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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill simplifies the fee determination for patients and families receiving adult or children's mental health services through the Department of Health and Welfare. The current fee schedule is complex and cannot be easily implemented under the new Idaho Behavioral Health Plan contract. The fee schedule is eliminated, but the 5% cap on out-of-pocket expenses is retained for patients and parents with the ability to pay. Associated regulations are moved into statute in conjunction with this bill.

FISCAL NOTE

This proposed legislation has no net fiscal impact as DHW has not collected the fees from the fee schedule since 2020. Retaining the 5% cap ensures budget neutrality in how DHW has implemented the adult and children's mental health program in recent years.

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