

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1204

By: Stottlemyre

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2505, which relates to health maintenance organizations; authorizing enrollees the right to choose various classes of physicians; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2505, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2505. A. Health maintenance organizations shall provide comprehensive health maintenance services to enrollees directly or by contract or agreement with other persons, corporations, institutions, associations, foundations or other legal entities, public or private, ~~the services required of it~~ in accordance with this act and the laws governing such professions and services. ~~Such~~ Whenever:

1. A particular illness, disease, injury or condition can be treated by more than one class of physician as defined in Section 725.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes or licensed health care professional, within the licensed scope of practice of such physician or licensed health care professional;

2. Treatment for such illness, disease, injury or condition is included in the comprehensive health maintenance services of the health maintenance organization; and

3. A referral to another physician or licensed health care professional is necessitated, in the judgment of the primary care physician,

an enrollee shall be provided the right to choose which class of physician or licensed health care professional contracted within the network of the Health Maintenance Organization will provide such treatment.

B. Health maintenance organizations may contract or agree with other persons to provide actuarial, underwriting, marketing, billing, fiscal, and other services as may be required for the operation of a health maintenance organization.

C. Health maintenance organizations may contract to provide certain selected health maintenance services for organizations or corporations which provide certain other comprehensive health maintenance services to their members or employees through alternative health care plans.

D. A health maintenance organization shall not engage in the practice of medicine or any other profession except as provided by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

44-1-6566

KSM