STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1001

By: Peltier, Campbell, Apple and Kirby of the House

and

Cole of the Senate

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

A Joint Resolution relating to Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient psychiatric care for children and youth; providing legislative intent; directing the Department of Human Services to adopt certain criteria for inpatient psychiatric care and chemical dependency treatment of children and youth; requiring the Department of Human Services to continue certain process; requiring completion of certain requirements by the Department of Human Services; 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 state has the flexibility and authority to greatly reduce or eliminate inappropriate hospitalization of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, an advisory panel appointed by the Department of Human Services, together with consultants from KPMG Peat Marwick, has recently completed a revision of the medical necessity criteria for inpatient admissions of children and youth for psychiatric and chemical dependency care, along with the criteria for continued inpatient treatment; and

WHEREAS, the revised criteria are appropriate for achieving the purposes of inpatient psychiatric and chemical dependency admissions and treatment for 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. The Commission for Human Services shall adopt and implement the revised medical necessity criteria for inpatient psychiatric and chemical dependency admission and treatment prepared by the advisory panel and KPMG Peat Marwick.

SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services, with the assistance of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and such other public and private agencies as may be necessary and appropriate shall continue the process established to review and revise the admissions and continuing stay criteria for the purpose of reviewing, revising and developing such criteria and procedures as may be necessary to develop and implement:

1. Appropriate intake, screening, evaluation, case-management, referral and other necessary services for mental health and substance abuse services provided through the State Medicaid Program for children and youth; and

2. An appropriate array of less restrictive and alternative services to inpatient care and treatment, including but not limited to: home-based services, outpatient services, day treatment, and group home care.

SECTION 3. The Department of Human Services shall complete the requirements of Section 2 of this resolution in coordination with the planning for a comprehensive system of mental health services for children and youth prepared by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth pursuant to Section 601.50 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 4. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to each member of the Commission for Human Services and the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 5. 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.

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