

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1227

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to telemedicine; amending 63 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 1-2702, which relates to the statewide  
9 telemedicine network; directing the State Department  
of Health to enter into certain agreement; updating  
statutory term; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2702, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-2702. A. 1. With available state or federal funds,  
16 the State Department of Health shall be the state entity responsible  
17 for telemedicine and development of a statewide Oklahoma  
18 telemedicine network. The Department shall also be responsible for  
19 the continued development and implementation of a statewide system  
20 for the delivery of medical and other health care services through a  
21 telehealth system.

22 2. In order to achieve these duties, the ~~State Board of Health~~  
23 State Commissioner of Health shall establish a separate office  
24 within the State Department of Health which shall be known as the

1 Oklahoma Center for Telemedicine. The ~~State Commissioner of Health~~  
2 Commissioner shall appoint or employ a director of the office who  
3 shall report to the Commissioner ~~and the Board~~. The Commissioner  
4 shall also employ such other personnel as necessary to carry out the  
5 duties of the Center. The director and other Center personnel shall  
6 have no other duties within the Department except those directly  
7 related to the duties and responsibilities of the Center.

8 3. The Center shall have the power and duty to:

- 9 a. assess the current status and needs of the  
10 telemedicine network and telehealth in the state,
- 11 b. utilize available state and federal funds to the  
12 maximum extent possible,
- 13 c. for the purposes of the continued development of  
14 telehealth services in the state, engage with any and  
15 all parties to encourage and assist communications  
16 between entities requiring telemedicine services and  
17 entities offering or providing telemedicine services,
- 18 d. resolve problems and otherwise improve the delivery of  
19 telemedicine services,
- 20 e. assist and facilitate the coordination efforts of  
21 hospitals and other health care facilities and  
22 providers in the development and delivery of  
23 telemedicine services,

- 1 f. explore ways to provide reimbursement to providers for  
2 telehealth services,  
3 g. explore the feasibility of providing health education  
4 services through a telehealth system,  
5 h. study issues of compatibility of technology, and  
6 i. establish and maintain a website and a clearinghouse  
7 for grant information as provided by Section 1-2703 of  
8 this title.

9 B. The Department shall enter into agreements with appropriate  
10 entities including, but not limited to, the Oklahoma Office of Rural  
11 Health to provide the Center with assistance in carrying out the  
12 provisions of this section.

13 C. The director of the Center may form advisory groups as is  
14 necessary to work with the Center on telehealth issues.

15 D. The ~~State Board of Health~~ Commissioner shall promulgate  
16 rules for the implementation of the teleradiology responsibilities  
17 outlined in this section. The rules shall be based on the American  
18 College of Radiology Standards for Teleradiology.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.  
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