

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 741

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

18 Section 1011.8. A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority ~~shall~~
19 ~~continue to~~ and the State Department of Health, subject to the
20 availability of funds, may develop and administer a program ~~that~~
21 will to encourage the timely and appropriate use of primary care
22 services in lieu of emergency room utilization. The Authority and
23 the Department may collaborate with city-county and county health
24 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 1. Educational strategies to increase health literacy for
2 participants in the Oklahoma Medicaid Program;
- 3 2. Technology-based monitoring; ~~and~~
- 4 3. Co-payment structures ~~as provided for in Section 3 of this~~
5 ~~act~~ and other payment arrangements; and
- 6 4. Other policy proposals to improve the delivery of health
7 care services to Medicaid enrollees.

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

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

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

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

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