

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to health care facilities; defining
8 terms; imposing certain requirements on laboratory
9 testing centers and imaging centers related to
10 pricing; requiring the State Department of Health to
11 compile, publish and update certain information on
12 website; requiring physicians to provide certain
13 information to patient; providing for codification;
14 and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-725 of Title 63, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. As used in this section:

20 1. "Charge description master" means a uniform schedule of
21 charges represented by the laboratory testing center or imaging
22 center as its gross billed charge for a given service or item,
23 regardless of payer type;

24 2. "Imaging center" means a health care facility registered by
the State Department of Health that receives a majority of its

1 income from payments for imaging tests and related services or
2 items;

3 3. "Imaging test" means a test used to create detailed images
4 of areas inside the human body in order to screen for possible
5 health conditions, diagnose the likely cause of existing symptoms,
6 or monitor health conditions that have been diagnosed or the effects
7 of treatment on the conditions. Imaging tests shall include, but
8 not be limited to, an X-ray, computed tomography scan, magnetic
9 resonance imaging or ultrasound;

10 4. "Laboratory test" means a test that examines a sample of
11 urine, blood or body tissue to determine if results fall within a
12 normal range in order to screen for possible health conditions,
13 diagnose the likely cause of existing symptoms, or monitor health
14 conditions that have been diagnosed or the effects of treatment on
15 the conditions; and

16 5. "Laboratory testing center" means a health care facility
17 registered by the State Department of Health that receives a
18 majority of its income from payments for laboratory tests and
19 related services or items.

20 B. A laboratory testing center or imaging center shall make an
21 electronic copy of its current charge description master available
22 on the center's website. Additionally, the laboratory testing
23 center or imaging center shall provide the State Department of
24 Health with such supplemental information as is necessary for the

1 Department to carry out the duties prescribed by subsection C of
2 this section. The laboratory testing center or imaging center shall
3 promptly notify the Department of any changes to the center's charge
4 description master.

5 C. The Department shall compile and publish on its website a
6 user-friendly database of easily understood comparative pricing
7 information of all laboratory testing centers and imaging centers in
8 this state. The database shall include the name and address of each
9 laboratory testing center or imaging center, and a price list of
10 each laboratory test or imaging test offered by the center. The
11 database shall be searchable by zip code and type of test. When the
12 Department receives a notification of a change to the charge
13 description master of a laboratory testing center or imaging center,
14 the Department shall promptly update the database on the
15 Department's website accordingly.

16 D. A physician who writes an order for a laboratory test or
17 imaging test shall provide the patient with a comparison of the cost
18 of the test at the fifteen (15) laboratory testing centers or
19 imaging centers, as appropriate, closest to the physician's clinic
20 based on information from the website created under subsection C of
21 this section.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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