

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 97

By: Miles-LaGrange of the  
Senate

and

Monson of the House

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S.  
1991, Sections 58 and 59.1, which relate to the  
Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act; modifying  
definition; modifying certain wording on individual  
income tax return; modifying purpose for which  
monies in Indigent Health Care Revolving Fund may  
be budgeted and expended; and providing an  
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 1991, Section 58, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 58. As used in the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act:

1. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;
2. "Indigent" or "medically indigent" means a person or head of  
household:

- a. (1) with an income less than or equal to the poverty  
level as designated by the latest decennial  
census and insufficient personal resources to  
provide for needed medical care for himself or  
his dependents, and

- (2) who requires medically necessary hospital or primary health care services for himself or his dependents for which no public or private third-party coverage is available, and
  - (3) who has made no assignment, transfer, or encumbrance of property for the purpose of establishing eligibility for services pursuant to a state or federal medical program or the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act at any time within the last twenty-four (24) months, or
- b. with an occurrence of a catastrophic injury or illness to himself or a dependent resulting in noncovered incurred medical debt for hospital services or for physician and drug costs related to a hospital stay which exceed fifty percent (50%) of the gross annual income of a person or head of household. Insurance benefits for the medical debt shall be first exhausted;

3. "Hospital" means "hospital" as that term is defined in Section 1-701 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

4. "Clinic" means a health care facility separate from a hospital which provides outpatient medical services to patients and has a patient mix of at least ~~fifty-one percent (51%)~~ forty-one percent (41%) indigent persons; and

5. "Patient mix" means the composition of the patient population based on information regarding the payor source.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 1991, Section 59.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 59.1 A. Each state individual income tax return form for tax years commencing after December 31, 1985, shall contain a designation as follows or shall contain similar wording as space allows on the tax return form: Oklahoma ~~Indigent~~ Health Care ~~Fund~~

for the Poor. Check if you wish to donate ( ) from your tax refund:

( ) \$2.00 ( ) \$5.00 ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Human Services, to be designated the "Indigent Health Care Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department of Human Services from:

1. Any state monies appropriated for the purpose of implementing the provisions of the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act; and

2. Any monies collected pursuant to this section or any other monies available to the Department of Human Services to implement the provisions of the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act.

C. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and shall be budgeted and expended directly to eligible clinics by the Department for the purpose of implementing the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act and for the purpose of providing health care to uninsured residents of this state. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 1993.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 1993.

Speaker

of the House of  
Representatives