

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2549

By: Seikel and Tyler of the
House

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An Act relating to older Oklahomans; creating the
Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act;
providing short title; stating purpose; directing
certain state agencies to jointly design and
implement a certain coordinated system of
information, referral and follow-up services for
older citizens; assigning certain responsibilities
to certain state agencies; providing for certain
meetings, technical assistance, plans,
recommendations, policies, procedures, designs,
data base, intake data set, confidentiality, plans
and reports; providing for the contents of the
coordinated system; establishing certain deadlines;
requiring certain interagency agreements; providing
for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3001 of Title 56, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act".

B. The purpose of the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act is to provide for the establishment of a coordinated system for the delivery of information, referral and follow-up services to older Oklahomans that is designed through a process of joint public and private agency planning and collaboration.

C. The coordinated system shall be primarily implemented through interagency agreements and shall be based upon a shared, computerized, data base that will reduce duplication and improve efficiency in the delivery of such services. The data base is to be developed, implemented and utilized by the public agencies responsible for information, referral and follow-up services to older Oklahomans and by private agencies that provide these services pursuant to a contract with a state agency.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The following agencies are directed to jointly design and implement the coordinated system of information, referral and follow-up services for older Oklahomans:

1. The Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Services;

2. The State Department of Health;

3. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;

4. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

5. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; and

6. The Office of State Finance.

B. The Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Services shall be the lead agency for the purpose of facilitating the completion of the design of the system required by the

Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act and shall be responsible for convening meetings and providing meeting space, administrative staff and other necessary support services. The first meeting shall be convened on or before July 1, 1996.

1. The agencies listed in subsection A of this section shall be responsible for providing information, staff, and other assistance as necessary to design and implement the system required by the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act.

2. The Aging Services Division shall invite representatives of the Area Agencies on Aging, Eldercare, managed health care organizations and other appropriate public and private entities to participate in the design of the system required by the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act.

C. The Office of State Finance shall provide technical assistance and support necessary for the development and implementation of the data base required by the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act.

D. On or before December 1 of each year the agencies listed in subsection A of this section shall jointly submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the appropriate legislative committees. The report shall include:

1. A report of the progress towards design and implementation of the system required by the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act; and

2. Identification of any necessary statutory changes and funding for the implementation of the system.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3003 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The design of the coordinated system of information, referral and follow-up services shall:

1. Be based upon the coordination of existing state and local programs that provide information, referral and follow-up services for older Oklahomans;

2. Conform with the requirements of the 1915c Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver, commonly known as the "Advantage Program", and, to the extent possible and feasible, incorporate the forms and procedures developed for the implementation of the Waiver;

3. Include, but not be limited to:

- a. delineation of agency responsibilities, and the methods of coordinating the delivery of services,
- b. identification of the program and procedures necessary for implementation and adoption of those policies and procedures by the responsible agencies,
- c. the adoption of common service procedures across program and agency lines,
- d. the use of common referral and other forms,
- e. the development of common computerized data resources which provide client information necessary to reduce duplications of efforts and improve the delivery of services, including, but not limited to, a common intake data set,
- f. sharing of confidential information in accordance with state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, provisions for restricted access to confidential information and the sharing of confidential information by public and private agencies and individuals in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth by interagency agreements pursuant to the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act,

- g. joint training of personnel responsible for the implementation of the system and the delivery of services,
- h. methods for resolving disputes by mediation or other means,
- i. a funding and implementation plan, which may provide for a phased-in implementation, and
- j. procedures for monitoring and improving services and data and the coordination of services and data on a continuing basis.

B. 1. The preliminary plans and recommendations for the data base and coordinated system shall be completed on or before October 1, 1996.

2. On or before January 1, 1997, the agencies subject to the provisions of the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Act shall enter into interagency agreements for the purpose of implementing the coordinated system.

The data base and coordinated system of intake, referral and follow-up shall be fully implemented on or before January 1, 1998.

SECTION 4. 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 act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President

of the Senate