

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 15, 2017

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 741

5 By: Pugh and Standridge

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7 **[Oklahoma Medicaid Program - pilot programs -
8 effective date]**

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1011.8, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1011.8. A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority ~~shall~~
14 ~~continue to~~ and the State Department of Health, subject to the
15 availability of funds, may develop and administer a program ~~that~~
16 ~~will to~~ encourage the timely and appropriate use of primary care
17 services in lieu of emergency room utilization. The Authority and
18 the Department may collaborate with city-county and county health
19 departments and other relevant stakeholders in the development of
20 the program. The program ~~shall~~ may include, but not be limited to,
21 the implementation of:

22 1. Educational strategies to increase health literacy for
23 participants in the Oklahoma Medicaid Program;

24 2. Technology-based monitoring; ~~and~~

1 3. Co-payment structures ~~as provided for in Section 3 of this~~
2 ~~act~~ and other payment arrangements; and

3 4. Other policy proposals to improve the delivery of health
4 care services to Medicaid enrollees.

5 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may develop a pilot
6 program utilizing state-licensed health care professionals to
7 perform educational interventions with consumers who highly utilize
8 emergency room services or to perform other services to reduce
9 unnecessary emergency room visits.

10 C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall develop and
11 implement a telephone information health line pilot program under
12 which physicians are available by telephone twenty-four (24) hours a
13 day to answer medical questions and provide health information for
14 the Medicaid population. If the Health Care Authority determines
15 that the pilot program reduces unnecessary emergency room visits and
16 the pilot program demonstrates a net cost-savings, the Health Care
17 Authority shall expand the program into a statewide initiative.

18 D. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the State Department
19 of Health shall evaluate and report findings relevant to the
20 provisions of subsection A of this section to the Governor and the
21 Legislature by January 1, ~~2008~~ 2019.

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
24 February 15, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED