

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 226

BY: HENDRICK

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO POOR PERSONS; AMENDING SECTION 2,
CHAPTER 192, O.S.L. 1987 (56 O.S. SUPP. 1990,
SECTION 57.1), WHICH RELATES TO THE OKLAHOMA
INDIGENT HEALTH CARE ACT; MODIFYING LEGISLATIVE
INTENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 92, O.S.L. 1987
(56 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 57.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 57.1 Adequate health care is a basic human right which should be available to all Oklahomans. Rapidly increasing health care costs threaten to make such care unaffordable to many citizens. Unreimbursed health care services provided to indigent persons cause the cost of services to paying patients to increase in a manner unrelated to the actual cost of services delivered. It is therefore the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to develop a system of comprehensive health care delivery that ensures fair and adequate access for all Oklahomans. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that this system promote the utilization of the most cost-effective health care services including, but not limited to, health care education and prevention and seek to utilize the most cost-effective administrative policies and procedures.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

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