

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Extraordinary Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1002

By: Crocker of the House

and

Stipe of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the Health Care Authority; requiring a cooperative plan for mental health services; providing for contents; requiring report; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act mandates the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to have responsibility over state-purchased and state-subsidized employee health care programs and the state's medicaid benefits program; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, in developing delivery systems and strategies for the procurement of health care services, is required to utilize provider arrangements that encourage cost containment but which also ensure access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, mental illness, substance abuse, and interpersonal violence affect thousands of Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, health care delivery systems and strategies must include measures which will assure the width and breadth of services and community linkages needed to achieve those services that are necessary to treat mental illness, substance abuse, and interpersonal violence; and

WHEREAS, health care is directed at remediating or curing physical conditions, but does not traditionally provide the social, economic, and emotional services which are an essential part of comprehensive services needed by persons who suffer from or are affected by mental illness, substance abuse, and interpersonal violence; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has been and is the state agency responsible for providing services to persons affected by mental illness, substance abuse, and interpersonal violence and currently provides case management, social, economic, and emotional services which are an essential part of comprehensive services needed by persons who suffer from or are affected by mental illness, substance abuse, and interpersonal violence; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the policy and purpose of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act to develop a health care delivery system to maximize cost containment and ensure access to quality health care, it is the intent of the Legislature that behavioral health care services for persons who suffer from or are affected by mental illness, substance abuse, and interpersonal violence be contracted to and administered by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Health Care Authority in developing health care delivery systems and strategies for the procurement of health care services in this state shall develop with the cooperation and assistance of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services a cooperative plan for providing comprehensive services to persons who suffer from or are affected by mental illness, substance abuse, and interpersonal violence.

THAT the plan shall provide that current funding expenditures for behavioral health services be placed in a capitated behavioral health care/managed care system, which shall be contracted to and administered by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

THAT the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall submit a report containing a summary of its findings and recommendations regarding the development of a capitated behavioral health care/managed care system for persons who suffer from or are affected by mental illness, substance abuse and interpersonal violence not later than the first day authorized by law for the organization of the 1st Regular Session of the 45th Oklahoma Legislature. Copies of the report shall be distributed to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board.

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