaid functional and financial eligibility;

11 (iv) coordinating, conducting, or participating in training and seminars regarding medicaid-related
12 long term services and supports, health care services, and other supports that may assist an individual to
13 remain in the community, return to the community, or otherwise enhance the person's quality of life; and

14 (v) program planning, interagency coordination and service delivery improvement when completing
15 activities related to establishing and maintaining documentation, internal processes, quality oversight and
16 policies related to the provision of long term services and supports, health care services, and other supports
17 that may assist an individual to remain in the community, return to the community, or otherwise enhance the
18 person's quality of life, as well as working with other partner agencies to improve the coordination and delivery
19 of services, and performing collaborative activities with other agencies to provide services.

20 (3) The certified organization providing no wrong door services shall not claim Medicaid
21 reimbursement for activities listed in subsection (2) for any non-medicaid services unless allowable through a
22 1115 waiver approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services.

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24 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriation.** [This section intentionally left blank for committee
25 consideration.]

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27 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 2] are intended to be
28 codified as an integral part of Title 53, chapter 6, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 6, apply to [sections 1

1 through 2].

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3 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Direction to department of public health and human services.** The
4 legislature directs the department of public health and human services to apply to the centers for medicare and
5 medicaid services as soon as practicable and no later than January 1, 2026, for a medicaid waiver to provide,
6 to the extent allowable, the services identified in [section 2].

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 7. Effective dates.** (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), [this
9 act] is effective on passage and approval.

10 (2) [Section 4] is effective July 1, 2025.

11 (3) [Section 2] is effective on the date that the director of the department of public health and
12 human services certifies to the code commissioner that the centers for medicare and medicaid services
13 approved the department's application for a waiver or state plan amendment to implement the program. The
14 director shall submit certification within 10 days of the occurrence of the contingency.

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