

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 228

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Medicaid Program;
8 creating the Oklahoma Medicaid Reform Advisory Group;
9 providing expiration date; stating purpose; providing
10 for appointments; specifying date by which
11 appointments are made; providing for vacancies;
12 providing for designation of chair; specifying
13 quorum; providing for meetings and staffing; stating
14 that Advisory Group members shall receive no
15 compensation; providing for travel reimbursement;
16 requiring examination of certain information;
17 requiring report by certain date; providing certain
18 requirements of report; providing for codification;
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an
20 emergency.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5028 of Title 63, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created, to continue until January 1, 2016,
the Oklahoma Medicaid Reform Advisory Group. The Advisory Group
shall consist of five (5) members to be appointed as follows:

1. One member shall be a member of the Oklahoma State Senate
appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

1 2. One member shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of
2 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
3 Representatives;

4 3. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

5 a. one shall be the Administrator of the Authority, or a
6 designee,

7 b. one shall be a representative of the private insurance
8 industry, and

9 c. one shall be a representative of the medical
10 practitioner community.

11 B. Appointments to the Advisory Group shall be made by
12 September 1, 2015. Advisory Group members shall serve at the
13 pleasure of their appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Advisory
14 Group shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

15 C. The Administrator of the Authority, or the Administrator's
16 designee, shall serve as chair of the Advisory Group. A majority of
17 the members of the Advisory Group shall constitute a quorum to do
18 business. The Authority shall provide staff support to the Advisory
19 Group as necessary to assist the Advisory Group in the performance
20 of its duties. The Advisory Group may meet at the call of the chair
21 to provide stakeholder input in a public forum and ensure
22 transparency of developing the reform proposal.

23 D. Members of the Advisory Group shall determine meeting dates.
24 Members shall not be compensated for their service but may be

1 reimbursed by their appointing authorities for necessary expenses
2 incurred in the performance of their duties, as follows:

3 1. Legislative members may be reimbursed for their necessary
4 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
5 accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the
6 Oklahoma Statutes;

7 2. Nonlegislative members who are state officers or employees
8 may be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary
9 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
10 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement
11 Act; and

12 3. Members who are not legislators or state officers or
13 employees of the state may be reimbursed by their appointing
14 authorities in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel
15 Reimbursement Act.

16 E. The proceedings of all meetings of the Advisory Group shall
17 comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the
18 Oklahoma Open Records Act.

19 F. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, in coordination with the
20 advisory group established by this act, shall create a detailed plan
21 for, but not implement, reforms to the Oklahoma Medicaid Program.
22 Such plan shall not consider reforms using out-of-state contractors
23 for managed care models of health care delivery. Such plan shall
24 consider, but not be limited to:

- 1 1. The Authority's methodology for selecting the proposed plan
2 over possible alternatives;
- 3 2. Forecasts of the plan's potential to slow the rate of growth
4 of costs associated with the Oklahoma Medicaid Program, including
5 assumptions and methodology used in forecasts;
- 6 3. The reform plan's impact, in comparison to the existing
7 Medicaid Program, on provider and recipient enrollment in the
8 Oklahoma Medicaid program, access to services, quality of care,
9 payment methodologies, and any other areas of comparison to assist
10 the Legislature in evaluating the reform plan;
- 11 4. Demonstration projects, pilot programs, and any other
12 programs which may be needed to implement the reform plan;
- 13 5. Discussions of allocation of financial risk under the reform
14 plan;
- 15 6. Metrics for accountability and implementation of the reform
16 plan, including but not limited to discussions of contracting
17 methods and performance evaluations;
- 18 7. Short-term and long-term costs to implement the plan and
19 forecasted long-term savings from slowing the growth of costs;
- 20 8. A realistic timeline for implementation of the reform plan;
- 21 9. Preliminary drafts of any Medicaid State Plan Amendments,
22 waivers, amendments to Oklahoma Statutes or any other documents
23 legally necessary to allow the Authority to implement the reform
24 plan;

1 10. Any other detailed information that would assist the
2 Legislature to implement the reform plan; and

3 11. Methodologies to be used by the Authority to ensure that
4 regional demonstration projects, pilot programs or similar
5 initiatives will be scientifically valid and consistent with social
6 science research methods.

7 G. The Authority may work in coordination with state and
8 federal agencies and may draft Medicaid State Plan amendments,
9 waiver applications, or other documents as necessary to develop the
10 reform plan.

11 H. The Authority shall submit its reform plan or declare its
12 intention to use pilot programs to the Legislature no later than
13 January 1, 2016.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

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

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