

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 741

By: Pugh, Standridge and
Loveless of the Senate

and

West (Tammy) of the House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Medicaid Program; amending 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1011.8, which relates to pilot programs; permitting Oklahoma Health Care Authority and State Department of Health to develop certain program; permitting certain collaboration; deleting certain requirement; providing standards and contents; directing submission of report by certain date; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Medicaid Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 15th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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