

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 445

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING 74 O.S. 1981, SECTION 1321, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 23, CHAPTER 165, O.S.L. 1988 (74 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1321), WHICH RELATES TO DETERMINATION OF RATES AND BENEFITS OF STATE LIFE, HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS; PROVIDING CERTAIN EXCEPTION TO AUTHORITY OF STATE AND EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE BOARD; REQUIRING STATE AND EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PRENATAL CARE; MAKING BENEFIT NOT SUBJECT TO DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT OR EXCLUSION AS PREEXISTING CONDITION; DEFINING TERM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1981, Section 1321, as last amended by Section 23, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 1988 (74 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1321), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1321. A. The Board shall have the authority to determine all rates and life, dental and health benefits. All rates shall be compiled in a comprehensive Schedule of Benefits. The Schedule of Benefits shall be available for inspection during

regular business hours at the office of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection C of this section, the Board ~~further~~ shall have the authority to adjust the rates and benefits as warranted, based on claim experience. The only publication or notice requirements that shall apply to the Schedule of Benefits, or subsequent adjustments, shall be those requirements provided in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; provided, however, that any rate or benefit change shall not become effective for at least thirty (30) days after any Board action.

B. It is the intent of the Legislature that the benefits provided not include cosmetic dental procedures except for certain orthodontic procedures as adopted by the Board.

C. The benefits shall include coverage for prenatal care; provided, such benefit shall not be subject to any deductible, copayment or exclusion as a preexisting condition. For purposes of this subsection, "prenatal care" means examination and treatment, as prescribed by the patient's physician, of physical conditions relating to pregnancy from the date of diagnosis of pregnancy through delivery.

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

SECTION 3. 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.