

1 behavioral health care;

2 (d) acquisition of new or remodeling of existing infrastructure or property to support the
3 establishment of behavioral health settings and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual
4 disabilities;

5 (e) planning, operation, or other contract expenses associated with intermediate care facilities for
6 individuals with intellectual disabilities;

7 (f) planning, operation, or other contract expenses associated with behavioral health settings; and

8 (g) studying and planning of the development of a comprehensive behavioral health system;

9 (h) offering student loan repayment programs for nurses, licensed practical nurses, and
10 psychiatrists at state health facilities and prioritizing employees at the Montana state hospital for the programs;

11 and

12 (i) providing additional licensed beds at the Montana state hospital.

13 (4) (a) Funds in this account may not be used to operate existing state facilities.

14 (b) Student loan repayments and the addition of licensed beds are not considered operating
15 expenses for the purposes of this section."

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17 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Near-term initiatives.** The department of public health and human
18 services shall continue using its approved funding for behavioral health system for future generations near-term
19 initiative number one to support community-based court-ordered evaluations and clinical stabilization services
20 in local detention facilities.

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22 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Reporting -- comprehensive school and community treatment**
23 **services to children.** The department of public health and human services shall develop and report patient-
24 centered health outcome measures and total costs for each program and for each child for comprehensive
25 school and community treatment services to children. The report shall be provided on a quarterly basis to the
26 health and human services interim budget committee and the children, families, health, and human services
27 interim committee.

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1 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Montana state hospital reporting. (1) Starting July 1, 2025, and each
2 month thereafter, the department of public health and human services shall submit a written report on the
3 Montana state hospital. The report must outline the department's hiring efforts and following data:

- 4 (a) the number of applications received;
5 (b) the number of qualified applicants;
6 (c) the number of interviews conducted; and
7 (d) the number of new employees hired.

8 (2) The monthly reports must be submitted to the legislative finance committee, the INTERIM
9 BUDGET COMMITTEE SECTION B, AND THE INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE SECTION F.

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11 **Section 5.** Section 53-6-149, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"53-6-149. State special revenue fund account -- administration.** (1) There is a hospital medicaid
13 reimbursement account in the state special revenue fund provided for in 17-2-102.

14 (2) All money collected under 15-66-102[, except for the money deposited pursuant to 15-66-
15 102(3)(b) into the Montana HELP Act special revenue account provided for in 53-6-1315,] must be deposited in
16 the account.

17 (3) (a) Money in the account must be used by the department of public health and human services
18 to provide funding [no later than May 5 of each year] for increases in medicaid payments to hospitals and for
19 the costs of collection of the fee and other administrative activities associated with the implementation of
20 increases in the medicaid payments to hospitals.

21 (b) The department shall use 2% of the total revenue generated by the inpatient hospital utilization
22 fee in 15-66-102 as a match:

23 (i) for payments to independent nonaffiliated hospitals for the purposes of maintaining access and
24 quality in the most rural and frontier areas in Montana; and

25 (ii) for incentive payments to hospitals that demonstrate exceptional patient-centered and
26 efficiency outcomes. The department may retain a portion of the funds for implementation of the program in this
27 subsection (3)(b)(ii). (Bracketed language terminates June 30, 2025, on occurrence of contingency--sec. 48,
28 Ch. 415, L. 2019.)"

