

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1709

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8 An Act relating to advanced practice registered
9 nurses; providing definitions; increasing the number
10 of SoonerCare patients advanced practice registered
11 nurses can provide care for; providing exception;
12 providing for codification; and declaring an
13 emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 570 of Title 59, unless there is
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 As used in this section:

19 1. "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" means a licensed
20 Registered Nurse:

- 21 a. who has completed an Advanced Practice Registered
22 Nursing education program in preparation for one of
23 four recognized Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
24 roles,

- 1 b. who has passed a national certification examination
2 recognized by the Board that measures the Advanced
3 Practice Registered Nurse role and specialty
4 competencies and who maintains recertification in the
5 role and specialty through a national certification
6 program,
- 7 c. who has acquired advanced clinical knowledge and
8 skills in preparation for providing both direct and
9 indirect care to patients; however, the defining
10 factor for all Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is
11 that a significant component of the education and
12 practice focuses on direct care of individuals,
- 13 d. whose practice builds on the competencies of
14 Registered Nurses by demonstrating a greater depth and
15 breadth of knowledge, a greater synthesis of data, and
16 increased complexity of skills and interventions, and
- 17 e. who has obtained a license as an Advanced Practice
18 Registered Nurse in one of the following roles:
19 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Certified
20 Nurse-Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Certified
21 Nurse Practitioner.

22 2. "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program authorized
23 by 42 U.S.C., Section 1396a et seq. The program provides medical
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1 benefits for certain low-income persons. It is jointly administered
2 by the federal and state governments;

3 3. "Primary care providers" means a provider under contract
4 with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to provide primary care
5 services and case management, including all medically-necessary
6 referrals; and

7 4. "SoonerCare" means the Medicaid program administered by the
8 Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

9 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 570.1 of Title 59, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. Except as otherwise provided by subsection B of this
13 section, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses may serve as primary
14 care providers to as many as Two Thousand Five Hundred (2,500)
15 SoonerCare members.

16 B. The director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall
17 have the discretion to waive the numerical limit otherwise
18 prescribed by subsection A of this section.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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