

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1356

By: McCortney

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2011, Section 1219.5, which relates to modification of existing coverage; prohibiting certain changes to policy coverage and limits; providing certain exception; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 1219.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1219.5. A. No insurer shall modify a group or individual policy of existing coverage limits or issue new coverage limits under an accident and health insurance policy ~~unless written consent for such modification or issuance is obtained from the policyholder. However, this~~ except during the annual open enrollment period.

B. For the policy year beginning January 1, 2021, an insurer shall not remove a hospital from a group or individual policy except during the next annual open enrollment period.

1 C. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting a
2 modification that is provided for in an existing policy that has
3 been filed and approved by the Insurance Commissioner, or from
4 removing a hospital in the case of medical malpractice, billing and
5 collections violations determined by the provider agreement or a
6 violation of ethical standards as set forth by the State Department
7 of Health.

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

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