

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 992

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 1219.5, which relates to modification of
9 existing coverage; prohibiting certain changes to
10 policy benefits; providing certain exception; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 1219.5, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1219.5. A. No insurer shall modify a group or
16 individual policy of existing coverage for accident and health,
17 including but not limited to the removal of a patient's medical
18 provider from their network at any time while the policy is in
19 force, except as provided in subsection B of this section, or issue
20 new coverage under an accident and health insurance policy unless
21 written consent for such modification or issuance is obtained from
22 the policyholder.

23 B. An insurer may remove a patient's medical provider from the
24 insurer's network contract in the case of medical malpractice,

1 billing and collection violations determined by the provider
2 agreement or a violation of ethical standards as set forth by the
3 State Department of Health.

4 C. However, this section shall not be construed as prohibiting
5 a modification that is provided for in an existing policy that has
6 been filed and approved by the Insurance Commissioner.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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