STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature (1992)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2171 BY: DUNEGAN of the HOUSE

and

MICKLE of the SENATE

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING 74 O.S. 1991, SECTION 1304 (SECTION 1, CHAPTER 322, O.S.L. 1991), WHICH RELATES TO THE STATE AND EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE BOARD; DELETING LIMITATION ON USE OF OUT-OF-STATE PROVIDERS; UPDATING REFERENCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1304, (Section 1, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1991), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1304. (1) There is hereby created the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board which shall consist of seven (7) members as follows: The State Insurance Commissioner, two members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The appointed members shall each receive compensation of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) per month. Appointed members who fail to attend a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board shall not receive the related

monthly compensation. In the event an appointed member does not attend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Board during a calendar year, the appointing authority may remove said member. A member may also be removed for any other cause as provided by law. A vacancy in the office of the appointed member shall be filled for the unexpired term of office in the same manner as the original appointment.

(2) The initial term of office of the members appointed by the Governor shall expire on January 14, 1991. The members thereafter appointed by the Governor shall serve a term of office of four (4) years which is coterminous with the term of office of the office of the appointing authority.

(3) The initial term of office of one of the members appointed each by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be for the period ending June 30, 1992. The initial term of office of the other member appointed each by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be for the period ending June 30, 1994. Thereafter, the term of office of the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be four (4) years.

(4) The appointed members shall:

(a) have demonstrated professional experience in investment or funds management, public funds management, public or private group health or pension fund management, or group health insurance management; or

(b) be licensed to practice law in this state and have demonstrated professional experience in commercial matters; or

(c) be licensed by the Oklahoma State Board of Public Accountancy to practice in this state as a public accountant or a certified public accountant.

In making appointments that conform to the requirements of this subsection, at least one (1) but not more than two (2) members shall be appointed each from paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection by the combined appointing authorities.

(5) No appointed member of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall be a lobbyist registered in this state as provided by law, a health care provider, a plan participant, be employed, directly or indirectly, by any insurance company or carrier, or health care provider, or be employed directly or indirectly, by any firm under contract to the Board for any goods or services whatsoever.

(6) The State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall not be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of this title.

(7) The Attorney General shall furnish the Board with legal representation.

(8) The Court Administrator shall designate grievance panel members as shall be necessary. The members of the grievance panel shall consist of two attorneys licensed to practice law in this state and one state licensed health care professional or health care administrator who has at least three (3) years practical experience, has had or has admitting privileges to a State of Oklahoma hospital, has a working knowledge of prescription medication, or has worked in an administrative capacity at some point in their career. The state health care professional shall be appointed by the Governor.

(9) The Board shall at its first meeting elect one of its members as chairman. He shall preside over meetings of the Board and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

(10) The Board shall elect another member to serve as vice-chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman in the absence of the latter or upon his inability or refusal to act.

(11) The Board shall also elect a secretary who shall keep minutes of all meetings and who shall certify to actions of the Board.

(12) The Board shall adopt rules and regulations requiring payment for medical and dental services and treatment rendered by duly licensed hospitals, physicians and dentists.

(13) The State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board may enter into a contract with out-of-state providers in connection with any PPO or hospital or medical network plan which shall include, but not be limited to, special care facilities and hospitals outside the borders of the State of Oklahoma. The contract for out-of-state providers shall be identical to the in-state provider contracts.

(14) The Board shall contract with the Oklahoma Medical Center and the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute for the provision of ~~its~~ their services, on the same basis as other hospitals and providers in the state network, provided however the Board shall have discretion to reduce the co-payment and the deductibles up to fifty percent (50%) at the Oklahoma Medical Center and the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute, and ~~its~~ their medical ~~staff~~ staffs. For purposes of this subsection, the phrase "Oklahoma Medical Center" shall be limited to the Oklahoma Memorial Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Oklahoma, the O'Donaghue Rehabilitation Institute, and the ~~George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute~~ Child Study Center.

(15) ~~Utilization of out-of-state providers as network providers pursuant to subsection (13) of this section shall be prohibited except where patients are referred to said out-of-state providers by in-state network providers.~~

~~(16)~~ The Administrator shall appoint an advisory committee to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. The advisory committee shall consist of seven (7) members. Of the

members appointed to the advisory committee, at least one member must be an active state employee, at least one member must be a retired state employee, at least one member must be an active education employee, at least one member must be a retired education employee, and at least one member must be either an active county employee or a retired county employee.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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