

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 713

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to health care billing; creating the
8 Task Force on Balance Billing in Health Care;
9 providing membership; specifying procedure for
10 vacancies; providing for quorum; permitting certain
11 persons to conduct official business; stipulating
12 appointive authorities; requiring convening by
13 certain date; providing staff assistance; directing
14 certain compliance; subjecting meetings to Oklahoma
15 Open Meeting Act; stating required recommendations;
16 requiring certain report; providing for
17 noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2018, the Task Force
on Balance Billing in Health Care. The Task Force shall be composed
of the following members:

1. The Insurance Commissioner, or a designee;
2. The Commissioner of the State Department of Health, or a
designee;

1 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or a
2 designee;

3 4. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and
4 Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;

5 5. Two bipartisan members of the Oklahoma State Senate
6 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

7 6. Two bipartisan members of the Oklahoma House of
8 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives;

10 7. One member representing a statewide organization of
11 allopathic or osteopathic physicians; and

12 8. One member representing a statewide organization of
13 insurance brokers and firms.

14 B. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
15 authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the
16 original appointing authority.

17 2. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute
18 a quorum.

19 3. The chair shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
20 the Oklahoma State Senate on or before December 31, 2017. The vice-
21 chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
22 Representatives on or before December 31, 2017.

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1 4. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force
2 on or before September 1, 2018. The Task Force shall meet as often
3 as necessary.

4 C. Staff of the Oklahoma State Senate and Oklahoma House of
5 Representatives shall serve as primary staff for the Task Force.

6 D. All departments, officers, agencies and employees of this
7 state shall cooperate with the Task Force in fulfilling its duties
8 and responsibilities including, but not limited to, providing any
9 information, records or reports requested by the Task Force.

10 E. The meetings of the Task Force shall be subject to the
11 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

12 F. The Task Force shall determine and make recommendations
13 regarding:

14 1. Policies to clarify consumer billing for health care
15 services;

16 2. The role of insurance companies in determining provider
17 networks and covered services; and

18 3. Current state or federal law, including but not limited to
19 best practices from other states.

20 G. The Task Force shall report its findings in electronic or
21 physical form to the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
22 Senate, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
23 Governor on or before December 31, 2018.

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1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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