

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 594

By: Garvin

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the state Medicaid program; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 5025, which relates to Medicaid reimbursement; requiring Oklahoma Health Care Authority to establish enhanced reimbursement for maternity care provided in certain areas with available funds; directing the Authority to seek necessary federal approval; providing for effect and termination of methodology; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 5025, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5025. A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may establish, with available funds, a reimbursement methodology that will enhance the reimbursement for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries in emergency hospitals in rural areas of the state.

B. The Authority shall establish, with available funds, a reimbursement methodology that will enhance the reimbursement for maternity care provided to Medicaid beneficiary areas of the state with low or no access to maternity care. The Authority shall seek

1 any federal approval necessary to establish the enhanced
2 reimbursement methodology. The enhanced reimbursement methodology
3 shall take effect upon federal approval and shall terminate three
4 (3) years after the date it takes effect.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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