

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 9

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to genetic counseling; providing  
7 definition; permitting health care entities  
8 administering prenatal care, postnatal care, or  
9 genetic counseling to provide certain information to  
10 expectant or new parents; establishing standards for  
11 information provided to expectant parents;  
12 authorizing the State Department of Health to provide  
13 certain information under certain circumstances;  
14 requiring information to be culturally and  
15 linguistically appropriate; prohibiting certain  
16 limitation; providing for codification; and providing  
17 an effective date.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-571 of Title 63, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. For the purposes of this section, "Down syndrome" means a  
23 chromosomal condition caused by an error in cell division that  
24 results in the presence of an extra whole or partial copy of  
25 chromosome twenty-one (21).

26 B. Any hospital, physician, health care provider, nurse  
27 midwife, genetic counselor or other entity that renders prenatal  
28 care, postnatal care or genetic counseling, upon receipt of a

1 positive test result from a test for Down syndrome, may provide the  
2 expectant or new parent with information provided by the State  
3 Department of Health. The information provided shall be:

4 1. Up-to-date, evidenced-based written information about Down  
5 syndrome that has been reviewed by medical experts and national Down  
6 syndrome organizations. The written information provided shall  
7 include physical, developmental, educational, and psychological  
8 outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course, intellectual and  
9 functional development, and treatment options; and

10 2. Contact information regarding programs and support services,  
11 including information hotlines specific to Down syndrome, resource  
12 centers or clearinghouses, national and local Down syndrome  
13 organizations, and other education and support programs.

14 C. The Department may also make such information available to  
15 any other person who has received a positive test result from a test  
16 for Down syndrome.

17 D. Information provided under this section shall be culturally  
18 and linguistically appropriate for women receiving a positive  
19 prenatal diagnosis or for the family of a child receiving a  
20 postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

21 E. Nothing in this section shall limit the rights of any person  
22 under the Genetic Counseling Licensure Act.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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