

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1001

By: Peltier of the House

and

Cole of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution relating to Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient psychiatric care for children and youth; providing legislative intent; authorizing the Department of Human Services to adopt certain necessary standards for inpatient psychiatric care of children and youth; providing for distribution; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, expenditures for Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient psychiatric care for children and youth increased from approximately Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) in 1983 to Eighty-seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000.00) in calendar year 1991; and

WHEREAS, those expenditures are projected to reach Ninety-eight Million Dollars (\$98,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1993; and

WHEREAS, significant studies have documented that a substantial number of children and youth admitted for inpatient psychiatric care are inappropriately placed; and

WHEREAS, inappropriate placements unnecessarily inflate Oklahoma's Medicaid costs; and

WHEREAS, the state has the authority to establish the eligibility standards for the medically needy category of Medicaid benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Foundation for Peer Review must approve each Medicaid admission for inpatient psychiatric care based on medical necessity; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Foundation for Peer Review has the power to reject even court-ordered placements which are not medically necessary; and

WHEREAS, court-ordered placements account for only a small percentage of children and youth hospitalized for inpatient psychiatric care; and

WHEREAS, the state has the flexibility and authority to greatly reduce or eliminate inappropriate hospitalization of children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the Department of Human Services take all necessary steps allowed to states and adopt all necessary standards to greatly reduce or eliminate the inappropriate placement of children and youth for inpatient psychiatric care at Medicaid expense.

SECTION 2. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to each member of the Commission for Human Services and the Department of Human Services.

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 resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.